

Fire Pit Topic January: Enjoyment

Definition: The choice to enter into the joys of life, family, friends, and the future. How? By choosing to believe that I have a basis for joy because God is good and his lovingkindness endures forever.

How to illustrate at the chapter meeting: Comment, “Many of us think joy is just a feeling that comes and goes. That’s because we have confused joy with happiness. Happiness is a feeling that that we may have when things go well. Joy is a foundation that sustains us no matter the circumstance or situation. It is the deep sense of knowing that God takes joy in us”.

Fire pit Discussion: Focus group.

1. Discuss the definition and illustration(comment)
2. Historical illustration: When WWII ended, great celebrations of joy broke out in the streets of many American cities. What are some other historical expressions of joy? (Allow for comments)
3. References in the Bible: Nehemiah 8: 10, Psalm 16: 11, Luke 2: 10, II Corinthians 7: 4, James 1: 2.
4. Illustrated in the life of Jesus: John 15: 11, John 17: 13, Hebrews 12: 2, Matthew 27: 43 (religious leaders mock Jesus because He claimed God delighted in Him. Also check Psalm 22: 8 and 18: 19.)
5. Application: Why do you have problems expressing or experiencing joy? What do you think about this statement, “If a man doesn’t believe God delights (or takes joy) in him, he will never enjoy God?” Discuss it.