



Seeking The Holy Spirit

Community Group Discussion Guide

Open

We have been talking a lot about joy this month. As we have been focusing on it together, what have you learned about joy?

We wrapped up this conversation on joy by looking at the connection between joy and the Holy Spirit, which is what we will be digging into tonight.

Reflect

Please take a moment and read Acts 4:23-31. (If you feel like the group needs more context, then please back up and read from the beginning of Acts 4.)

After being released by the religious leaders (the same ones that crucified Jesus), what are some of the first things that they do? What does this tell us about their priorities in the moment?

When they prayed, quotes a passage of Scripture from the book of Psalms. What is the significance of quoting Scripture while we pray? What does the quoting Psalms in relation to Jesus tell us about how the Holy Spirit is working?

Apply

What does this passage reveal to us about God's plan for the early church?

What are the similarities between the message and work of the early church and our lives today?

What does the disciples' prayer for boldness communicate about their priorities for their lives? How does this show us what some of the priorities of the believer ought to be?

What are some of the current struggles that you are having when it comes to orienting your priorities around the Gospel? What are some examples of how God might be leading you to change your priorities around the Gospel?

Close

Please take a moment to pray for one another in the current struggles talked about above. By faith, stop and ask God for boldness to speak the truth to others.