

JOY

Pray that your Joy may be made complete by the work of Jesus on the cross, and by the work of the Holy Spirit moving in your heart.

Read this scripture passage: John 16:16–22

Consider this: As children of God, we have every reason to be joyful, but the heavy burdens of this life make it easy to forget that Joy. Listen to how Jesus himself encouraged his friends to expect Joy to follow after the most sorrowful time they would experience.

Reflection questions about our Scripture passage:

1. What observations can we make about Joy and sorrow in this passage?
 2. What does this passage tell us about the source of sorrow and the source of Joy?
 3. What assurances or promises are found in this passage?
 4. How would this passage be different if Jesus had not come?
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Pray:

- for God to provide Joy by showing you glimpses of the Savior all around you at Christmas
- by celebrating the grace that God pours out on you daily, so that your Joy may be rooted in Him and not in your own efforts
- for God to sustain those who are suffering and persecuted because of Jesus, and for Joy to come to them in the midst of their pain

Additional Scriptures

Feel free to use the same questions for reflection. There is additional space for notes in the back of this booklet.

- 1 Peter 1:3–9
 - Psalm 30
 - Isaiah 61:10–11
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