

Book Club

Joy Bomb: Allow Joy to Reintroduce Himself



Message Summary

We are created by the God of infinite joy, and our happiness matters to God. Through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, we learn that holiness produces joy, and meekness is the evidence of a sanctified ego. We can experience joy right now because of the presence of God.

Key Scripture

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:1-10 NIV

Additional Scriptures

- Psalm 16:11 NASB
- Romans 8:28 CSB

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share something that brought you joy this week.

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which message from *Book Club* has been most meaningful to you? How is it helping you to live more like Jesus?
- Read **Matthew 5:1-10**. What themes do you notice regarding who Jesus says will be blessed? How have you seen these themes play out in your own life?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about a time when you had immense joy in a seemingly ordinary moment. What caused the joy, and how might you be able to experience it again?
- Talk about your current relationship with Jesus. In what ways are you pursuing Him, and how are you seeing Him at work in your life? How does this impact your joy?

Start Praying

Kind and loving Father, thank You for giving us the gift of joy. Please continue growing our hunger for You, so we can experience You more personally. We enjoy being with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- Intentionally look for joy this week. Share what you find with your LifeGroup.
- Start the Bible Plan *Joy Bomb* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/joybomb
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.