

JOY TO THE WORLD

December 14, 2025



BIG IDEA

We are to be a people marked by God-given joy, in response to who Jesus is, what He's done, and what He will do.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Psalms 98

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Matthew 5:11-12

Luke 2:8-12

Acts 13:49-52

Matthew 14:22-33

RESOURCES

Advent: The Season of Hope, by Tish Harrison Warren

Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus, by Fleming Rutledge

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or

phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?

4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the scripture. Rest now in God's presence, allow for silence and stillness. Listen for God's voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

SHAPED

Thinking about the Sunday sermon what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture what stood out to you?

How would you describe joy in your own words?

In what ways do you find yourself robbed of joy?

How does joy find expression in your life?

Describe the connection between gratitude for all Jesus has done for you and your own experience of joy.

SENT

Just as we are blessed to be a blessing, in being seen by God, he invites us to truly see others. This week be mindful, is God nudging you to notice someone in your community? Reach out to that person.