

Priming the Pump

1. Begin by reading the Scripture for this week's message, Luke 10:21-24.
2. In the first phrase of this week's passage, Jesus was overcome by joy in the Spirit and spontaneously began to praise the Father. Have you recently experienced an unexpected feeling of joy that led to praising the Lord? Talk about how that moment felt emotionally, physically, and/or spiritually.

Getting into the Word

3. Chapters and verses in our Bible are not inspired by the Holy Spirit, but are recent additions for our convenience. The original Gospel would have read like one continuous narrative. With this in mind, read part of last week's verses together with this week: Luke 10:17-22. Discuss how the joy of the seventy (seventy-two), which ties in to the joy Jesus taught them about, which ties in to the rejoicing Jesus Himself experiences in that same hour.

Does this "cycle of joy" bring other Scriptures to mind? List them and read them with your group.

4. For this question, you will be comparing different prayers of Jesus to learn how He praised the Father on our behalf. Focus on what Jesus says the Father does for us, His "children".
 - a. First, read v.21 phrase by phrase. What different actions did Jesus thank the Father for?
 - b. Now also read John 17:1-26, entitled "The High Priestly Prayer" by the ESV. What various actions did Jesus thank the Father for in this extensive prayer?
5. In this week's passage, Jesus thanks God for not revealing things to "the wise and understanding" yet much of the Old Testament (especially Proverbs) praises wisdom. Read the following Scriptures and discuss what kind of wisdom is praiseworthy to the Lord and what kind is not.
Isaiah 29:13-14; Jeremiah 9:23-24; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; James 3:13-18

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6. Our God is a God who sometimes reveals and sometimes conceals. In many cases, God chooses to share more as time progresses, which is called “progressive revelation”. Read the following Scriptures and note down what were secrets in the past but are now revealed:
- a. Romans 16:25-27

 - b. 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

 - c. Ephesians 3:1-6

 - d. Philippians 4:11-13

 - e. 1 Peter 1:10-12

Digging Deeper

7. We often have wisdom from legitimate experiences, education, career, and receiving advice, but we learn that it runs counter to the wisdom of the Lord. This doesn't mean our experience, education, or career are sinful; but simply that God is working to get our focus away from dependence on self to a complete dependence on Him.

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 and think about how God has taught you to depend on Him when every practical resource you had didn't work. As you are willing, share this time of vulnerability with your group emphasizing how God rescued you from it, building your faith in Him.