

Liberty LifeGroups Discussion

TODAY

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This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers apply the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to www.experienceliberty.org and select the Sermon title listed above.

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it

“Most Christian never find and experience the happiness God wants them to know”---Matt Burrell

How many of us often live for the next big thing in our lives? Seems like sometimes we miss out on all the blessings of today because we look *beyond* today and focus our attention on tomorrow.

- Can you think and share with your group the blessings you have received today?

How many of you like to put up your Christmas tree in the October-November timeframe? How many of you pack a suitcase for vacation three weeks before you leave? Do you have a planner filled with your itinerary for the next year? Do you meal plan for six weeks in advance?

- What about this verse: James4:13 *Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.*
- What would happen if all your tomorrows didn’t pan out and all you had was today? How would living like that change the way you see today?

For many there is something missing in our lives that we seek to fill through trying to find happiness from “things”.

- What things do you think can bring you happiness and what things do you think can bring you true happiness?
- The last time you bought a new dress or a new suit, how long did the happiness last? Were you happy when you spilled something on your new clothes? Or maybe you bought a new car, and you were happy, but then you made the 5th car payment and found out doing that didn’t make you happy. Why do we think “things” will make us happy?

In America we have access to anything we want and can afford. We have 1000s of cable tv shows, 1000s of shopping websites, Amazon gives us unlimited access to products we don’t need and yet most Christians never really find happiness in their lives.

- Explain

Psalm 118:24 *This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Think about the time reference in this verse. It speaks specifically of today. (Although every day we should rejoice). We are not given the guarantee of tomorrow. Today is created specifically for the opportunity to consider the glory of God.

Today is a gift. How excited are you when you receive a gift... very excited!

- Were you excited for today? Why or why not?
- Did you consider that God thought about you today, that God has a plan for you today, that God watched over you while you slept? How thankful and joyful should we be? This day will never occur again. It’s a once in a lifetime experience. Why not live it to the fullest?

Decision Time You can make the choice to rejoice!

- How can we be joyful for today? Are you a negative Nancy or doubting Thomas?
- How can you make the change to a better experience?

Romans 8:28-29 *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- Why rejoice? Because we cannot be separated from the goodness of God. How has God showed his mercy to you?