

Looking for Joy in All the Wrong Places



Looking for Joy in All the Wrong Places is a honest, hope-filled look at what biblical joy really is and where we actually find it. We'll confront the myths we've believed—like joy being constant happiness, a personality trait, or a reward for “super Christians”—and instead see joy as grace recognized: God leaning toward us and giving Himself to us in every season.

Together we'll explore how joy is promised, possible, and deeply practical as we learn to delight in God's pursuit of us, abide in His presence (even through lament), believe His promises with expectant hope, and share Him with a weary world. This isn't a call to fake it, stuff our emotions, or slap a smile over our pain; it's an invitation to discover a joy that can coexist with tears, speak into trials, and anchor us in the God who never stops pursuing us.

Sessions

1. What is Joy?
2. Joy in His Pursuit & Presence
3. Joy in His Promises
4. Sharing Joy

Joy isn't something that happens to us; it's our soul recognizing grace and responding to a God who is already leaning toward us.

Primary Scriptures

Hebrews 12:2, Luke 15, James 1:2, Psalm 16:11, Galatians 5:22, John 15, 1 Peter 1:3-9

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