

The Rejoicing Exiles

Getting Started

1. Would you rather skip a Baskin Robbins Brownie Sundae (920 calories) or bicycle for 70 min to burn it off?
2. What topic could you give a 20-minute presentation on without any preparation?

Digging Deeper

Read Luke 10:20-21

3. What should be the foundation of the rejoicing of the Christian?

Read Mark 13:11

4. What blessing does Jesus promise to come through the Spirit for those who are persecuted for the faith?
5. “A troublesome meddler” is one involved in the business of others. How does that make one suffer? And what does it look like to cross the line from helping to meddling?

Living It Out

6. Why is it dangerous to believe our suffering is something strange that no one else can understand?
7. Which of the 4 motivations to rejoice in suffering speaks most powerful to your spirit? Why?
8. How can we practically help one another to rejoice in suffering without being obnoxious and demanding joy?

Living as exiles

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I Peter 4:12-16

Peter calls on us to be a church who rejoices through our trials and suffering in this world. While this may appear to be impossible advice, *how can I rejoice when I suffer?* Peter shows us how we can be motivated to find joy through the pain and fiery ordeals of this world when we fix our minds on Christ.

How do we rejoice in suffering?

**We share in Christ's _____
in order to grow _____ to Him.**

**We are motivated to be _____
at Christ's _____.**

**We take _____ in the blessing of the
_____.**

**We take _____ to bring _____
to the Name of God.**
