






	<p>JOYRIDE: Searching for Joy...in Relationships</p>
 BIG IDEA	<p>The Christian Life is a Connected Life.</p>
 ICE BREAKER	<p>What was your first car (or what would be your dream first car), and what's your favorite memory associated with it?</p>
 MAIN POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We need both vertical (with God) and horizontal (with others) relationships ● Your life is only as rich as your relationships ● Joy differs from happiness - it's a deep delight and peace that persists in good and bad times ● Joy Grows on Purpose, Over Time, and in Community ● On Purpose: Relationships require intentional investment and eliminating hurry ● Over Time: Deep relationships can't be rushed or manufactured quickly ● In Community: The most impactful relationships are often wrapped around a common mission
 DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paul wrote, "I thank God every time I remember you." Who in your life would you say this about, and why? 2. The sermon mentioned that "hurry" can be an obstacle to meaningful relationships. How have you seen this play out in your own life? 3. What's the difference between having acquaintances and having deep friendships? What do you think it takes to move from one to the other? 4. What commonalities have strengthened your relationships in the past? 5. Pastor Shan emphasized that joy grows "on purpose." What is one intentional step you could take this week to deepen an important relationship in your life? 6. How has being part of a community strengthened your faith journey? If you're new to community, what are you hoping to find?
 NEXT STEP	<p>Choose one relationship in your life this week and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make time for an unhurried conversation 2. Express specific gratitude for what that person means to you 3. Identify a common mission or purpose you could pursue together
 SCRIPTURE	<p>Philippians 1:3-8 I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.</p>
 NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	<p>Join us next week and invite a friend as we continue the JOYRIDE series studying the Book of Philippians!</p>

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