



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Life Group Discussion Guide

Message: "Elf"

Sermon Series: Christmas at the Movies

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Message Notes

Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. **Psalm 95:1 (NLT)**

See that your stressful circumstances may be physical.

See that your stressful circumstances may be relational.

See that your stressful circumstances may be financial.

Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender. **Proverbs 22:7 (NLT)**

How do we find joy in the midst of a stressful season?

And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. **Acts 13:52 (NLT)**

1. Joy does not come from a perfect life.

Happiness is external. Joy is internal. Happiness = happenstance

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! **Philippians 4:4 (NLT)**

Happiness is dependent on the flesh. Joy is dependent on the Spirit.

2. Joy is a gift from God.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)**

“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me.” **Luke 1:46-49 (NLT)**

3. Joy comes from knowing “Him.”

But the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! **Luke 2:10-11 (NLT)**



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Four Questions

LEARN: *What am I learning? What am I curious about? What questions do I have?*

LIVE: *What thoughts/habits/desires do I need to adopt or surrender
so I can experience the abundant life Jesus gives?*



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LOVE: *How will this empower me to love God (with all my heart, soul, mind and strength),
love myself (as Jesus loves me), and love my neighbor (as I love myself)?*

LEAD: *How is God calling me to lead people into
a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?*