

## Advent Week 3 Joy Robbed... Reflection Questions 12/11/2022

- 1. When we "magnify the Lord" we cannot actually make Him bigger than He is. So what does "magnifying" actually do?
- 2. What are some areas in your life where you tend to "magnify the problem" instead of "magnify the Lord"?
- 3. How can we "magnify the Lord" when there are still challenges in our lives and personal weaknesses we are battling?
- 4. Do you find that the concept of "victimhood" gives you an excuse not to allow God to bring change in your life?
- 5. Did you agree with this statement: "Circumstances in our lives do not have the power to stop us but the conclusions we draw about those circumstances do"?
- 6. How have you personally been tempted to embrace a victim mentality? When you compare yourselves to others, where do you not measure up?
- 7. Discuss the concept that: "We celebrate progress not perfection."
- 8. What did you think of the Winston Churchill quote: "Success is moving from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm"?
- 9. How would you answer the question: "Can I, as a Christian, actually feel good about myself?"
- 10. Do you think for a Christian, a constant negative low-grade feeling bad about yourself helps to keep you under control?
- 11. In the account in Nehemiah chapter 8, why did God expect Israel to have joy even before they measured up to His requirements?
- 12. Is your feeling of shame a bigger problem than what you feel ashamed about?