

THE JOY OF SHARING JOY

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THE ULTIMATE JOY COMES FROM SHARING JOY

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True joy is not found in keeping something to yourself. True joy is most rewarding when it is shared with others. When you are able to share your joy over something with someone else, your joy is complete, it becomes satisfied. It is also the *proof* of your joy. When you *really* love something, you want to share it with someone.

The ultimate climax and crescendo of our joy comes from enjoying our joy with others.

SHARING OUR JOY: OUR RESPONSIBILITY

There is no perfect argument or carefully crafted words that can guarantee that someone will see and want the joy you have. We have no ability to break the deception of Satan and raise someone from the dead. But the Holy Spirit, working through the sovereign Word, can accommodate our words.

You are responsible for your labor, not your success.

2 Corinthians 12.14, 15

REMINDERS, ENCOURAGEMENTS, AND CHALLENGES

- Expect Difficulty
- Expect to Doubt Yourself and Other's "Ability" to be Saved
- Don't Live in a Bubble or Shelter Yourself from the World
- Make Friends. People aren't customers, find common ground.
- Don't Hide Your Faith or Water it Down
- Don't Expect Non-Believer Friends to Adhere to Your Values
- Invite People into Your Home and into Your Life

We don't aim to win arguments, we aim to win hearts.

Helpful Approaches

- Ask questions about themselves. Most people are comfortable talking about themselves: where they grew up, their job, etc.
- Most objections to Christianity have some deeper background issue.
- Be a listener! Establishing a real friendship means caring and listening.
- "Good Person" view. Respectfully affirm their morality, but always bring it back to what the standard really is: God. Slowly walk through biblical truth, logically leading to the next, deeper truth (e.g. "Roman Road")



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before starting group, see if anyone can recite the memory verse for the week. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

Read **1 John 1:1-4**. What was most impactful from the sermon on Sunday or stuck out to you in these verses? _____

Read **2 Corinthians 3:18** and **2 Corinthians 4:4-6**. What's the difference between a reporter and a witness? Which one do you act more like when sharing your faith or talking about God with others? _____

Read **Romans 10:12-15**. If Jesus returned tomorrow who in your life would you regret not sharing the Gospel with? _____

Famous magician and outspoken atheist Penn Jillete said, "*How much do you have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?*" Is there any truth to this? What are your thoughts? _____

In general, people love to talk about and share things that they are most excited about. When it comes to sharing your faith, are you excited about the Gospel enough to share it, but don't because you're too scared? Or could it be that maybe you're not excited *enough* about the Gospel and don't have much desire to share it? Which one describes you best? Maybe it's something else? If you're not sharing your faith, what's holding you back? _____

End group and your personal study time with prayer. Pray using the **P.R.A.Y.** model. First, **Preach** the Gospel, reminding yourself of the Gospel. Confess and **Repent** of any sin blocking you from sharing your faith. Then **Ask** for the Holy Spirit, who is your Helper to continue increasing your desire to share your faith. Ask Him to help you turn to prayer, the Word and your Gospel-centered friendships more. Lastly, **Yield**, with thanksgiving.



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