



LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
Sacred Joy: A study of Philippians
November 8, 2009
Philippians 2.1-4

1. What joys and comforts of the gospel have you enjoyed/experienced?
In what ways have you been aware of His tremendous love lately?
In what ways have you experienced His indescribable work?
What are some times as you reflect back that you have felt a sense of belonging to the fellowship of God's people?
When have you been encouraged or lifted up lately by another believer?
When have you led someone to Christ or have shared the gospel?
2. What makes Paul's joy complete (2.2)?
3. What is the purpose that Paul calls us to be intent on (2.2)?
4. What must not be a part of the Christian life (2.3-4)? How do such internal attitudes destroy unity? What is the important element to unity?
5. Unity is huge to the church. When God's people live together in unity they experience God's blessing, both now and in the future. Read Psalm 133 to see a beautiful portrait of unity along with the blessing that comes with it (Discuss).
6. What does Jesus say about unity? Read John 17.21-23. Karen Mains in her book entitled, *Open Heart, Open Home*, she shares a phrase about the Trinity that speaks of community. It is the Greek phrase, *perichoresis koinonia*. *Peri* means around and is the root for the English word *perimeter*. The word *choreography* comes from *choreisis*, which is to dance. *Koinonia* means fellowship. Mains says, *The relationship of the Trinity could be described as an eternal holy dance of each Person around and within the others (p. 12)*. Do you experience such community with other believers? Our Triune God wants us to know such community. Are you standing outside the dance? Come into the great dance and enjoy this sacred fellowship.
7. How can you relate 2.4 to your life right now? At home? In your marriage? At work?