

# Contagious Joy Bible Study Guide ONLY #8



*(Copied from our Contagious Study Book in Chapter Eight)*

Note from bfc- You might want to read the book of Job when you have a little extra time during this 12 week study, we have several verses coming from that book and it is going to be an extra “eye opener for us”. I read it again, and this time in the NLT Bible Version I received a lot more out of it because we happen to be referencing back to it so much.

As Christians, we often feel a kind of pressure to succeed. We want to get it right and give God the glory. But life has a tendency to throw curve balls. We’re hit with something we never saw coming, and all we want to do is put it behind us. But God has a purpose, even in our struggling times. When we long to shout, “That didn’t count! I want to try again,” God says, “It counts! And what’s more, count it all joy!(copied from our study guide)

1. Jesus never promised that our lives would be easy. As a matter of fact, the New Testament seems unanimous in its assurance that we will have many trials throughout our lives. Write out the following scripture in your study time: **Acts 20:19 – 1 Peter 1:6 and James 1:2**
2. What does Jesus use to illustrate the passing nature of our trials in **John 16:21**?
3. What does Jesus go on to promise in **John 16:22**?



8. “Count it all Joy” means trusting that God’s plan is the best one. What does **Psalms 19:8** have to say about the directions God choose for us?

9. What does John tell us in our future, according to **Revelation 21:4**?

*Digging Deeper:* Philippians 3:7-8 – James 5:11 and James 1:2

*Ponder and Pray:* Share your heartfelt prayer in you study pages here

*Trinkets to Treasure:* In Gods’ way of thinking, everything that comes our way has a purpose. The things we’d rather forget or do over again might be the very things He’s using to make us stronger, wiser and more trusting. We’re to count it all joy, even when life throws us a curve ball, so our trinket this week will be a wiffle ball. It can remind you of batting practice, when everything that is pitched our way becomes a chance to learn and grow and strengthen your game. (Copied from study guide)