

Series: In the Earliest Church **Title:** The Happiest Place on Earth

Scripture: Acts 3:9-10; 4:21; 8:8; 11:18: 15:3; 16:25,34; 21:20

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Isaiah 52:7 – “How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” (NASB)

The early church experienced the good news of happiness because they....

1. _____ **the Good News**
(Acts 16:25,34)

2. _____ **the Good News**
(Acts 15:3; 8:8)

3. _____ **the Good News**
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Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Acts 3:9-10; 4:21; 8:8; 11:18: 15:3; 16:25,34; 21:20

1. When you think about your happy place, what comes to mind? In what ways does this place bring you joy?
2. Recently, in what ways has “the good news of happiness” (see Isaiah 52:7) brought you great joy?
3. In what ways have you recently brought others “the good news of happiness”?
4. If you are a Christ-follower, how have your levels of joy changed since you came to faith in Jesus Christ? Take some time to contemplate one particular way that your belief in Jesus has given you great joy.
5. How have stories of others’ salvation elevated your joy? Why do you think hearing about others’ salvation can bring the hearer great joy?
6. How has sharing the Gospel with others brought you great joy? Who have you shared the Gospel with in the past year?
7. Are you inclined to celebrate God’s life-changing work when you hear how God is working in various people and places? When are you most likely to join in salvation or life-change celebrations? When are you most unlikely to stop and give God thanks for the work He is doing in and through others?
8. How do you hope your life will be different as a result of today’s message? If your happiness is to take a leap forward, what will it take to make that happen?