

DAVID'S MEN

SEEKING THE HEART OF GOD



Session 5

Leader's Package

Treasure: DISCOVER JOY

Key: Love Others

Book: *Everybody Always*

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JOY WORD CHALLENGE

Joy Words: joy, joys, joyful, and joyous.

9 Instances of joy words in *Everybody Always* pages 21 through 221.

1. Page 21 / Kindle Loc. 503 - joy
2. Page 91 / Kindle Loc. 1300 - joyful
3. Page 127 / Kindle Loc. 1742 - joy
4. Page 142 / Kindle Loc. 1921 - joy
5. Page 161 / Kindle Loc. 2129 - joy
6. Page 181 / Kindle Loc. 2387 - joy
7. Page 209 / Kindle Loc. 2727 - joy
8. Page 216 / Kindle Loc. 2794 - joy
9. Page 221 / Kindle Loc. 2840 - joy



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe that loving others and serving others are closely related?
2. What are some ways that loving others and serving others may be different?
3. What is the difference between loving someone and being in love with someone?
4. If your coworkers were asked who loved them well, would they mention your name?
5. How do you love people that aren't lovable by most people's standards?
6. How do you know the difference between using good judgment and judging others?
7. Do you usually tend to see others as people that Jesus loves and died for?
8. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you were technically correct but morally or relationally in the wrong? Were you loving others well in this situation?
9. Why is there a difference between helping people out of a sense of philanthropy and helping them in the name of Jesus?
10. Think back to a time when you remember someone loving you well. What did they say or do that had the greatest impact?
11. Have you ever had a relationship with someone where it was so simple and sincere it felt almost childlike?
12. Can you love someone you do not know?
13. Why might it be difficult to get to know someone? How can you move past those issues?
14. Have you ever been to a place in your spiritual walk where your responses to Jesus was a matter of compliance and legalism? How did love help you to break out of that place?
15. Have you ever had anyone in your life that built you up by telling you how Jesus sees you?
16. Have you ever left a safe place or broken a relationship because of shame in your life?
17. In your experience, does shame rob you of confidence?
18. Have you ever exposed a source of shame to someone you could trust and found relief by getting it into the open?



19. Have you ever known anyone that rejected Jesus because they were hurt and bitter due to legalism or judgmental attitudes in the church?
20. What is the difference between being part of a religion and being in a relationship? How do they look different?
21. Why does having an agenda rob our acts of love of meaning and impact?
22. Have you ever been in a situation where you thought you understood what someone was doing, but later found yourself involved in the same activity and saw them and the activity in a whole new light?
23. What is the advantage of dealing with difficult people in 30-second time commitments?
24. Do you ever find yourself acting like someone you aren't so that people will accept you? Do you feel loved in those situations?
25. Why is it that when people are busy loving others well they aren't taking time to keep track of other people's failures and shortcomings?
26. If we are busy loving others well, do we need to regularly tell others we are doing it because of Jesus?
27. Have you ever known someone who quietly loves and serves others in the background? When is the last time you told them you appreciate their efforts?
28. Discuss a time that your journey took you into spiritual deep waters and your faith was strengthened because of it.
29. Are you comfortable not knowing God's "big plan" for your life?
30. Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit prompting you to do something but you hesitated and the opportunity passed?
31. Does God give you all of the detail you would like in life?
32. Give an example of an impossible thing that God has done in your life.
33. Have you ever seen anyone try to talk or argue another person into accepting Jesus? Were you comfortable with the situation? Was it ultimately effective?
34. Has there ever been a time in your life when you believed something happened in your life for a particular reason but later came to realize that God had you go through the experience for a completely different reason?
35. Do you ever struggle with falling in-line with what is popular at the expense of aligning yourself with the eternal?



36. Each of us has our “happy place”, that place that feels like a bit of heaven to us. Where do you go to feel that little bit of heaven?
37. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you were waiting for God to reveal if you should proceed a specific way but later came to the realization that He had been waiting on you to start doing it?
38. Discuss a time when you have seen a person (or group of people) delay action while they waited on a plan?
39. Do you know anyone who is always trying to make themselves the hero or victim in every circumstance? Describe their witness for Jesus?
40. If someone secretly recorded video of you all day long, when others viewed the video, what would they say about how you treated the people around you?
41. “What if we weren’t afraid anymore?”



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