

Go and Be Joyful

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Dwelling in the World

Reflecting on the previous week, answer the following questions

Where did you experience God's joy

What might God have been up to in that moment

What is Joy?

Exodus 15:20-21 “Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Nehemiah 8:10 “Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Psalms 118:24 “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it”

Psalms 100:1-2 “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.”



What is Joy?

Philippians 4:4-6 “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Romans 12:12 “Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.”

Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”

Luke 2:10 “But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people’”



John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Joy and the Easter Story

How are our experiences like Mary's in the Garden?

How do we embody the resurrection?

How does the joy of the resurrection influence our evangelism work?

Evangelism: anything we do to invite people into Christian Community or relationship with God

Keep in touch!

See you at Synod Assembly in June

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