

## Home Group Questions - September 2, 2018

1. When you wake up in the morning, are you typically in a good mood or a bad mood?
2. Is there a part of your day or week when it is typically hard for you to be joyful?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:2-9 with your group.
4. In 1:8, Peter says that those who believe in Jesus are “filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.” Would you say that this is true of you on a typical day?
5. As we talk about joyfulness, notice that Peter talks about the “genuineness of your faith” in verse 7.
  - We have all seen people who put on a type of joy that feels insincere. Why do people sometimes feel the need to act more joyful than they really are?
  - Are you ever tempted to put on an insincere kind of joy?
6. In this passage, Peter provides a few reasons why Christians can have a true, genuine, inexpressible and glorious joy:
  - Verse 3: *“In his great mercy he has given us a new birth”*
    - Where else in scripture do we read about having a “new birth” with Jesus?
    - How or why should this bring us joy?
  - Verse 3: *“into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”*
    - How does Christ’s resurrection bring us hope in our daily lives?
  - Verses 4 and 7: *“and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you... (it is) “of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire”*
    - Peter makes it clear that we can be full of hope and joy because we have received a gift from God that cannot be taken away or destroyed.
    - Is this something you think about on a typical day?
    - How might keeping this idea in the front of your mind change your daily life?
7. Pray with your group that God would fill you with “an inexpressible and glorious joy” in your daily lives. Also pray for those you know who may need to be filled with this joy as well.