Choose Joy Week two Home/ Group Study Questions

- 1- What stuck out to you from this week's sermon?
- 2- Does injustice bother you? Should it? What specific "injustices" in the world bother you? Read through Isaiah 1:10-20. Jeremiah 22:3-5; Micah 6:8; Isaiah 58. What do we learn about God's heart towards obedience and Injustice?
- 3- Read **Philippians 1:12-18**. What injustice is Paul going through? What stands out to you about his reaction to this injustice? Why is his reaction so different than most Americans? How is it different from your reaction to injustices you experience?
- 4- How does "Understanding what you deserve" from a Biblical perspective help you maintain joy? In what ways does entitlement kill your joy?
- 5- What "idols" are in your life regularly? How do they affect your joy? how can you "Admit and Eliminate your Idolatry!"

6- In what ways do you put your hope in the fact that "Christ makes life easier, "rather than understanding Christ is worth dying for? How does this reminder help you maintain joy?

Practical questions to regularly ask yourself-

Do you <u>depend on others</u> to produce joy or do you choose joy when <u>no one is around</u>? Do you perceive joy as <u>being in the future</u>, <u>when circumstances change</u> or do you Choose joy today as your <u>present pursuit?</u>

<u>Do you manipulate situation</u>s to produce joy or do you <u>sit in God's presence</u> for joy? Does <u>entitlement</u> affect your joy or do you recognize everything you have as a <u>gift</u>? Do you rely on <u>karma</u> to fix injustice Or do you trust <u>Jesus' work</u> on the cross?