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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)
2. Share your story ... *What makes you happy?* (7-10 min)
3. Read 1 Peter 1:8-9.
4. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him ... (1 Peter 1:8)

What is the connection between *believing* in Jesus and *loving* Him? Can you do one without the other? Explain.

... and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, (vs 8)

Upon what is our joy in the Lord based? How do we keep that Spirit-filled happiness fueled?

... obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (vs 9)

Why is Christ-based happiness good for the soul? How can worldly sources of happiness be bad or unhealthy for us?

PLAN OF ACTION

What are some creative ways to spread the joy of the Lord to others? *(For example, point out when someone is doing something well; express gratitude for the contributions of others, especially when they are making a positive impact on you; sit with and listen to those who are going through a difficult challenge).* Pick one of these options, or come up with one of your own, and do it this week!

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our life group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?



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