

# EMBRACE JOY

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS



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rather than on who we are or what is happening around us.*

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Relationships of depth share a \_\_\_\_\_ to the gospel of Christ. (vv. 7-8)

Relationships that glorify God have a goal of \_\_\_\_\_ through love. (vv. 9-11)

Embrace Truth:

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## Discussion Questions:

1. Welcome! Take a moment to introduce yourself (if you haven't already done so), share a bit about who you are, and what kinds of things bring you joy (include big things, little things, maybe quirky things).
2. What stuck out to you from today's lecture?
3. Let's take a look at the homework. What were some key take-aways for you?
4. How have you pursued or are you pursuing worldly joy instead of true joy? How has that impacted your view of life?
5. What kinds of things do you desire from relationships with others?
6. What characterizes your relationships with others?
7. How would it impact your relationships if you focused on the transforming grace of Jesus rather than having your own needs and desires met?
8. What would it look like for your close, deep relationships to have a common commitment to the gospel?
9. Do you see the impact spiritual growth can have on how we love others? What might that look like in your life?

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