

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of June 20, 2021

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### MY STORY

Do you recall a time in your life when something bad had to happen before something good could happen?

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

### DIGGING DEEPER

Jesus used the phrase "a little while" with the disciples. Sometimes, "a little while" can be a long time. How do we deal with that?

Why aren't Christians exempt from sorrow? Does this mean that God doesn't care about us?

When we are experiencing sorrow, is there anything we can do to turn it into joy?

Our culture places a premium on 'being happy'. How does this differ from having joy?

Jim spoke about a restored relationship with God. Why is Jesus necessary for that to happen?

Describe your concept of peace. How does it compare with the peace that Jesus speaks of? That the world seeks?

For the Christian, tribulation is guaranteed—v 33; 2 Tim 3:12. What encouragement does this passage give? How do we practically make it real in our lives?

Jesus said that He has overcome the world and Paul says that we are 'overcomers'—Romans 8:35-39. What does that mean to us and those around us?

### PRAYER REQUEST

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## Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

### WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

### PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

### WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Missionaries of the Month** Please pray for Carlos & Xinia Rojas serving in Costa Rica.

**Vacation Bible School** VBS this year is July 12-16. You can sign up online at [www.wpcchurch.org](http://www.wpcchurch.org).



## The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

### *From Sorrow to Joy*

*John 16:16-33 (ESV) Jim Vandermeer June 20, 2021*

#### I From \_\_\_\_\_ to Joy

- The joy of the birth of a child
- The joy of answered prayer
- The sorrow is temporary---the joy is eternal

#### II A \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship

- Our connection with God is restored
- Our relationship in the garden is restored
- Our relationship as God's people is restored

#### III \_\_\_\_\_ to the World

- We have peace because we are never alone in the world
- We have peace in the midst of tribulation from the world
- We have peace because Jesus has overcome the world