

Potential Discussion Questions
Message: Engage JOY, Pt 8 (5-28-17)
It's All About the Gospel

1. Have you ever been falsely accused / convicted of something? What happened? How did it make you feel?
2. What do you wrestle with accepting in your life? What difference does it make when we look at those things through the lens of Gospel impact rather than just the effect it has on us personally?
3. Is there something in your life that feels like a mistake, like an injustice or an unexpected and unfair burden? Do you truly believe (embrace) that there are no accidents with God? How can you practically apply the Romans 8:28 principle to these things?
4. What passages would you take a new believer to which demonstrate God's purpose as reflected in Romans 8:28 (...*called according to His purpose*). [The message suggested two primary aspects of this purpose: the praise of His glory and our conformity to the image of Jesus. You could start there.]
5. Practically, what does it look like to make our circumstances about the Gospel? How would you direct your thinking in this regard?
6. How do you relate to the terms *trust*, *courage* and *fear* when you think about your personal proclamation of the Gospel?
7. Why does Paul rejoice in the proclamation of the Gospel even when it is done with false motives? How does this impact your thinking about Gospel proclaimers? How does getting fired up by the right things keep your frustrations and disappointments in their proper place?
8. Interact on the 3 questions presented: 1) How do you experience joy in the proclamation of the Gospel? 2) Are you focusing your circumstances through the Gospel? 3) Do you really believe the Gospel is central to your life on earth?
9. What in this study will make the greatest difference in your life this week?