"Full-Bodied Joy" Group Study Week 5   Passage: John 2:1-12
Pastor Ryan Paulson

ICEBREAKER:
1. What is something that you are looking forward to? Is there an "anticipated joy" that is coming in your life? Maybe a trip, a reunion, a celebration?

2. Can you relate to Ryan's wedding mishap? Share a funny story about a wedding ceremony or the events that led up to the wedding.

As a way to get into the study, trying to remember the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

(In case you get stuck, click this link for the filled in outline: 📄 Full-Bodied Joy - outline)

_____ brings _____.

1. _____ through _____.

2. _____ through _____.

3. _____ through _____.

Jesus stays _____ and saves the _____.

🧭 Discover the Way of Jesus

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

3. Read Psalm 16:5-11. What do we learn about joy? How does Jesus's presence of abundant joy fulfill this psalm in your life?

4. Discuss this idea of accessing the presence of Jesus' joy through grace instead of through law. What is the difference? How do people try to access Jesus through the law? Why is grace so important?

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. "How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?"

5. What are some practical ways that we can allow the joy of knowing Jesus to invade our lives? What obstacles need to be overcome?

6. In what way is obedience a "get to" rather than a "have to"? How does this mindset change the way you think about obedience?

7. Is it possible to hold joy and sorrow in our hearts simultaneously? Why or why not?

🌍 Deploy for Renewal

(This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?"

8. Jesus met a very practical need by providing wine for the guests at the wedding. What are some practical needs we can meet to bring others joy?

9. Ryan spoke about joy as a choice. How can you be intentional in choosing joy in the day to day?