

# Joy to the World!

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## WELCOME - ICE BREAKER:

Describe a time in your life when you experienced great joy?

***Important Note:** Not all questions have to be asked and not everyone has to answer every question asked.*

## WORSHIP - OPENING PRAYER and PREPARATION

Read Isaiah 9:1-6 together

Spend some time in prayer thanking, praising, and adoring God.

## WORD

Galatians 5:22-25

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“An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:9-11

1. What is Joy?
2. Given the season, what is the source of our joy?
3. Would you describe joy as spiritual or emotional? Why/Why not?
4. Has God ever intervened in your life, bringing you joy in a way that superceded the trying circumstances you faced? Describe it for us.
5. What affect does unrepentant sin have on our joy?
6. Can they coexist?
7. Is joy about feelings or focus?
8. If you have not experienced joy recently, what steps can you take to manifest it now?

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”

Psalm 51: 12

## WORSHIP - PRAYER

Take request and pray.