

Graves to Gardens

Week 5

BRBC Groups

March 17, 2024

Scripture | John 16:16-33

Ice Breaker | 1. What brings you joy?

Going Deeper

1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
2. Read John 16:16-33
3. What stands out to you from the text?
4. What are some of the different ways people may experience grief?
5. What significance do you find in Jesus' statement, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me" (John 16:16)?
6. How did Jesus' disciples react to his statement about seeing him in a little while and then after a little while? What does their reaction reveal about their understanding at that moment?
7. What does it mean that grief can turn to joy? Have you ever had an experience where your grief has been transformed to joy?
8. How did Jesus explain to his disciples that their grief would turn to joy?
9. Jesus promises no one will take away the disciples' joy in the future (John 16:22). How does this assurance speak to the permanence of the joy that comes from Christ?
10. How does the concept of belief play a role in transforming grief into joy? Have you ever struggled with believing that joy can emerge from sorrow?
11. Discuss the significance of asking for God's intervention in transforming our grief. Have you ever prayed for your grief to turn into joy? If so, did you notice any changes in your perspective or situation?
12. Trusting in God's timing can be challenging, especially when we're experiencing pain. How do you cultivate trust in God's timing during difficult times?
13. Discuss the role of community and support in the process of transforming grief into joy. Have you experienced the support of others during a time of sorrow? How did it impact your journey?
14. How does accepting Jesus' victory over the world affect our experience of grief and joy? How has your relationship with Jesus impacted your ability to find joy amidst grief?
15. In situations of grief, how can you apply this message from Jesus to help you find joy?