

**Matthew 13:44-46 &  
Philippians 3:7-11**  
Fruit of the Spirit: Joy



*Before you come to homegroup read the passage again, make a note of any questions you'd like to ask, and try and answer the questions on the sheet.*

1. What brings you joy and what robs you of joy?
2. Jesus talks to his disciples about joy in John 16:19-24...
  - a. What will be the cause of the disciples' grief?
  - b. How does the illustration of the woman in childbirth (v21) help to understand why joy in Christ overcomes the disappointment and grief of the world?
  - c. In v24 Jesus says that we can ask for anything in his name and we will receive it, and that our "joy will be complete."
3. Think about the man in the parable of the hidden treasure in Matthew 13:44. Why do you think Jesus said that he sold all he had "in his joy"? How does this help us understand how the Spirit gives us the fruit of joy?
4. Look at Philippians 3:7-11 and talk about how we can keep and grow our joy in Christ.