



GROUP LESSON

JOY FROM GOD IS JOY THAT LASTS

Leader's Guide
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Bible Lesson:

What makes you really happy? Do you think joy and happiness are the same thing? Actually joy means 'the feeling of great happiness'. That means joy is way better than plain happiness. Real joy comes from God.

Read: Paul and Silas were two men who had every reason to be unhappy but instead they were filled with extreme happiness or joy in spite of their circumstances. Read Acts 16:16-34.

Discussion Questions:

- What was the slave girl doing as she followed Paul and Silas?
- Why did the demon leave her?
- What did her masters do to Paul and Silas?
- What happened to them before they were thrown in prison?
- How did the jailers plan to make sure Paul and Silas did not escape?
- What did they do around midnight?
- What did this show the other prisoners who were hearing them praise God?
- What happened next?
- Why would the jailer try to kill himself?
- When the jailer saw Paul and Silas still in their cell even though they could have escaped, what did he say?
- How did Paul and Silas bless the jailer and how did the jailer help them?
- Do you think God can fill you with joy even in bad circumstances?

Memory Verse:

"Always be joyful.: - 1 Thessalonians 5:16