**December 16, 2018 Sermon and Community Group Notes**

**Jesus Give Us JOY...**

**1) Through His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:19–20)**

* Setting: When and where did Jesus give this teaching in John 16:19–24? What is
* What is the statement made by Jesus in 16:16 and 19? What is the meaning of the statement according to Jesus’ own explanation of it in 16:20–22?
* How did Jesus’ resurrection give joy to the disciples? How does Jesus’ Resurrection give joy to us today?

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**2) Through His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:21–22)**

* Supporting Scriptures Used: Romans 8:18
* Explain the illustration from childbirth that Jesus gives in John 16:21. What is the meaning of this illustration?
* How is Jesus’ illustration from childbirth a fitting picture of our lives today? What does this illustration teach us about suffering?
* What is distinct about the Joy that Jesus gives to us? What does this mean for our lives today?

The JOY which Jesus gives to us is distinct in its 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Application Questions:**

* Are YOU experiencing the JOY that Jesus gives…
  + Resurrection: through knowing where you will spend eternity?
  + Return: through knowing there is a purpose to your suffering?
* Are YOU experiencing the JOY that Jesus gives…
  + Source: Which is based in God?
  + Strength: Which is not based on circumstances but on the unchanging reality of Christ?
  + Quality: Which is full/complete?

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**3) Through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:23–24)**

* Supporting Scriptures Used: John 14:13–14; 15:16; 1 John 5:14
* How should we interpret Jesus’ statement in John 16:23a, “*in that day you will ask nothing of me*”?
* How does Jesus teach us to pray and what promise does He make about prayer in John 16:23-24?
* What does it mean to pray in Jesus’ name? How does this affect the way you pray?

Praying in Jesus’ name means…

1. We pray to God based on Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , not our own.
2. We pray to God based on Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , not our own.
3. We pray to God based on Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , not our own.

**Application Questions:**

* Do you pray to God in Jesus’ name? What changes do you need to make in your prayer life?
* Are YOU experiencing the JOY of answered prayer? Why/why not?