



# Sermon Discussion Questions

*May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!*

**CHECK INS:** Let's check in quick with each other; how are we doing folks...?!?

## 12.7.25 - SERMON RECAP:

In our Advent Series: Our Identity as Disciples of Jesus, we looked this week at Joy and our Sanctification in the work of Christ. Looking at Romans 6 we were talking about not settling for anything less than God's complete Joy in our lives and how he is working to Sanctify us (*setting us apart for a sacred purpose and being free from sin*). Lets consider how it is that we are renewing our joy each day as we are not settle for half of the Joy God has for us, and by pursuing complete Joy in Christ. Lets turn to Romans 6:1-14, as we consider the Theme of Sanctification together. (As a group, lets take turns reading this scripture together; and then ponder/discuss these questions for our lives.)

## DIGGING DEEPER:

1. In your own words, what is the difference between joy and happiness?
2. What does genuine complete joy in God look like as opposed to the "joy" or ease that sin promises? How have you experienced the difference?
3. As you think about God offering us Complete Joy in Christ, what impact is there in believers lives when they fully accept the gift of complete joy? Can you think of any reason believers delay in their acceptance of what God is offering?
4. Part of Sanctification means to be set apart for a sacred purpose. What do you think that means to be set apart for a sacred purpose?
5. Sanctification also means that the believer is free from bondage to sin. How does this truth impact our daily lives?
6. Sanctification is God's work in us yet it also requires our cooperation through our Passive Invitation to God and our Active Obedience to his instruction. How have you experienced tension between God's power to work and your choices (Passive and Active)? Where do you find yourself leaning: passivity or active striving?
7. God is working in your sanctification to bring complete Joy through Holiness. How have you seen true Spirit-led Holiness (sanctification) produce joy in your life or the lives of others?
8. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 and Romans 6:22: What truth in these passages gives you comfort or joy? How do these truths help you fix your eyes on Christ and renew Joy?
9. Sanctification is also worked out in community Read Hebrews 10:24-25. What role should our HC play in our growth toward Christ likeness (Sanctification)? What specific support or accountability are you in need of at this moment?

## How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

