

**The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy**

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**Mark 14:32-42**

## Community Group Questions

**ICE-BREAKER:** Can you think of an advertisement that states, “If you have ‘this’, you will be happy?” What is the product?

- 1. Read Galatians 5:22-25. What is the definition of joy vs. happiness? Do you think most people want joy or happiness?**
- 2. Read Proverbs 14:13.**
  - a. Can you be joyful and not happy? Explain.
  - b. Can you be happy and not joyful? Explain.
  - c. What other emotions can you feel while being joyful?
- 3. Describe the emotional climate around Jesus.**
  - a. How do you think Jesus felt when He did miracles for others?
  - b. How do you think people felt when He did miracles for them?
  - c. How do you think the Pharisees felt when Jesus did miracles?
- 4. Which of these joy “robbers” challenges you most to remain joyful?**  
*Physical pain, Emotional hurt, Relational chaos, Disappointment, or Loss*
  - a. What is the danger in losing our “joy”?
  - b. How can you cultivate joy in your life?
- 5. Read Mark 14:32-42. Describe the battle Jesus was fighting in the garden of Gethsemane. What was the “joy” Jesus felt that is mentioned in Hebrews 12:1-2?**
- 6. What is one thing God is asking you to start doing, stop doing, or keep doing?**
- 7. How did God use this message to teach, train, challenge, convict, or encourage you?**

**VCB Prayer Focus:** *Pray for our Deacons as they engage with many needs in our body. Pray God would continue to open up more opportunities in our church and community for us to love and serve in the name of Jesus.*

**VCE Prayer Focus:** *Pray for our deacons as they continue to pray over and help our church family by meeting a variety of needs and lending hands to serve in different ways.*

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