

Series: Light in the Darkness

Sermon: Overflowing Joy

Bible Verses: Luke 6:43-45

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Evangelism: the _____ of the gospel (Jesus dying and rising from the dead to pay for our sin) with the intent that an unsaved person would _____ to follow Jesus.

Jesus says that my "fruit" - what comes out of my life - shows _____ of person I really am.

THIS IS FRUIT: The things I _____ (and _____) are an _____ of what is happening in my heart.

:: In Scripture (ancient times) the heart represents _____ and resolve, not _____ ::

It's good to speak to people about God (evangelism), but what is our overflow? _____?

The root of the word "gospel" actually means " _____ "

If I LOVE and KNOW God what type of fruit would that produce?

_____! JOY! _____!

C.S. Lewis explains that when we are _____ and excited about something it is human nature to _____!

The Church's goal for 2010:

That our heart for God would overflow _____ and into the city. We will take risks to expand His kingdom.

7 Practical steps:

1. Stop thinking about evangelism as merely a _____. "Evangelism is an expression of my _____."
2. Read the Bible - _____. Find out who God is to be happy about him.
3. Study _____ about God, so you can see things to get excited about.
4. Get in a Growth Group because joy comes _____ when other happy people are with you.
5. Pray often and pray _____ so you can have joy when God answers your prayer.
6. John Piper: "Learn to _____ to yourself rather than listen to yourself."
7. Practice _____ in times when joy seems impossible. (2 Peter 3:15, James 5:10, James 1:2)