

## JOY – 3/28/21

### OVERVIEW

“To turn your eyes upon Jesus, you must first take your eyes off of yourself.” This may seem simple or cliché, but it will be the hardest thing you will ever have to do as you follow Jesus. Often, we are our own worst enemy. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and pick up our cross and follow Him. He calls us to imitate Him as He imitates His Father. How will you choose **JOY (Jesus, Others, You)** as you follow Jesus?

Scriptures (ESV): Matthew 20:20-28; Hebrews 12:1-2; Luke 22:24

### APPLICATION

- Maybe it's your need for extra sleep, your desire for a promotion at work, your stubbornness in your marriage, etc. What is an area in your life where you find yourself thinking of your own needs rather than the needs of others?
- Craig said that the path to greatness is not based on your rank or position in the Kingdom of God, but in your relinquishing of power for the Kingdom of God. What does this look like for you personally? How have you seen it play out in your own life?
- In Hebrews 12:1-2, we see that Jesus did the will of the Father out of His **JOY** for His Father. True joy looks like **Jesus, Others, You**. In what area of your life have you messed up this order and, therefore, your eyes are not focused on Jesus first?
- How can you practically put Jesus' example of **JOY** into action?
- Commit to one practical step this week!

**NEXT STEP:** Craig said, “Prepare the way...Don't get in the way!” Every morning this week pray these words. Ask God to remove your selfishness and any barriers that might be in the way to showing others who He is. Pray over the practical step you committed too and take action.