



Sermon Notes

October 25, 2026

Series

The Heart of Jesus

Today's Message

Joy in the Desert

Today's Main Scripture

John 17

Are you _____?

Does the Father _____ to Jesus?

Our Shared Experience

- Hard to Hold

The Biblical Picture

- Overflowing Cups
- Leaky Buckets

The 21st Century Dilemma

- What are we drinking?
- What are we thinking?
- Where are we digging?

Self Reflection:

1. John 17:13 is the center of today's message. After reflecting, what does Jesus mean when he says "my joy"? What is Jesus's joy?
2. Going back to the beginning of the message: Are you joyful? Would your family testify to this? Would your coworkers?... Is there a mismatch between your outer countenance and your inner thought life?
3. What drains your bucket?
4. Can you think of a time in your life, even if brief, where your cup overflowed?
5. Do you see the Christian life through a lens of hardship and suffering or through a lens of joy? How would Jesus or Paul ask you to adjust your gaze?

Further Study

Job 38:4-7; Psalm 51:12; Isaiah 12:2-3; John 15:9-11, 16:20-22;
Romans 5:3-5