
DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Worship Service

10AM In-Person and Online

Feb 5 Shepherds Training

7:30PM at the Temple

Feb 9 Super Bowl Sunday

10AM—Sunday Service

3PM—Watch Party

Feb 26 Men's Night

7PM at the Temple

OUR VISION

Love God.

Live Change.

Light the Way.

OUR VALUES

God's Word: is our Narrative

We discover who God is and how we participate in his story.

Love: is our Calling

We honor and value one another above ourselves.

Serving: is our Passion

We do everything with zeal and ownership.

Prayer: is our Priority

We pray as our first response, not our last resort.

Hospitality: is our Mission

We seek opportunities to share what God has given us.



THE JOY OF SUFFERING

Jesus Christ is above all things and before all things, yet He demonstrated the truest form of humility by taking on human likeness and offering His life up for the redemption of His creation. Paul unpacked these parts of Jesus identity in his letter to the church in Colossae, instructing the believers on how to imitate Christ in every aspect of life. Believers are encouraged to keep straining toward Christ, knowing that following Jesus is worth whatever cost it requires of us. Join us as we discover endless ways our Lord and Savior is worthy of our praise.

ONLINE GIVING

You can give either a one-time gift or setup re-occurring giving that fits your personal pay schedule using PushPay. There are two ways you can do this. You can go to lighthousecoc.com and click the “give” button or you can text **LCOC** to **77977** and you will receive a text message with directions to follow. Finally, you can also write a check to Lighthouse Church and mail it to 3508 East Temple Way, West Covina, CA 91791. Thank you so much for investing into the mission of Jesus Christ!

PRAYER REQUESTS

LA Wildfires Please pray for all who have been affected by wildfires.

Jan Dickens Please continue to pray for his health and healing.

Mark Ramirez Please pray for healing for his health complications.

Amira Angulo Please pray for Amira to make a full recovery from surgery.

Andy Harrison Please pray that God would completely heal his kidneys.

Ruben Narvaez Please pray that God would heal him of cancer.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Conversation Starter

- We just concluded 21 days of prayer and fasting. If you were able to participate, how did God work in you and through you?

Sermon Reflection

Take a moment as a group to reflect on the following questions:

- What stood out to you from the message this week?
- What encouraged you or challenged you from the message?

Sermon Discussion

- Read Colossians 1:24-29, John 15:9-11, Nehemiah 8:10
1. The sermon this week was entitled, "The Joy of Suffering." There is a difference between happiness and joy. Happiness is a feeling, but joy is a decision. How do you personally differentiate between happiness and joy in your own life? How does this change the way you respond to challenges?
 2. Paul is writing the book of Colossians from a prison cell, yet he still finds joy and purpose in his suffering. How does this perspective on suffering shift the way we approach difficult times in our own lives? What are some ways you have seen joy manifest even in difficult seasons of life?
 3. Chains can break your joy or your joy can break your chains. Chains in life can represent suffering, heartache, loss and uncertainty. Furthermore, if God doesn't break your chains, he will always use your chains. How can suffering serve as a platform for God's glory? How can you intentionally share your faith and help others see Christ in your suffering?
 4. **Read Colossians 1:24-25 in The Message.** Paul embraced his suffering because he truly believed that it would help the church progress in their faith. How does that challenge your faith? Are you willing to suffer for the body of Christ?
 5. Perseverance produces joy. What role does perseverance play in cultivating joy during tough times? How can we encourage one another to press on in faith even when facing personal chains or challenges?