

# thegoodlife

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a life of celebration

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## Key Texts

Deuteronomy 16:14-15  
1 Chronicles 16:27  
Psalm 16:11  
Luke 2:9-11, 24:51-52  
John 10:10; 17  
Romans 14:17  
2 Corinthians 6:4-10  
Galatians 5:22  
Ephesians 3:20-21

Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some questions to get you started.

## Reflection Questions

- What questions and comments do you have about the sermon and supporting texts?
- What stories from the Gospels can you identify that involve Jesus and parties?
- Why are “happy” and “Christian” often seen as very separate?

## Read John 17

- Define eternal life (**v3**). Is this the way you have been taught?
- How does this definition of eternal life connect with **John 10:10**?
- Who does Jesus pray for in **John 17**?
- What does he pray for in this prayer?
- What does this look like in practice? In your life? In Orillia?
- Why is this so important? What does this have to do with living the Good Life?
- Since Jesus prays in **v21** *“I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one... And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.”* What does this mean? What is one of the driving forces of evangelism?
- What does Jesus’ prayer have to say about mission, about our partnership with God and how these are connected?
- The Roman Catholic theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, said, *“Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.”* Agree or disagree? Why or why not?
- Jesus said in **v13** *“I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy.”* What are the implications of this verse?
- It’s easy to focus on *“Joy because of...”* it’s a little more difficult to practice *“Joy in spite of...”* Why?
- Having gone through this series:
  - How would you define the Good Life?
  - Are you experiencing the Good Life?
  - Are you introducing the Good Life to others?