

March 12th, 2017  
Sermon Notes

## Growth Group Discussion

**Winter**

**Week 8**

We use these times to *grow spiritually and to deepen our relationships*.

On Sunday we talked about the first “Key to an Indestructible Joy”: **Trust** in God’s work in us—past, present, and future.

### Discussion Questions

1. What were the things that stood out to you most about Sunday’s message?
2. Do you agree that happiness and joy are important, but that you can’t secure them for yourselves **directly**? Why or why not?
3. Read the following scriptures. What do they reinforce about life as a Christian?  
Galatians 2:20  
Philippians 1:21  
Romans 8:9-14  
I Corinthians 3:16-17  
I Corinthians 6:19

4. Which is more challenging for you: to trust that God is at work in **you** or to recognize how God is working (or has been working) in someone else’s life. Why?

What are some of the consequences if/when we don’t recognize God’s work in someone’s life (or our own)?  
What are some of the consequences when we do?

5. In Paul’s prayer for the Philippians in 1:9-11, he mentions fruitfulness and growth in discernment. Read Galatians 5:22-23, 2 Peter 1:5, and James 3:17. Using these descriptions as a litmus test, do you feel you are growing in your character in these areas? Why or why not? Ask some people close to you for some honest feedback on your growth in these areas.

6. If you were to wake up tomorrow incredibly energized by your belief in how God is working in yours and other Christians’ lives, how would it affect your day? How would it affect your thoughts, focus, and actions this week?

## **Family Reminders**

### **New Sunday Morning Class**

**Mindfulness:** Being Spiritually Firm while  
Maintaining Psychological Flexibility with  
Dr. Marcus DeCarvalho

**The class will be held in the auditorium.**

### **March Madness**

JCC will be hosting this annual event the weekend  
of **March 31st to April 2nd**. More info in the  
electronic newsletter and/or go to  
[www.jccmarchmadness.com](http://www.jccmarchmadness.com)

### **I CHOOSE US Marriage Workshop**

Save the Date! **April 22nd** 9am-1pm

Join Guy and Loretta Berndt for this marriage-  
enriching environment. Learn, grow, and improve  
your marriage. Your future self (and spouse) will  
thank you!

### **Get the Jax Church App!**

Just a reminder: we have a great app with original  
content, messages, notifications, updates, and a  
revamped giving function that is super easy to use  
(weekly recurring giving is the best option). Search  
for “Jacksonville Church” and you’ll find it!