

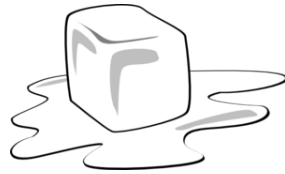
Home Group Study Guide

Sermon Title: Jesus Is Happy

Sermon Series: Jesus Is _____

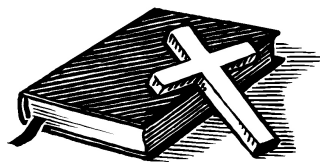
Sermon Scripture: Mark 5:21-34, Romans 6:23

Sermon Synopsis: One of the greatest indictments against Christianity is our lack of joy. Something is wrong when we call ourselves Christians and yet we walk around miserable all the time. This Sunday at the Cross we are reminded that we serve a happy God who loves us and that makes us happy!



ICEBREAKER

If you were stranded on a desert island, what three books and/or movies would you want to have with you?



THINK & READ

Have you ever misinterpreted a text or an email that someone has sent?
Has someone misinterpreted one of your texts or emails in the past?

Just like texts or emails can be misinterpreted, many Christians misunderstand who God is.

Pastor Zach thinks it should be impossible to be a miserable Christian. Do you agree?

What emotions do you think of when you think of God?

Do you believe God is happy?

In the movie, “The Dark Knight,” the Joker asks over and over, “Why so serious?!?” Why are some people so serious (meaning a lack of joy) about God, church and Christianity?

Have someone read Mark 5:21-34.

Like the woman in the story, have you ever felt at the end of your rope? Where did you go? What did you do?

Have you ever come before God ashamed? If so, what did you experience? Did you become more oppressed? Did you experience freedom in Christ?

Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Do you believe that your sins are covered by Jesus?

How do you view God? Where did you get this impression? (for example: your upbringing, denominational teaching, Bible reading, life experiences, etc.) How can you get an accurate view of God’s character? How can you develop/invest in getting to know Him more intimately?

If you have experienced the grace of God through Jesus Christ, how can you make a difference in the lives of others?

Jesus told the woman in the story, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.” How do you experience peace and joy? (How is this different from your life “before” surrendering and accepting Jesus Christ?)



PRAYER

Take individual prayer requests from those your Home Group. Then take some time to pray out loud for the people in your Home Group.