

2026-01-25 Discussion Questions

When was the last time you 'ran it in' spiritually instead of playing it safe, and what did that decision reveal about your faith in God's leading?

How does the concept that 'the joy of the Lord is your strength' challenge your current response to difficult circumstances or trials in your life?

In what ways do you find yourself seeking joy from worldly circumstances rather than from the unchanging character and promises of God?

The sermon mentions that John the Baptist leaped for joy in the womb when filled with the Holy Spirit—how actively are you allowing the Holy Spirit to tap into your life and produce joy regardless of your circumstances?

Jesus endured the cross 'for the joy set before him'—what does it mean for you to look beyond your present suffering and see the eternal joy God has planned?

When people hate, exclude, insult, or reject you because of your faith in Jesus, do you genuinely 'leap for joy' as Scripture commands, or do you respond with discouragement and defeat?

How does the story of Joseph being sold into slavery yet later receiving a gold chain challenge your perspective on the 'terrible' situations you currently face?

The Israelites in Nehemiah stood for hours listening attentively to God's Word and then worshiped with their faces to the ground—what does your posture toward Scripture and worship reveal about your hunger for God?

Are you more focused on your own comfort and convenience in worship, or are you asking God daily, 'How do You want to use me today to serve and encourage others?'

What would change in your life if you truly believed that giving sacrificially to

others in Jesus' name brings greater joy than anything you could spend on yourself?