

Prayer

Your Life Group, and all of the others meeting this week, are the prayer meetings of our church. How cool is that!
Please spend time praying for each other and our church.

Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with others.

Each other:

Church

- *God will help us with our hearts and our mouths.*
- *That CCC would be used by God to reach our neighbors, neighborhood and community.*
- *That the CCC community would be contagious.*
- *Pastors, Staff and Leadership*
- *Stampede and Round Up*
- *God to provide the financial resources we need.*
- *Youth and College Ministries*
- *Life Groups meeting around the area this week*



Part 4

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Getting Started

When was the last time you rejoiced? What happened?

What comparisons can we make between how we might rejoice in the Lord and how our culture celebrates and rejoices over celebrities, rock stars and athletes?

Take a moment and read Philippians 4:4 and Luke 15:3-10 Was there one thing that stuck out to you about “speaking joy?” It could be a question, or something that bothers you. Write down that initial impression and take a moment to talk to Jesus about it.

How should the joy in us, inflect the words that come out of our mouths? People can’t see our soul smiling, but they can hear it in our words.

What does it mean to “rejoice in the Lord?”

We are not only to rejoice in the Lord, but to join with the Lord in rejoicing. What do you think that means? How do we join in with heaven that is already rejoicing?

How did that compare to what the pagan cities were doing for their gods and for their “lord” Caesar?

Some practical ideas for this week:

How do you celebrate things in your life? Why not celebrate Jesus in that way?

Pay attention to your words this week. Can you sense joy in them?