



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Sermon Based Small Group Plan
December 17, 2017
Finding Joy
Leading: Pastor Dave Rohde
Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4 & Luke 1:46-55

Open in Prayer

Fellowship Question: What songs do you sing? What is your favorite type of music?

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text:

1. Describe a joyful time in your life. What caused the joy? With whom did you share the experience?
2. What is one thing in your current season of life that brings you joy? What are the things that prevent us from being joyful?
3. Some people carry contagious joy. What are the characteristics of a genuinely joyful person?
4. Reflect on Elizabeth's words in Luke 1:39-45. As Mary shows up in her home, how would you describe her response? What should we learn about Mary and Elizabeth's shared experience?
5. Reflect on Mary's response to Elizabeth in Luke 1:46-55. What do Mary's words teach us about her? How does she connect what she was experiencing at that moment with her heritage? Why might that connection be important to her, personally?
6. Why do you think Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months after coming to share her news (Luke 1:56)?
7. What is a tangible way you can share joy with someone this week?

Prayer:

Spend some time together praying for peace — in our church, our local communities, and around the world.

Leader notes:

- * "Christmas Carol Sing Along": Wednesday December 20 at 7pm (Fellowship Center)
- * Sunday, December 24th
 - 10 am Service time 10am, music by Cancel Choir
 - 5:30pm Family Service & Pageant
 - 8pm Candlelight Service; music by our Praise Team
 - 10pm Candlelight Service; music by our Cancel Choir & Communion
- * Sunday, December 31st, Service time 10am, music by Praise Team