

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS at VICTORY

Leader Conversation Guide – Advent: Joy

Main Idea

This weekend Pastor Curt finished our Advent series, Christmas at Victory. Here's a quick recap of our series so far! **Hope** has a name, and His name is Jesus. During Advent we celebrate the hope brought by the One who came, and the hope of His coming return. We **Love** because He first loved us. The reason for the season is sin, which was redeemed by His perfect love. **Peace** is a product of presence. Whose presence are you inviting into your life? Make this prayer a part your everyday life. "Come Lord Jesus." This weekend we unpacked the final theme of Advent which is **Joy**. What is joy?

"And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Luke 2:10 ESV

Make it Practical

- **Great Joy is a response to Good News.** Read Luke 2:10-11.
There is a difference between good advice and good news. For example, when you're young you might get the *good advice* that if you save and invest some money, many years later you may have a million dollars in the bank! When you hear that, our response isn't great joy. But if someone said, "I have *good news*, you just inherited a million dollars" that would bring great joy.

Euangélion – "Good News or Gospel"

As followers of Christ, we have good news! Our King is a victorious savior!
That's the Good News!

- **Biblical joy is an act of faith.** Read 1 Peter 1:8, Psalm 16:11, Neh. 8:10.
Sometimes joy doesn't come naturally, but we choose joy! If you are having trouble finding joy, put your trust and faith in Him, and just bask in His presence. There is true joy in the presence of the Lord!

Talk About It

- Great Joy is a response to Good News. We have received the Gospel or 'Good News' of Jesus Christ. What's your response?
- Choosing joy is not always easy, share a time when joy might not have been the "logical response" but you placed your faith in Christ, and chose it anyways.
- As a Group, discuss some of your most treasured joy-filled Christmas memories.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11 ESV

Prayer

Father, thank You for being our source of great joy! Help us to place our faith in You and experience Your glorious joy daily! As we face trials in this life, let us consider it all joy, for You have already won the victory! Come Lord Jesus, and surround us with Your presence today and always! Amen.

Leader Tip

This world needs Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy. More than ever before! This weekend concludes our Christmas at Victory Advent series. Encourage Group members to live out the Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy of Christ day in and day out, all year around! This Christmas season and beyond, share the message of Jesus with others.