

Week 7:

# The Joy of Obedience (Reality 7)



## Questions

1. What illustration, story, or example stood out to you this week?
2. Read John 15:9-17. What do you learn about God from this passage? What did God reveal to you about yourself in this passage?
3. The evidence of our love for God is found in our obedience to Him. On a scale of 1 to 10 how would God rate your level of obedience to Him right now? Why did you choose the number you did?
4. What consequences have you experienced because of disobedience to God? How have you experienced joy when you have acted in obedience toward God?
5. Read Ephesians 2:4-5. When have you seen God's mercy and grace at work? (In your life or the life of someone else?) Why do you think we often forget about God's goodness and abundance? How does being obedient help you to see God's mercy and grace in action?
6. Read Romans 5:8. What is so extraordinary about that verse? What does it tell you about God? Is it hard to replicate that kind of love in your own relationships with others? Why?

## Scripture References

John 15:9-17; John 17:25-26; Ephesians 2:4-5; Romans 5:8

## Takeaways

- Obedience is where we truly experience God.
- There is a powerful and important link between obedience, joy, and God's love for us.
- We display our love to God in our obedience to God.
- Obedience without love is legalism. [60]
- The major outlet for God's love and joy is to extend that to others.

***If you are using the "7 Realities for Experiencing God" workbook you should answer the questions for Reality 7: Obey and Experience.***