

Joyful Motivations

January 17, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. What do you think your primary motivation was in your teens? In your 20's? Now?
2. The sermon examined the Apostle Paul's main motivations in life. Review the points in the outline above. What stood out? Do you have any questions?
3. How did Paul's motivations help him to be joyful?
4. Take 5-10 minutes to study John 17:1-26 (known as the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus) to be able to answer the questions below.
 - a) Where do you see Jesus' heart for the gospel in this passage?
 - b) Where do you see his heart for the spiritual growth of his followers?
 - c) Where do you see his heart for his Father to be glorified?
 - d) Where do you see his heart for joy?
 - e) How well do you think that your motivations line up with Jesus' motivations?
5. Now study Acts 4:24-31 (a prayer that the early Christians prayed when they were threatened to not preach about Jesus anymore).
 - a) Where do you see the motivations of Gospel – Growth – Glory in their prayer?
 - b) What was the result of their prayer?
 - c) Do you think we should pray a similar prayer today?
6. Pray together for any needs you have. And pray that God would melt away any unhealthy motivations and that you would be motivated by the values of his kingdom.