

RECAP

Share with one another where you experienced “God with you” this week.

IDEA 1

Jennifer shared that Profound joy is found in determined pursuit of God.

How would you describe profound joy?

As you think about the wiseman, who were experts at seeing the signs and prophecies, what stands out to you about their determined pursuit?

IDEA 2

What does the determined pursuit of God look like in your life?

How can you enter into the joy of pursuing God this advent season?

We are invited to pursue God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength—and as a reward for this determined perseverance through the brokenness of our world, we will experience the transcendent moment, the reality and wonder of being in his presence. Not just for a moment, but for all eternity.

What does that truth mean to you?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Today we took communion together and instead of focusing our remembrance on confession and repentance, Jennifer encouraged us to let this profound joy impact our posture toward remembering—to approach it from a place of deep gratitude for what he has done and joyful expectation of what he will do.

Spend some time sharing with each other what that communion experience was like for each of you.

Then spend some time in thanksgiving to for his first coming and the hope we have for his second coming.

PRACTICE THIS WEEK

Set aside 5-10 minutes each day this week to spend in gratitude for the profound joy we find in pursuing God.

You may even want to consider memorizing 1 Peter 1:8-9:

You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.