



SHARING THE JOY

21-DAY INITIATIVE

JANUARY 15, 2023



WELCOME

At RCC, the Bible tells us that God wants us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others.

So our mission is - To encourage people to **Enjoy God Together**.

And our vision is - To **build joy-filled communities of faith** whose very existence inspires individuals to live an abundant Christian life, **made up of three key relationships - r1, r2, and r3**.

r1 – A deepening relationship with God

r2 – A life-changing relationship with other believers

r3 – An engaging relationship with those yet to believe

To get there, we have a few things that matter to us:



WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS



WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS



WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE



WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS



WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS



THIS IS FOR LIFE

ANNUAL MEETING



Mark your calendars! On Sunday, Feb. 5th, we will have an all-church service at 9am followed by our Annual Meeting (with a short break in-between).

During service, we will celebrate the completion of our "Sharing The Joy" series and talk about our vision for 2023.

Children's Ministries will be open during service (all ages) and child care will be available during the Annual Meeting.



Firmly Rooted is a parenting class designed to encourage and equip parents as they lead their children through faith in light of today's cultural challenges.

Led by Heather Brown, you'll take part in a deep dive look at your kids and your role as their primary example of faith. You'll devote time in your own home to reading, discussing, doing "homework" and praying before gathering together to encourage one another.

First trimester starts Sunday evening, 2/5, and runs through May.

Cost - \$100 (covers books plus food and child care for Sundays)

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Identify: The Harvest Is Plentiful

Matthew 9:35-38

Steven Huggins - January 15, 2023

Embracing our identity as a disciple maker may require a perspective shift.

We embark on this journey happily, because we have actually found our greatest joy.

So we pray that God does the work to increase our joy, and theirs.

NOTES:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Matthew 9:35-38

Sharing the Joy – January 15, 2023

1. What are some primary thoughts or emotions you feel when thinking about what it takes to evangelize? Where do these thoughts and emotions come from?
2. If you were to evaluate the “Big C” Church (which is comprised of us!), what would you say we enjoy talking about the most? Why is that?
3. Think about some things you enjoyed talking about this past week with friends, family, coworkers, etc. Which topics came up most consistently?
4. What are some of your gifts, abilities, or talents that make it easy to share your joy in Jesus with others?
5. When you talk about your faith with others, what are your favorite stories to tell?
6. As we process Week 1 of Sharing the Joy, what ways can you be happier in Jesus today (than you were yesterday)?

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