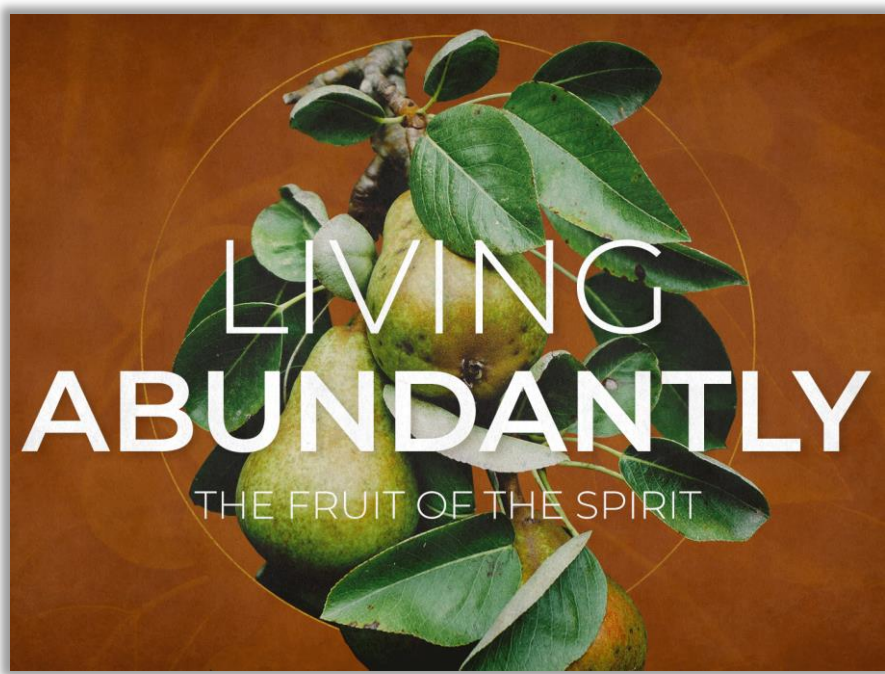




PART TWO: JOY

*Connect Group Discussion Guide
Sunday, March 12, 2023*



RESTORATIONLIFE
CHURCH

JOY

*Galatians 5:22-23; Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 16:11; Zephaniah 3:8-17;
Isaiah 65:17-19; Luke 15; Job 20:5; Nehemiah 8:10; James 1:2;
Philippians 1:4, 18, 25-26, 2:28-29, 3:1, 4:1, 4, 10;
Romans 8:31, 38-39; Leviticus 23:39-41*

ICE BREAKER

When did God become real to you?

GOING DEEPER

- 1) Read Psalm 16:11. What does it mean to have fullness of joy? Where do we find that kind of joy? What are the practical implications for your life?
- 2) Read Luke 15. After reading this chapter, what do you think brings the greatest joy to God?
- 3) What is the difference between happiness and joy? What does happiness depend on? Where does joy come from?
- 4) Read Romans 8:31, 38-39. What are some reasons for joy from these passages of scripture?
- 5) Pastor Dave said, "The secret to real joy is absolute dependence upon God." Why does joy come from depending wholly on God?

GOD'S TRUTH TO REMEMBER

Galatians 5:22-23 (HCSB) - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

FOR FURTHER READING

The Fruitful Life by Jerry Bridges

Fruit of the Spirit by Donald Gee

Life on the Vine by Philip D. Kenneson

Fruit of the Spirit by Thomas E. Trask & Wayne I. Goodall

Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit by Christopher J. H. Wright

PRAYER REQUESTS

(List prayer requests here so you can pray for them all week long.)

SERMON NOTES