

GOD DELIGHTS

IN HIS SON

FOR DISCUSSION

What emotions does God most typically have? Do you think of God as “happy”?
Do you think most people do? Why or why not?

ENCOUNTER READ GODS WORD SO THAT HE CAN SPEAK TO YOU

1 Timothy 1:11 – *The good news of the glory of the happy God.*

EXPLORE HIS WORD ASKING QUESTIONS OF WHAT YOU SAW.

The notes which follow may help you to think through these questions

1)

How do people try to find happiness?

- Why do we fail to find lasting happiness from what the world can offer?

2)

Why does God delight in His Son?

- Matthew 3:16—4:11 –
- Matthew 17:1-5 –
- Matthew 12:18-20 –
- Colossians 1:15-20 –
- John 1:1-4 –

3)

How much does the Father delight in His Son? Based on the following Scripture, try to describe it.

- Matthew 11:27 –
- John 3:34-35 –
- John 5:20 –
- Philippians 2:9 –
- Hebrews 2:9 –

How hard was it for the Father to do what Romans 8:32 describes? Why did He do this?

4)

What kind of happiness and joy does God intend for believers to have?

- Matthew 25:23 –
- John 15:11 –
- John 17:13, 26 –

5)

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GOING FURTHER

One thing we can do to train ourselves to remember, is to memorize a part of what our Father has said to us. The Holy Spirit can use this to change our thinking so that our "heads" are more like Jesus.

This week, memorize 1 John 3:2-3.