



Joy - The Secret
Pastor Eric Miller, November 18, 2018

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-20

Main Thought: Christ is the secret to having joy.

Summary: The secret to joy is to set your mind on Jesus, make room for Him to work in your life, and share in His mission.

Getting to Know Each Other (Start Here):

- Have you ever wanted the fast track to success in something?

Going Deeper:

Read Philippians 4:10-20 together

1. What does it mean to be content? What do you do when you experience discontentment? Are there areas of your life where you are discontent? How does depending on Christ lead you to become content?
2. What does it mean to set your mind on Christ? How do you set your mind on Christ? What effect does it have on you?
3. Pastor Eric said that often we quote Philippians 4:13 wrong, saying "I can do all things through him who gives me strength" when really the verse is, "I can do all *this* through him who gives me strength." What's the difference? How is the meaning of the verse changed by the absence of the word "this"?
4. Have you made room for Christ to work in and through you? How has that changed your desires and the choices you make? How does that change your joy?
5. What does it mean to join in Jesus's mission? In what ways do you regularly join Jesus?

Apply it:

1. What practical step do you need to take this week to set your mind on Christ
2. In what way will you make room in your life for Christ this week?
3. Is there someone you could reach out to as your commitment to join the mission?

Pray without ceasing:

- Pray for R and B as they return to the Silk Road. Pray that their visa and final clearances would arrive this week and for their safety as they travel and settle in their home.
- Pray for the Interwoven Missions Trip team who are going out from Living Hope to Greece in order to serve the children of International Workers in the Silk