# Study 4: The Fruit of the Spirit- Joy

## Talk About

Share about a time in your life where you experienced great joy. What made that so joyful for you?

## Scripture

**JOY- Read James 1:2-8**

## Discussion

1. According to James, what situations should we consider as an opportunity for joy, and why (v2-3)?
2. What is the end result of perseverance working in us, and what do you think it means to let it “finish its work” in us (v4)?
3. What do you think is the connection between wisdom, perseverance and joy and how do we receive it (v5-8)?
4. Consider the following Scripture passages – what do we learn about joy from them?
	* Deuteronomy 28:47
	* 1 Chronicles 15:16, 16:27,33,
	* Psalm 5:11, 16:11, 19:8
	* Proverbs 15:30
	* Philippians 4:4
	* Romans 12:12
	* Hebrews 12:2
	* John 16:24
	* Psalm 94:19
	* Nehemiah 8:10
	* Zephaniah 3:17
5. From the scriptures, how are you inspired you to grow biblical joy in your life, and how might you work with God to see a harvest of joy?

## Prayer

Pray for one another in your group for God’s joy to overflow our lives and our congregation.

Perhaps use some of the scriptures as the basis for your prayers for one another.