

## Construction in Progress - Building Joy

### I. Where We Start

1. “ \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord always...” (Philippians 4:4)
2. We are \_\_ B L \_\_ G \_\_ \_\_ ED to rejoice.
3. Jesus has given us plenty of reason to be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Joy is very C \_\_ \_\_ T \_\_ \_\_ IO \_\_ \_\_.
5. Joy is a feeling of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Discussion:**

- How can we help others be joyful?
- How does joy help the church?

### II. How We Grow

1. Because we have reason to be joyful, we should make an effort to \_\_\_\_\_ it to others.
2. We should use our joy when we confront \_\_\_\_\_ situations.
3. Our attitude will not change our circumstances, but it can change our \_\_\_\_\_ to them.
4. “And we know that God causes all things to work together for the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who \_\_\_\_\_ God...” (Romans 8:28)

#### **Discussion:**

- How do non-believers make it through difficult situations?
- How do we sustain our joy?

### III. The “Finished” Product

1. Joy can come from \_\_\_\_\_ others.
2. “It is more blessed to \_\_\_\_\_ than to \_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 20:35)
3. Joy may come at a price for Christians, but we are promised joy if we do what we are \_\_\_\_\_.
4. If we strive to find joy in this life, we will one day “enter into the joy of [our] \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 25:21)

#### **Discussion:**

- What trials do Christians often face?
- How do we revive our joy when it fades?