



Times of Worship

Sunday Bible Classes:	9am
Sunday AM Worship:	10am
Sunday PM Worship:	5pm
Wednesday Bible Study:	7pm

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Evangelist

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Weep With Those Who Weep

Paul tells the church in Rome to “rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” (**Rom 12:15**) Maybe at first this seems like a natural response to have with someone. If you see them happy, you are happy. If you see them sad, you have compassion for them and are sad as well. However, this command is sometimes harder than it seems.

Do you like people to be happy or sad? I think for most of us, we prefer to be happy and prefer others to be happy as well. When we see someone sad, we may want to cheer them up and do whatever we can to make them un-sad. However this verse tells us to weep with them not make them feel bad for weeping.

Solomon tells us in **Ecclesiastes 3:1**, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” He goes on to say, there’s a time to die (a sad event even if the one who dies is a christian), a time to weep, and a time to mourn. There is nothing we can do to stop these events from happening “under the sun.” One of the best things we can do for one another is weep and mourn with those who are going through difficulties.

The best thing Job’s friends did for him was sit with him silently for seven days and seven nights. (**Job 2:13**) They did a very good job or weeping with those who weep. They got in trouble when they started making assumptions and accusing him of sins he never committed.

Jesus wept with those who were mourning Lazarus’ death. (**Joh 11:35**) Jesus waited to come to where Lazarus was knowing that Lazarus was dead and knowing how his sisters Mary and Martha wanted Jesus to be there. He waited “for the

Week of June 18

Attendance

- ◆ **AM Service** - 63
- ◆ **PM Service** -
- ◆ **Wednesday** - 45

Contribution

- ◆ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ◆ Contribution - \$1,770

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ◆ Tom Hadley (7/3)
- ◆ Katie Scott (7/5)
- ◆ Ronnie and Amy (7/8)

Calendar Items

Men's Meeting this afternoon at 4pm at the building

Women's Bible Study on Tuesday at the building at 11a

Song Learning Class on Sunday July 9 at 4pm at the building

Today's Lessons

- ◆ **AM Sermon** - Distractions
- ◆ **PM Sermon** - 2 Samuel 21

glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (**Joh 11:4**) Jesus wept even though He was about to raise Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus never told anyone there to stop weeping. Weeping was the correct response to this situation. Mary and Martha just lost their brother to a sickness. Jesus wept with those who were weeping.

I believe the hardest time to weep with those who weep is when you are happy. It's easier to weep with those who are at a funeral because you all are mourning the loss of someone. What if someone is sad at a very happy event? You are excited and the last thing on your mind is weeping. What's on your mind is laughing and having a fun time with everyone.

In order to weep with those who weep, we need to genuinely love others. In fact that's what Paul commands us to do a few verses earlier in **Romans 12:9**. If someone is weeping, the loving thing to do is show empathy with that person. We are putting their needs above our own.

If our child comes to us crying while we are laughing and joking around, we should not tell our child to not bother us and "go to your room and cheer up." Love shows concern for them and wants to know what is making them sad so we can try and help them. Weeping with those who weep means we need to "count others as more significant than ourselves" and "look to the interest of others." (**Phil 2:3-4**)

What happens when we weep with those who weep? It brings us closer together. The one weeping sees you take an interest in them and what they are going through and become very thankful for you. It is an opportunity we have to be like Christ and show love to someone who really needs it.

There is a healing process that takes place when we weep and mourn. What a blessing it is to have brothers and sisters in Christ who care about you and are ready to help carry and lift your burdens. Knowing we are a part of a spiritual family who loves each other and is ready to rejoice and weep with you is a blessing that is hard to put into words.

May we put others ahead of ourselves and show concern for them as Jesus did those He was around.

Patrick