

GROWTH GUIDE

FOR YOU. YOUR FAMILY. YOUR GROUP.

Unexplainable Joy The Fellowship of Joy

For the week of **October 22, 2017**

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GOAL: To learn the secrets of experiencing joyful fellowship in my relationships.

GET GOING:

1. Who in your life has brought you much joy? What is it about that relationship that brings you joy?

2. This weekend Pastor Ron gave some tips to cultivate a culture of concern in your home. With which of these do you do well? In which of these do you need to improve?

3. Of the secrets Pastor Ron shared to experience joyful fellowship, which one stands out to you the most, and why?

BONUS THOUGHT:

Fellowship is simply living life in community that's focused on God.

MEMORY VERSE:

"So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men." (Philippians 2:29).

KEEP GROWING:

4. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-5 & 20:1-42. These passages describe the bond between David (the future King David of Israel) and Jonathan (the son of Saul, the 1st King of Israel). Saul meant to harm David, but Jonathan helped David avoid his father's wrath.

- What strikes you about David and Jonathan's relationship?

- Which of the aspects of joyful fellowship from this weekend's message do you see in these passages?

- What is the benefit of having fellowship like this?

5. Relationships can be sticky, and we live in a fallen world. Sometimes fellowship takes sacrifice, as seen by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for us. How much are you willing to give for the sake of the gospel, the Church, or the relationships around you? What might hold you back from fully investing in someone else?

BONUS CHALLENGE:

Who in your life is going through something where you can show genuine concern for them? Take the secrets to joyful fellowship from this weekend and use them in a relationship that you have this week. Maybe it's an invite to church, maybe it's a word of encouragement, or a random act of kindness. Spend some time in prayer, listen to the Spirit, and experience joyful fellowship this week.