

Potential Discussion Questions

3-3-19 Message: Church on the Move - Sometimes It's OK to Dance in Church (Acts 3:1-11)

1. How would you characterize the joy quotient in your life? Are you generally joyful or joyless? Why?
2. If you could change something about the joy in your life, what would it be?
3. Reread Acts 3:1-11 with special attention to what it would have been like to be the beggar. What do you feel? How do you respond? Would you have reacted the same or differently?
4. What is your natural orientation to exuberant worship? How do you deal with people who are different? How do you discern what is genuine or a show? Do you ever feel inhibited to express your exuberance in worship? Why? What would it take for that to change?
5. Reread 2 Samuel 6:12-23. What stands out to you in this passage? Have you ever pulled a Michal? When might you be tempted to?
6. People talk a lot about fellowship (*koinonia*). How would you define it? What have you found develops and sustains true fellowship? What clues do you get from this text? Why is it often illusive? Talk about some ways your group can strengthen true fellowship in your gatherings. How can you encourage this throughout our church?
7. Do you agree or disagree that often hurting people don't know what to ask for? Why do we often get stuck thinking release from rather than growth through pain and suffering is most desirable.
8. Share a time when you "wanted out" but God brought you through. What did you learn? How do you keep those lessons fresh when you face new trials and hurts?
9. Do you really believe God knows what you need and what is best? Do you struggle with this? What other passages support your conviction?
10. What are some practical ways we can help people move from hungering for the immediate solution to their felt need to seeing how God is at work to meet their real need?
11. What would you like to discuss that hasn't already been engaged in this study?
12. What do you want to keep thinking about or study further from this discussion? What is your best take-away?