## **GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER**

- 1) What is one person, place or thing that would have to be included in a perfect day for you?
- 2) If you could have any kind of cake for your birthday, what kind would it be?

## MESSAGE REFLECTION

- What is something from the sermon that stood out to you, convicted you, or inspired you?
- 2) Why does understanding more about God's character always result in worship?
- 3) What is it about God that would make him command celebrations and joy?
- 4) How is it possible for the joy of the Lord to be your strength?
- 5) Me + \_\_\_\_\_ = Joy. What has filled in that blank for you? What should fill in that blank? Why is it important to fill in that blank correctly?

#### GOING DEEPER

# <u>READ</u> – **Psalm 16:11, 32:11, 70:4, 92:4 & 126:3** together

- 1) What common themes about joy emerge in these Psalms?
- 2) What are some of the reasons for joy, according to the Psalmists?
- 3) How does the idea of eternal circumstances influence our concept of joy?

#### LIVING IT OUT

This week, practice finding joy in God alone. Not in things or circumstances, but through reading His word, prayer, silence, or Godcentered music.

**PRAYER TIME** – *Pray for the needs and requests in your group.*