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Your heavenly Dad wants you to be filled with joy.

Warmup: What action or scenario quickly fills your heart with joy?

The Word and Worship

- Nehemiah 8:8-12 What is being presented to the people? In verses 8 and 12 what is now occurring in reference to the presentation of the Word? What is the effect upon the people?
- Psalm 28:6-7, Isaiah 51:11 Compare these two passages. What do they have in common? The heart leaps for JOY because the mouth is _____.
- How necessary are these spiritual habits to the manifestation of JOY?

Work and the Path

- Deut 16:13-15 What does this passage reveal about JOY? What actions contribute to everyone experiencing JOY? Identify specific examples of Covenant Grove working together and JOY is the result of our labor.
- Read Psalm 16:11 NIV What is the Path of Life? How does the Path of Life infuse you with joy?

RESPOND

- Where do you find joy in your everyday routine? Now that you've read the above verses, explain your belief system concerning joy. Where is there a gap between your belief system and what you practice each day?
- *(Psalm 118:24) "If we don't rejoice today, we will not rejoice at all. If we wait until conditions are perfect, we will still be waiting when we die. If we are going to rejoice, it must be this day. This is the day the Lord has made."* John Ortberg After reading the Scripture and the quote, record two action steps to pre-deciding to live in joy. Take 5 minutes to share your action steps with someone that is NOT sitting beside you.
- How is the Spirit leading you to respond this week?

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