

**Unexplainable Joy  
The Reaction to Joy**

For the week of **September 17, 2017**

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**GOAL:** To understand how unexplainable joy helps further the gospel in our lives.

**GET GOING:**

1. After hearing this weekend's message, how would you describe the difference between joy and happiness? How are they similar? How are they different?

2. Of the 4 joyful reactions to the gospel that Pastor Ron shared, which have you experienced? Can you think of any others?

3. Pastor Ron showed 5 different levels of spiritual conversations. Which conversations do you find yourself having the most? How can you move to deeper levels of conversations that focus on Jesus? What might be holding you back?

**BONUS THOUGHT:**

Philippi is located about 9 miles inland from the Aegean Sea in modern-day Greece. Paul planted the church there around AD 50, and it was his first church plant in Europe.

**KEEP GROWING**

4. The gospel is all about Jesus. When people encountered Jesus, they experienced similar reactions to the ones Pastor Ron shared this weekend. Read Acts 4:1-22 where two of Jesus' disciples, Peter and John, are arrested for proclaiming the gospel after spending 3 years with Jesus.

- Would you describe these men as people with unexplainable joy? Why or why not?

- Which of the 4 joyful reactions to the gospel do you see in this story? In what verses do you see them?

5. Paul is in prison suffering for the gospel as he writes Philippians. Which of the 5 biblical truths about suffering that Pastor Ron shared this weekend stands out to you the most and why? Have you experienced suffering in your life? How has God met you in those times? What would you say to someone who is suffering?

**BONUS CHALLENGE:**

Who do you know who doesn't know Jesus? Do all of your neighbors know Jesus? Which of your coworkers doesn't know Jesus? Take some time to make yourself aware of where the gospel needs to be advanced in your sphere of influence. Then, live out and share the gospel in those contexts. Pray for a specific opportunity to do so this week.