

# EMBRACE JOY

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS



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Paul's joy is based on his commitment to God's priorities: the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18b-20)

Paul's conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 21)

Embrace Truth:

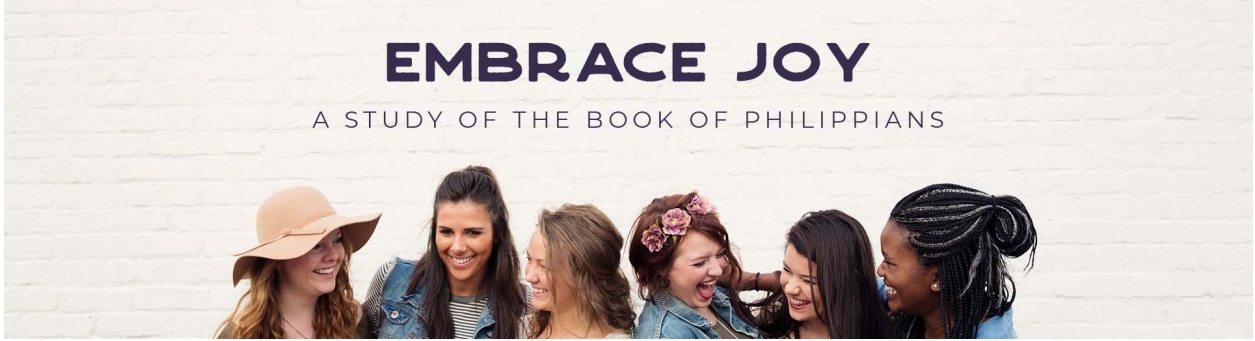
If our life is about pursuing \_\_\_\_\_, we will never find it.  
If our life is about pursuing the \_\_\_\_\_,  
we will \_\_\_\_\_, even in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What stuck out to you from today's lecture?
2. Let's take a look at the homework. What were some key take-aways for you?
3. Have you ever looked back on difficult circumstances and seen God's hand or sovereignty in them? Share a bit about that time.
4. Consider the difficulties you are facing right now in life. How might they be used by Christ to further the gospel?
5. What are some things or people that we can live for other than Christ? How does that impact the way we view life and death?
6. How can you strengthen your commitment to God's priorities even in the things that concern or bother us?

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Paul's suffering advances the gospel. (vv. 12-18a)

Paul's joy is based on his commitment to God's priorities: the gospel of Christ preached. (vv. 18b-20)

Paul's conclusion: to live is Christ and to die is gain. (v. 21)

Embrace Truth:

If our life is about pursuing our own happiness, we will never find it.  
If our life is about pursuing the priorities of God, we will find joy, even in  
difficulty.