



**WEEK THREE**  
**The Joy Genome**  
**Dec 13 & 14, 2014**  
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*Joy is an inner wellness in your soul that trumps any outer circumstance you are in. Wherever Jesus is, there is joy.*

**STUDY QUESTIONS**

**1. How do you define the word 'joy'?**

Is it the same as happiness?

How do you think God defines the word 'joy'?

**2. Take a look at Luke 1:46-56. Why does Mary tell her cousin Elizabeth that she is rejoicing?**

What are Mary's circumstances?

What does it mean to "magnify" the LORD?

**3. Pastor Harry said that joy is an inward wellness of your soul that trumps any outward circumstance you are in. What did he mean by this?**

When have you been able to have joy in spite of difficult circumstances?

4. In this week's message you heard that joy is an "inside" work that comes when you believe that God will do what He says He will do, and when you give God the one thing He does not have from you. What is that one thing?

Why does joy come when you give it to Him?

5. From where else does joy spring, according to these verses?

- Psalm 27:6
- Psalm 47:1-3
- Psalm 71:23

6. Henry Drummond wrote: "No one can get joy by merely asking for it. It is one of the ripest fruits of the Christian life, and, like all fruits, must be grown." What did he mean by this?

What does it take to grow something?

How and when does something stop growing?

**Memorize John 15:11** — "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (NIV)

**Personal Meditation:** This week as you prepare your heart and mind for Christmas, spend some time thinking about the well-being of your soul in terms of joy. Is your current level of gratitude based on circumstantial happiness or on your joy in the Lord? How can you tend the fruit of joy in your life so that it will grow?