



# Regifting Joy

Luke 2:8-20

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According to the dictionary, **regifting** is “to give someone a gift that was previously received from someone else.” What would happen if this Christmas we were to take a serious look at all we have received from the Lord, and instead of keeping these gifts all to ourselves, what if we were to celebrate the birth of Christ by *regifting* these gifts to others? *To deliberately and purposefully pass them on to others in desperate need of these gifts?* That’s what this series is all about.

*The angels proclaim the coming of Jesus is “good news of great joy for all people”. Why is the coming of Jesus good news of great joy?*

- *The Messiah is here and He has come to rescue us from our sin and give us eternal life, now and forever! (The natural response to this good news is joy!)*

## 1) What is joy?

- *Greek: “chara” = joy; “charis” = grace. **Our joy is rooted in God’s grace.***
- *“Joy is delight in God and His salvation for the sheer beauty and worth of who He is. Its opposite is hopelessness and despair and its counterfeit is elation that comes with blessings not the Blessor.” (Tim Keller)*

## 2) What robs us of joy?

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_

**How will you regift joy to others this Christmas?**

# Study Guide



## Discuss / Reflect

1. What do you think is the difference between happiness and joy?
2. What can make it difficult to feel joyful?
3. In the Christian life, what is the connection between love, joy, and obedience?
4. What is the basis for Christian joy?
5. How does the good news of Christmas contribute to your sense of joy?
6. Which of the 4 “joy-robbers” rob you of your joy? How can you keep these things from continuing to rob you of joy?



## Apply

With the coming of Jesus and what He accomplished for us on our behalf, we have been given reason to have great joy, even in the midst of the pain and hurt of this world. How can you **regift this joy**? Who will you **regift this joy** to? How will you go about **regifting joy** to others this Christmas?