

CELL LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS | July

Don't forget to let your cell know about these events coming up!

CURRENT EVENTS:

- CYM's Week of Service: August 2nd-5th at 9am-1pm (meet at JCF). Come and serve at the church and in the community! Sign up at the information booth.
- CYM's Youth Camp: youth and young adult camp
 - Date: August 23rd-27th
 - Place: Mountain Lakes Bible Camp
 - Cost: \$140 before August 4th and \$160 after August 4th

This information is for cell leaders to give when needed:

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Youth Net & all church prayer: Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm (in sanctuary)
- Pre-service prayer: Wed night 6:15-6:45pm (in chapel), Sat night 5:30-5:45pm (in chapel) & Sun morning 10:00-10:20am (in sanctuary)
- All church prayer Outbreak Saturday: 4:45-5:30pm (in chapel)

SCHOOL OF LEADERS / SPECIALTY CLASSES: Cost for SOL books: \$13.00 (purchase at Joy Book Store)

- Fall Encounter coming up: Date: September 3rd-5th Costs: \$50 (Men, Women & Youth)
- Journey Class: runs every Wednesday night (book contains pre & post encounter). This is a new believer's class that will prepare them for an encounter.
- Level 1: this class is taken after you finish the Journey Class
- Level 2 & 3: these classes are for those that are serious about becoming a cell leader.
 - If not ready, here are some specialty classes they can take: Marriage and Family, Finance, Parenting, Evangelism, Life Management, Prayer Class, Recovery through the Proverbs (every Wed at 5:30-6:30) & others.
- CYM SOL: runs every Wednesday night at 5:15-6:00pm (first Bible College classroom upstairs)...Level 2 starts July 21st

Cell Group Notes

July 28, 2010

In the message on Sunday we discussed how Christianity is in tension between two humanistic philosophies, Epicureanism and Stoicism. Epicureanism is the pursuit of pleasure, saying that pleasure is good and that pain is bad. Stoicism is the pursuit of peace, and emphasized personal self control and self-denial in order to achieve harmony with the universe.

In your cell, read the scriptures and discuss true joy in the Kingdom of God and why Christianity is different from these philosophies.

Blessings,

Pastor Jake

Read Matt 13:44

What in your life is so good that you would be willing to sell everything for it?

Mankind is locked in a perennial struggle with finding peace, happiness, significance, fulfillment, and contentment. The story of sin begins with a loss of these states. True joy, at creation, was the connection of man the creature with God the Creator. With sin came separation and loss of joy. Life became the struggle *for* joy instead of the enjoyment *of* it.

What is the answer? How can we find true joy?

- Relationship with God our Savior! - **Jude 24-25, 1 John 1:3-4**

7 Aspects of Joy in the Kingdom of God!

1. The Kingdom is joy! – Rom 14:17-18

17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

2. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. Are you filled with the Spirit of God? - Gal 5:22-25

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

3. The Gospel is a message of Joy! - Luke 2:8-11

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

There is joy in preaching and receiving the Gospel!

4. Joy in the harvest – (Three parables of the lost) Luke 15:4-7

4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' 7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

5. Joy in the blessing of God - Prov 10:22

22 The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.

6. Joy in our eternal reward

7. Joy in completion and perfection –2 Cor 4:16-18

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

1 John 3:1-3

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

- Discipleship is not the end...it is a means to an end. We are being transformed into the image of Christ!

Joy Christian Fellowship

Cell Leader Report Form

Meeting Date: _____ S M T W Th F S

Total in Cell: _____

Cell Leader: _____

G12 Leader: _____

- Men
- Women
- Youth
- Children

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