

# Small Group Discussion 10/17/2021

## *Reasons to Rejoice in the Lord (sermon by Dan Norwood)*

Philippians 3

### Getting Started

- What special recognition or new possession did you once rejoice over, only to have it turn out to be temporary?

### Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
  - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
  - Pay attention to the main Facts of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
  - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
  - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
  - What is the main truth of the passage?
  - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
  - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
  - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
  - How should you respond based on what you learned?

### Discussion

- Is there a difference between being glad and rejoicing?
- In your opinion, what distinguishes rejoicing in the Lord from any other kind of rejoicing?
- The “conclusion” group (3:2) regularly performs rituals and ceremonies. How can these be used effectively without becoming mere superficial practices?
- What are some of the differences between justification and sanctification?
- Which verse in Philippians 3:12-16 would you like to memorize some day? Why did you select that verse?