

GROWTH GUIDE

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Unexplainable Joy The Reaction to Joy

For the week of **October 1, 2017**

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GOAL: To discover the source of joy by looking at the example Jesus set as He lived His life.

GET GOING:

1. Who did you look up to as a kid? Whose example did you want to follow? Who do you look up to now?

2. As Pastor Ron shared this weekend, we see several examples that Jesus set in this passage. As we seek to imitate Christ's character, which of these come more naturally to you? Which do you need to work on?

3. What, in your opinion, often holds Christians back from following Jesus' example and becoming more like Him?

BONUS THOUGHT:

Jesus existed with God before the world began in perfect harmony (verse 6). He traded that in and became a man to save mankind.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." - Philippians 2:3

KEEP GROWING:

4. Before Jesus came to show us what God was like, the King of Israel was supposed to serve as this example. King David exemplified this the best and is often described as a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). Read any sampling of Psalms that David wrote (ex. Psalm 7, 9, 18, 19, 23, 27, 51, 53, 62, etc.).

- What psalm(s) did you read and what stood out to you?

- What characteristics of David do you see as you read his psalms?

- What example does David set for his people? What similarities do you see to the example Jesus set for us? What can you learn from either David's or Jesus' example?

5. Jesus set the perfect example of being obedient to God, even to the point of death (verse 8). Even though we live in a relatively safe society with freedom of religion, how can you apply this verse to your life? How can you follow Jesus' example by being obedient, even to the point of death?

BONUS CHALLENGE:

What is something that God is calling you to do? If you're not sure, spend some time in prayer this week to discern what that might be. Then, follow Jesus' example of obedience and follow through this month.