



CIBC Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

This guide is designed to help guide life group discussions of this week's sermon at Cayman Islands Baptist Church. For more information on life groups and other discipleship opportunities at CIBC, please visit www.cibaptist.ky.



Get the Picture

-Title: “Joy In The Gospel”

-Series/Text: Joy Under Construction – Phil. 1:21

-Date: Sept. 6, 2020

-Speaker: Pastor Steve Tillis

-Main Idea: Joy comes when we embrace Christ personally and partner with others for the spread of his eternal kingdom.



Group Discussion

a) Connect

- 1) **Commit:** Before you begin, agree as a group that you will commit to having an honest discussion about this text without casting any judgment or sharing any unsolicited advice.
- 2) **Read:** Read **Psalm 139:23-24** out loud before you pray to begin the discussion.
- 3) **Pray:** Pray over the group and ask the Lord to “*Search your heart*” and reveal idols that are keeping you from receiving truth.

b) Engage

- 1) **Read:** Read Philippians chapter 1 and look for major themes that stand out.
- 2) **Discuss:** Paul begins the letter by thanking God, with joy, for the Philippians, because they are his partners in the Gospel (v. 3-5). Do you believe that being involved in a church is necessary for living the Christian life? Why or why not? Share some about the impact and importance of Christian community in your own life. What is the value in coming to church to worship on Sunday that you're not serving?
- 3) **Discuss:** What encourages a sense of partnership among Christians? How can you encourage, through your attitudes and practices, a sense of partnership in the church (v. 7-8)?
- 4) **Discuss:** Biblically speaking, what should the church be united around and striving for (v. 27)? Is this consistent with the purpose and mission of your church?
- 5) **Discuss:** How would you encapsulate the gospel in a sentence or two?

c) Apply

- 1) **Consider:** What really brings you joy in life? Is Christ the supreme source of joy for you?
- 2) **Respond:** Begin this week to live in such a way that you could say, for me to live is Christ. In order to do this you might want to read his Words, speak with him, gather with his faithful followers and share his good news to others.

d) Pray

- 1) **Silent Prayer:** Enter into a time of silence to allow God to speak to you in response to everything you discussed today. Listen for areas where He may be telling you He wants you to step out in obedience.
- 2) **Group Prayer:** After a time of silence, close out the study with a group prayer for God's grace to have joy together in the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Going Deeper

- 1) **Joy In The Gospel at CIBC:** Pray every day this week that God would transform your life into the image of Jesus Christ. Look for someone in your life this week who you can share the gospel with or invite to worship with you this coming Sunday at CIBC.