



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2022 | WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW: JOY

During our summer series, we're using our group time to explore how Jesus modeled the Fruits of the Spirit and how we can live them out too.

WARM-UP QUESTION

What TV show, movie, or real-life situation always makes you laugh?

DISCUSS

- If you could define joy in your own words, how would you describe it?
- Where do you see the greatest need for joy in our world today?

Have someone in your group read **Luke 15:1-10**.

- What stands out to you in these two parables? What similarities do you see between them?
- Do you find it easy or hard to express this type of joy? Why?

Read **Luke 15:11-32**. (Options: Split up the passage between 2-3 people or go around the circle, reading one verse per person.)

- Who are the main characters in this story? What actions and traits do they display? (If you have a whiteboard available, consider drawing a column for each character and filling it in with what you observe.)
- Where do you see joy displayed in the story? Where do you see it not displayed?
- Which character do you relate to most? Why?
- What inspires or challenges you from this story when it comes to the "fruit" of joy?

RESPOND

- What do you think God is prompting you to do in response to what you just discussed? When will you do it? Spend a few minutes quietly reflecting, and then have each person share their specific goal for the week.
- Pray for each other by name, that the fruit of joy would be evident in your lives and that you would continue to hold each other up in this area of growth.

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at tpcc.org/dbr. Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!