

**Discussion / Reflection Guide -- “He Brings Us Joy”**  
**Week of December 17, 2017**

**Read John 15:9-13**

- Jesus says we are to “remain in His love” (John 15:9). This could mean a lot of things. What does it mean to you?
- One possible way to “remain in His love” is revealed in John 15:10. What is that? In what way does obeying Jesus help you to remain in His love?
- Jesus seems to focus on one particular commandment in John 15:12, what is it? He gives an explanation of what this might mean in John 15:13. Why does he focus so much attention on loving and serving others?
- John 15:11 speaks of being filled with joy. We talk a lot about joy during the Christmas season. What does “joy” mean to you? Do you see “joy” as being different than “happiness?” In what ways? Is it possible to have joy even if your circumstances are less than “happy?” Have you experienced this?
- Jesus told us “these things” so our joy can overflow. What things? How can “these things,” or doing “these things,” bring us joy?
- Jesus seems to connect loving / serving others to receiving joy. When we love / serve others, we take the focus off our own circumstances and problems. Even if you are going through a tough time, it can make you feel better to help someone else who may be struggling themselves. Have you experienced this? Is that why Jesus mentions “joy” and “loving others” in the same basic passage?
- Think about some of the people God has brought into your life. What are some of their needs? Is there anything you can do to help them? Are you willing?