The Way of Jesus Week 2: The Way to Happiness

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

Mark spoke about Communion being completed at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. Reading in Revelation 19, what do you imagine that will be like?

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READ IT AGAIN:

• John 2:1-10

DISCUSS:

- How do you define happiness?
- From John 2:1–10. Why do you think Jesus chose to do his first miraculous sign at a wedding?
- How is marriage a picture of our relationship with Christ? (See <u>Ephesians 5:28–32</u> and Revelation 19:6–8).
- What habits have you developed or next steps have you taken that have contributed most to your personal happiness?
- Make a short list of the things that make you happiest in your faith. (Homework opportunity: Find a way to give 10% more time or energy to those things.)

PRAYER:

Take some time simply to thank God for all the various blessings he has put in your life. This could be a time of "popcorn" prayer where anyone can chime in with a brief word, phrase, or short sentence expressing things we are grateful for. Each person can chime in multiple times.

SCRIPTURES:

• Romans 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

- Revelation 19:6–8, "Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure' — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints."
- Ephesians 5:28–32, "In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church."
- Psalm 37:4, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."
- Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."
- Isaiah 12:3, "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."
- 1 Peter 3:14, "But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled."