

Life Application Questions

A joyful people (SM) A confident/faithful people (DM)

Isaiah 2:1-5 & 25:6-9

Scratching The Surface

1 - Oxford Dictionary's word of the year for 2022 was 'permacrisis' - what do you want your word of 2023 to be?

The Heart Of The Matter

1 - Is it legitimate to say that Life Church can be a joyful people in the light of the current situations in the world? Why/why not?

2 - What are the things that you find yourself rejoicing in/because of/even though?

Share some times when you've been in each of those different parts of life.

3 - What have your honest experiences been of reading the bible, when has it been enjoyable? When has it been hard? When has it been non-existent?

Digging Deeper

1 - The Puritan Richard Sibbes says that Christ is both 'the host' and 'every dish of the feast' described in Isaiah 25:5. What does it mean for Christ to be the choicest of meats and the finest of wines? Expand on how that can create and sustain joy in us as a people of 'this mountain'

2 - What are some of the ways in which we can enjoy the table prepared for us in the presence of our enemies (Ps 23)? How can we spend time in God's presence despite being on the battlefield of life? Get practical rather than giving the 'right' answer...

3 - How is the world described as responding to God's people in Isaiah 2:3?

4 - What are the ways in which we can be tempted to make the church a "lower mountain" instead of believing that God has the power to draw people like streams flowing upwards?

5 - How do you think God might be calling you and us to walk with him (Isaiah 2:5) this year?

6 - How does this all relate to our vision of Bringing Life to Every Community?