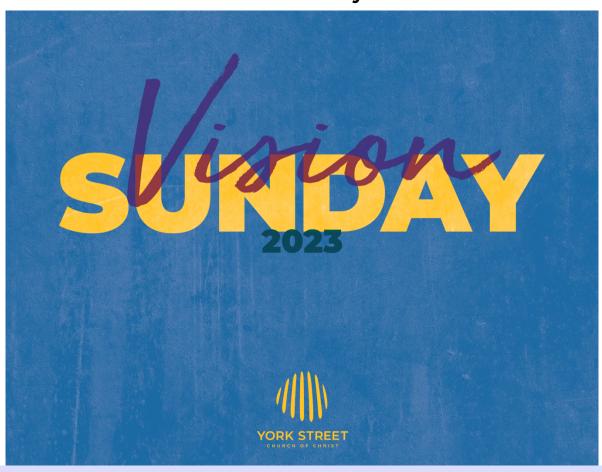
# York Street Small Groups Sermon Based Studies

Sunday 12th February 2023
Vision Sunday



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



### **GETTING STARTED**

**Q1.** Joy is very different from happiness. It is a deep peace that comes from knowing that no matter what, we are God's beloved sons and daughters. Think of some of the difficult times in your life. Have you ever found joy in those moments, even though you were unhappy?

**Q2.** What was a happy moment you experienced this week?

**Q3.** How might you develop and demonstrate an attitude of joy in your life? How can you help others to achieve this?

## **INTO THE WORD**

### Read Romans 5:3-5

**Q3.** Which of these benefits that we have received from God is especially meaningful to you right now? What does it look like when you find your confidence and joy in what God has done?

# Q4. Read Hebrews 13:16

What practical things should Christians be doing to demonstrate their love for Christ and to share the gospel with other?

**Q5.** We are a constantly changing sociality. The largest influence on our daily lives today is technology. Education, telecommuting, online shopping, and the availability of click-and-collect services almost wherever you may shop have made it easier for more people to isolate themselves from society. What strategies can we use to communicate with our society? What kind of hospitality can we show to strangers to share the good news of the gospel?

# Pray

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that we will be a Church that is bursting with faith in Jesus, let us find Joy in your word, and faith in the body of Christ. Help us to develop our Joy and go forwards in our trust of you so that we might experience more and more of your plans for your people. Help those who lack joy to have the courage to ask for it, and those who have joy and faith to boldly share it with others.

Amen.