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GOD REVEALED



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
JOHN

MARCH 5, 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

GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 03/01/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$91,286	\$181,985
2023 Budget	\$115,033	\$217,528
Difference	-\$23,747	-\$35,543

HOW TO GIVE

At RCC, we believe that giving comes as a natural, joyous outpouring of worship for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. So whatever is received, we are grateful and truly believe God is honored through our giving.

If you'd like to give, you can:

1. Give at richfieldcc.org/invest
2. Give through "giving" on The Church Center App
3. Give by text to 84321 (and text an amount to get started)
4. Give by cash or check in any of the "for God" boxes"

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

John 16:16-33

¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came

from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

NOTES:

Sorrow ➡ Joy

John 16:16-33

Todd Chapman - March 5, 2023

This world is broken, troubled, hurting, angry, and opposed to God's path to happiness, yet Jesus wants to make it perfectly clear, that He, and He alone brings joy that will last forever.

Jesus turns sorrow ➡ joy.

Jesus gives us direct access to the Heavenly Father.

Jesus loves us and uses us despite our weaknesses.

Jesus has overcome every obstacle to our eternal happiness.

Life Group Discussion Questions

John 16:16-33

For the week of March 5, 2023

Reading the Text:

1. What are some of the themes/ideas that have come up in recent chapters? What is the immediate context of the passage we are in now?
2. What is the point of the interaction concerning “a little while...”? What is the idea Jesus is communicating?
3. Jesus describes “the hour” that has come / is coming multiple times. Where do you see it in this passage, and what is He talking about?
4. Verse 33 states that Jesus said “these things” so that they would have peace in Him. What did He say? How are these things to be understood in order to bring the peace of Jesus?
5. How would you summarize the big idea of this passage?

Living it Out:

1. Can you think of a situation in your life where the joy in Jesus overcame a moment or season of sorrow? What was that like?
2. When you think of “fullness of joy”, what comes to mind? How do you identify or describe this great joy?
3. In your life right now, where would you like to experience more joy?

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