

REJOICE

Luke 2:8-20

Starting point:

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website www.vcfj.org and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our Journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

OVERVIEW

- o Discuss the history of the difference between the Gospels written by Mark and John and Luke and Matthew that Pastor shared with us.
- o What does Paul reveal to us in *Romans 15:8-13*?
- o How does *Romans 15:1-7* help us understand *Romans 15:8-13*. What does *v. 6* say?
- o What two themes do we see in *Romans 15:12* to help us?

We rejoice, because the ROOT OF JESSE HAS COME.

Isaiah 11:10

- o Who is the "Root of Jesse?"
To help with this answer, what do we learn from the following verses?
 - o *Rev. 5:5*
 - o *Micah 5:2*

- o *Genesis 35:16-20*
- o *Luke 3:23*
- o *Matthew 17:5*
- o With this background information, what does *Romans 15:10* tell us to do?

We rejoice, because THE MESSIAH OF ISRAEL HAS BECOME THE HOPE FOR THE GENTILES ALSO.

Romans 15:11

- o What was the proclamation that was made to the spiritual and physical world when Jesus was born in Bethlehem?
- Besides Israel, why should the rest of the world be rejoicing about Jesus' coming?
- o Discuss the importance of the history lesson Pastor gave us regarding the last 100 years of Jerusalem.
- o Why is it important for us to know this information?
- o What prophetic word of God do we see being played out now?

We rejoice, because JESUS HAS BECOME OUR REFUGE.

Luke 2:8-11

- o What news of great joy did the shepherds learn from the angel?
- o Who is this good news for?
- o What is the good news that we read in these verses?
- o What does it mean?
- o How does it relate to your life?
- o As you end your session read and pray *Romans 15:13* as a family
—“MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING,
SO THAT BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE.”
- o What does it mean for you?