

Joy Beyond Words and Full of Glory

- How do you typically express joy?

Dig In!

Rejoice, beyond words and full of glory ...even though you're not at home in this world (1:1-5)

- Do you tend to focus more on your experience in the world or your identity in Christ? Where does this focus lead you?
- How does expressing joy work against feelings of fear or anger or loneliness?

...even while suffering the tests of your faith (1:6-8)

- What tests have you faced that authenticated your faith?
- What are some indications that a person may be struggling to rejoice while facing a test of faith?
- How does a small group share joy with someone who is suffering?

...because your salvation is happening now (1:9-12)

- How can you tell that you are being saved?
- How do think you'll express your joy when Christ returns?

Break Out!

- If you haven't done so already, share some struggles with each other. Try to reframe the various struggles faced by group members as tests that authenticate their faith. Pray for anyone who is being tested. Don't neglect seemingly small tests. Treat everything as a refining fire.

