

# CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK

May 24, 2020

Philippians 3:1

## GETTING STARTED:

1. What one event in your life would you say has been the most exciting or joy-filled?

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## THE MESSAGE:

2. Read Philippians 3:1. How did Pastor Mike explain Paul's instruction to "Rejoice in the Lord"?

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3. Pastor Mike said that "rejoicing" is not primarily about happiness. What is the difference?

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4. What are three important elements to "Rejoicing in the Lord"?

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5. Read Romans 8:31-39. How do these verses explain why we can maintain joy? *Consider reading and rereading this passage multiple times this week!*

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6. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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A DEEPER DIVE...

7. Read Romans 5:6-11. Compare what it says about rejoicing in this passage (verse 11) with what we learned today about rejoicing in Philippians 3:1. What do you see here?

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MY LIFE:

8. Pastor Mike explains that “Rejoice in the Lord” is a command not a feeling. How did he explain we are to do that?

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9. When you consider our cause for rejoicing (in the Lord rather than our circumstances) does that change how you respond to difficult circumstances?

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10. Does your understanding of the value of a relationship with Jesus allow you to see why it is worth rejoicing over, regardless of your circumstances? Why or why not?

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11. Have you ever known a believer who seems to have joy no matter what is going on around them? If so, have you ever spoken to them about their joy?

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