

Morning Star Church
Small Group Study Guide
C2 Christmas, Session 5: JOY
December 26-27, 2009

Message Synopsis: Pastor Keith finished our C2 Christmas study this weekend. He talked about discovering Joy during Christmas. He taught about the lessons learned from Christmas the Counter-cultural way: listening to God brings us Hope; trusting God brings us Peace; understanding God's character brings us Love; and finally finding Jesus brings us great Joy! Our hope is that this C2 Christmas will lead us to discover we can find Jesus in everyday occurrences; we can open ourselves up to His presence; and we can be filled with joy!

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7, NLT

Additional passages to consider: John 16:20-22; 1 Peter 1:6-9; Matthew 2:9-10

Questions for your small group to consider:

1. Pastor Keith talked about the difference between experiencing happiness and experiencing joy. Share with your group your ideas about the difference between these two emotions.
2. How does knowing Jesus bring joy into our lives?
3. Is it possible for people to be experiencing difficult times and still be filled with joy? Why do you think so?
4. Share with your group how you have grown to discover through this study on C2 Christmas a different way to look at Christmas.

Prayer Requests

Next Study: *Directionally Challenged*