



LET'S TALK ABOUT JOY  
PHILIPPIANS 1:1-2  
MAY 5, 2019  
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#### **I. Introduction**

Belonging to a local church family and sharing in true Christian fellowship advances us way beyond having our name on a church membership list or contributing to a current ministry within the church

#### **II. Philippi's Tiny Church**

- a. NE Greece, ancient Macedonia
- b. Loving, affectionate, warm church body

#### **III. The Recipients (vv. 1-2)**

- a. Fellow servants with Paul
- b. Paul's connection and commitment

#### **IV. Conclusion**

Living a life fully committed to sharing in the deep, abiding joy of Jesus Christ is a mark of our faith that we should all desire to experience each day. May we at CEFC live and share this joy together as we continue next week in learning more about the joy of the Philippian church so we can become committed to such practices right here at CEFC together!



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group

Week of: May 5, 2019

Title: Let's Talk About Joy

Text: Phil 1:1-2

### **Kick Starters...**

1. When have you been most sad in your life? Why?
2. When have you been most joyful in your life? Why?

### **Entertain the text**

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

### **Engage the text**

4. Read Acts 16:9-10. How does this help you appreciate what it means to be a part of a church where God is moving?
5. How do Christians show their support for others even during times of difficulty?
6. Paul wrote at least 13 of the New Testament books—Read Acts 20:24 together—discuss why Paul's statement is important for us today as Christians?

7. Why are pastors and elders so important to the local church in bringing their local flock closer to Christ? (Acts 6:2-4; Heb. 13:17; Acts 15:1-2; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; James 5:14).
8. Look at VERSE 1:2 together. How does this help us understand the significance, the oneness in nature between the Father and the Son?

### **Execute the text**

9. Since true joy comes from God himself, how will you use that truth this week in your life, knowing there are regularly trials before you?
10. Our love for Christ comes from his love for us and gives us supernatural joy—how will you *show* that joy to others this week?

#### **Lost & Found**

Larson/Grosskopf  
Sunday 5:30pm @ Larsons

#### **Joint Heirs**

Smith/Olejnik  
Tuesday 1pm @ Smiths

#### **Victors**

Fritzsche/Raddatz  
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

#### **Crossroads**

Difino/Schwenk  
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

#### **IOW**

Billington/Reuter  
Friday 7pm @ CEFC