



“Joy to The World”  
Small Group Questions  
For the week of December 12, 2021

**Icebreaker:**

*Where would you say you tend to fall on the spectrum between being a “Pollyanna” and an “Eeyore”?*

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Were you surprised to hear the history and background of the hymn?

What surprised you the most?

2. What would you say is the biggest difference in how our culture would describe the nature and source of joy versus Christian joy?

3. What does it mean to you that Christian joy is hereditary?

Read Galatians 5:22-23. What do you understand the “fruit of the Spirit” to be?

4. What does it mean to you that Christian joy is subversive?

Do you agree that the gospel is subversive?

If yes is there an example of it being subversive that stands out to you the most?

If no, what makes you answer that way?

5. What does it mean to you that Christian joy is rooted in Jesus?

What are some practical ways we can remind ourselves and one another to rejoice as Paul reminded the Philippians (3:1)?