

Joy Unleashed March 10th

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Take a moment to summarize this week's message. What stood out to you most? Why?
- 2. When you think of joy, what moments in your life come to mind?
- 3. Is there a spiritual moment in your life that you would say created joy? What were the circumstances around this time?
- 4. There is joy in Christianity because there is security in God. What does this mean? How does security connect with joy?
- 5. Read Romans 4:24-5:11. What is Paul trying to communicate in these verses? Why is it important?
- 6. What words or verses stand out to you in Romans 4:24-5:11? Why do you find them meaningful?
- 7. Romans 5:3 lists a "chain of occurrence," noting that suffering produces perseverance, which produces character, which produces hope. Have you ever experienced this in your own life? If not, where did the chain "break down"?

- 8. How does the death and resurrection of Jesus demonstrate God's power to fulfill his promises?
- 9. What are some of the results of God's justification—i.e. being brought into right relationship with God?
- 10. Paul tells us that we have something to boast about in Romans 5. How is this different than the boasting that separated mankind from God in Romans 1?
- 11. If God has a grip on you, you are secure in his love. How does this empower your spiritual life?
- 12. Based on Romans 5 and this Sunday's message, how do you see or think differently about faith?
- 13. How do you plan to see Paul's message take root or impact your week?

## Prayer

Write down three things that God has done that you can boast about this week. Conclude the group session giving thanks to God for his work, love and promises.