

Joy that Lasts

John 2:1-11, 3:22-30, 15:1-11, and 16:19-24

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1 . Joy Revealed – John 2:1-11

2 . Joy Recognized – John 3:22-30

3 . Joy Received – John 15:1-11

4 . Joy Remembered – John 16:19-24

For Further Reflection

1. Listen to *Can't Steal My Joy* — bit.ly/CantStealMyJoy1—by Josiah Queen
2. Read and Reflect on Philippians 3:1-10
3. Memorize John 15:1-4
4. Listen to *Joy* — bit.ly/Joy_KingCountry — by King and Country
5. Read and Reflect on 1 Thessalonians 5:16
6. Use this “Advent Guide” which is full of wonderful resources to guide you in the advent season – bit.ly/GuidesAdvent
7. And this is a great Advent Guide for young families –bit.ly/FamilyAdvent2025

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are your initial thoughts after hearing the sermon?
2. What are some things that you look forward to during the Christmas season? Can you be tempted to make those things your joy?
3. What do you think is the difference between momentary happiness and true joy?
4. What are some lesser joys we can be tempted to cling to? Why do they seem to fail to satisfy us?
5. Have you seen God give you joy for obeying Him? What did that look like?
6. How can you make obedience more of a joy in your life and less like a chore?
7. What can abiding in Christ look like for you this Christmas?
8. When joy feels like it's been taken from you, how can you take it back?
9. In what ways have you seen Jesus restore joy to you that has been lost?
10. Who can you encourage this Christmas to hold on to Jesus and receive Joy from Him?

