

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

ADVENT OF JOY | Luke 2:8-11

WORSHIP

How can your discipleship group start with **worship** today?

WALK

Spend time **understanding** and **applying** God's Word.

1. REVIEW + UNDERSTAND

What is joy? How much joy would you say you experience on a regular basis?

Read Luke 2:8-11. This is a birth announcement for the coming of Jesus Christ. Who is this said to? Who is this said for? How has this impacted you personally?

Three different descriptors are used for Jesus here. What is the significance of each of the descriptors in the announcement?

2. ASSESS + APPLY

We are reminded about the joy that Christ brings throughout the Christmas season. As you think back on the rest of the year, what has stolen your joy? What are you concerned will sap your joy as you look ahead?

One cannot manufacture joy. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit -- the supernatural outflow of a heart aligned with Jesus Christ. So what do one do to grow in our experience and expression of joy?

This news of great joy is not just for those who already know Jesus as Savior. How has the joy of this news fueled your own sharing of the Gospel?

PRAYERS & APPLICATIONS

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5 DAY READING PLAN

Each day answer the questions: What does it **say**? What does it **mean**? How should I **respond**?

DAY 1
Luke 2:8-11

DAY 2
Gal. 6:16-26

DAY 3
James 1:2-3

DAY 4
Prov. 10:28

DAY 5
Phil. 1:3-11

WORK

How should this message affect how you **serve one another**?

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WITNESS

How should this message affect how you **share the Gospel**?

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