



## SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN

### Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship
- Icebreaker Sing a favorite “Joy” song
- Testimonies/Good news/What are you thankful for?
- **WOF’s Purpose:**
  - 1) We teach and educate - exercising believer’s rights through practical application
  - 2) We are a holistic church- development of spirit, soul, and body
  - 3) We are a mission’s church - serving both domestic and international
- Short review of what was preached at service on Sunday
- Facilitation of Lesson

Attendee

### JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST

Joy is the gladness of heart that comes from knowing God, abiding in Christ and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Joy is also a part of the fruit of the Spirit and is always available to the children of God, even when we're experiencing natural suffering (in the flesh). God provides His children with the fruit of Joy to help us when we are experiencing weakness of any sort! There is nothing unusual about tests and trials coming your way. We are admonished to rejoice with exceeding joy. Joy is expressed by: jumping, dancing, singing, or playing music, etc. Rejoicing makes us strong and keeps us from being knocked down. Therefore, in the midst of tests, trials, sorrows and any other circumstance we are assured that *the joy of the Lord is our strength!*

**READ: 1 Peter 4:12-13, Luke 10: 17-21 NKJV** - In the authority of Jesus we have joy and power to overcome the power of the enemy (tests, trials & circumstances).

1. Tell of a time when you experienced God’s favor and power to overcome the enemy.
2. How did your expressions of joy (jumping, dancing, singing, or playing music, etc) help you?

**READ: James 1:1-8, Psalm 5:11-12 NKJV** - God blesses and defends those who put their trust in Him.

3. Describe what it means to have God as your defender?
4. Share how this confidence has (or could have) boosted your joy.

**READ: Acts 16: 22-28 NLT:** Our praise and confidence in God, frees us from any bondages (slavery or imprisonments) brought on to harm us.

5. Have you ever entered into praise and worship to God and experienced freedom from your cares? If so, describe the experience.

- Time of Prayer
- Your Circle: (Family, Friends and those you have influence with) How’s it going?
- Announcements-Next WOF service and any additional announcements
- Dismissal

**Prayer focus:** 1) Your Circle (friends and family) 2) Small Group members 3) Word of Faith Leadership  
**Have you reached out to your circle today?**

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