

# Joy from Sorrow

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Small Group Homework and Outline

Week of May 13, 2018

Heaviest weight on **thinnest** wire.

John 16:16-18, 1 Peter 4:13; 5:8-10

We will have **sorrow**.

John 16:19-20, Romans 8:20-22

How **long**; why **why**?

2 Corinthians 6:10

Suffering leads to **joy**.

John 16:21-22, 2 Corinthians 6:10

From sorrow to **abundant** joy.

John 16:23-24, Romans 15:13

Use joy to spread the **gospel**.

Matthew 28:19

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(Questions and Scriptures for Reflection and Study)

## Getting Started...

1. Riverlawn's core values are: The Bible as the final authority, growing in Christ, building community, living generously, and engaging the world. Which of these values were displayed in the Sunday services? How will you seek to faithfully live these out this week?

2. What main point, idea, or theme stood out to you from the Sunday message?

## Into the Bible...

3. Read John 16:16-24. How would you paraphrase Jesus's message? What does Jesus mean when He says the disciples will "weep and lament" but that the world will "rejoice"?

What metaphor does Jesus use to describe sorrow to joy? What does Jesus mean when He says that our sorrow will turn to joy and what does that look like? Read Romans 8:18-25 for further study and discussion.

4. Pastor Kurt noted two questions of the disciples from this passage, “how long?” and “why me?” In the midst of sorrow, trial, or suffering have you ever asked these questions? What is a gospel response to suffering and sorrow?

## **Application**

5. What does full joy in Christ look like? How do you see it displayed in your own life?

How can your experience of sorrow to joy lead to multiplication in God’s Kingdom? What role does joy have in our outreach and witnessing?

## **Memory Verse**

John 16:20- “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful but your sorrow will turn into joy.”

## **Prayer Requests**

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