



New Hampton Community Church

Message Notes ~ Sunday ~ December 17, 2023

“Discover Joy”

“Find More This Christmas” week 4

➤ Joy is found in _____

“At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!” Luke 1:39-45

➤ God is not _____

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of **great joy** that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”*

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” Luke 2:8-15

➤ Christmas is _____, that brings _____!

➤ Christmas Celebrates ; Jesus _____

➤ With Jesus, there is _____ on the _____

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:2

Questions to Ponder and talk about:

Talk about these with your family, Life Group or friends.

1. How can trusting in God’s plan bring you joy?
2. Why is it so fun to share good news with other people?
3. How is joy different from happiness?
4. What does it mean to choose joy even when life is hard?
5. What is one practical way to share the joy of the Lord with others around you this Christmas season?