

SERMON NOTES

November 30 & December 1, 2024

Spark Joy: Unspeakable Joy

1. Joy: A pervasive sense of _____

2. Worship is my response to:

Romans 12:1 | Luke 2:8-10

a. _____ and _____ for me

b. The _____

3. Word Study: "Glory" Greek 'Doxa' - A _____ or An _____ Luke 2:9

4. The Good News: The reality of God's presence has _____.

5. Source of this new reality: Jesus' _____ on _____ over _____ and _____.

Psalm 98:1-4

6. Culture: Joy is _____ because of _____.

Good News: Joy is _____ of the fact _____.

I Peter 1:8 | Psalm 16:11

7. How to maximize my joy this Christmas:

a. _____ to this new reality

Mark 1:15

b. _____

Luke 2:7

c. _____

Luke 2:20 | Revelation 4:8 b

Life Steps

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Monday

Luke 24:45-53

Reflect: Why were the disciples filled with “great joy?” How would you define joy as you understand it? Describe the most recent time you experienced “great joy” in your life.

Prayer: God of everlasting joy, saturate my soul, my life, and my entire body with your presence.

Tuesday

Romans 12:1

Reflect: What does this verse teach us about the meaning of worship? How is this different from our traditional view of worship? Why or why isn't weekly worship a priority that will not be compromised?

Prayer: Today, God, I will live, work, and play as if I am doing it all for you and with you.

Wednesday

Luke 2:8-9

Reflect: What is the significance of the word “glory” in these verses? “Glory” is from the Greek word “doxa” – weightiness, heaviness, abundance. How will you pay more attention to God's Glory today? Throughout the Christmas season?

Prayer: Holy God, in all I see and hear, open my senses to your glorious presence.

Thursday

Luke 2:8-10

Reflect: What is identified as the cause/source of joy, and to whom is the joy available? Who do you know that needs an infusion of joy in their lives? How might God use you to be the means of that infusion?

Prayer: Use me today, God, to be a blessing of joy to everyone you bring into my life.

Friday

Luke 2:7

Reflect: What in your life might be preventing you from experiencing the joy and glory of the Lord? Unlike the innkeeper who had no room for the baby Jesus, how will you make room for Jesus this season?

Prayer: God of the still waters and green pastures, forgive me for rushing through my days and missing the miracles of your glory.

Saturday

Revelation 4:1-11

Reflect: As you prepare to attend weekend services and worship God, how does this passage inspire and encourage you? Who will you invite to join you for worship so they might experience an infusion of holy joy?

Prayer: God, only you are holy and worthy of my praise. Prepare my soul to worship you and use me to connect one more to your joy-filled presence.

Sunday

Luke 20:15-20

Reflect: What was the response of the Shepherds to the good news as they returned to their “regular” life? How will the good news of Jesus Christ change your attitude each day at work and at home?

Prayer: Heal me. Transform me. Change me to be more like Jesus so that all I encounter might know the joy of a relationship with your Son.