

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Questions to dig deeper into this week's topic



HIDDEN TREASURES

JULY 20, 2025 | THE JEWEL OF JOY

1. Few of us enjoy pain and suffering, even if we know they're inevitable. What's your go-to strategy for trying to protect yourself and your loved ones from pain?
2. Read the following verses, what does each say about the positive contributions of suffering and pain?
 - 1 Peter 3:8-16
 - Romans 5:1-5
 - 1 Peter 2:18-25
3. Read the fuller context of Acts 5:17-42. How do you think the disciples could've found the reason and capacity to rejoice in v. 41? Have you ever been in a situation where you found an unlikely and confusing joy? Explain.
4. Dion Garrett shared that when looking around the globe, we see sisters and brothers in Christ who are under extreme trial AND they exhibit great joy. He suggested that their joy may not be an exception to their suffering, but a direct result of it. Discuss.
5. Author Brene Brown, in her book Gifts of Imperfection, shares "We cannot selectively numb emotions, when we numb the painful emotions, we also numb the positive emotions." What does this add to your understanding of the relationship between suffering and joy? What does this say about Jesus and his willingness to suffer for us?