“The Birth of Joy in the Death of Self-Glory”

*John 3:22–30*

Sermon Outline

Big Idea—*The buds of lasting joy only bloom in the fertile fields of a humble heart.*

**Introduction: Made for Joy**

Key References—Isaiah 60:21; Psalm 16:11; Philippians 1:25; 4:4

**The Parasite of Self-Glory**

**The Game You Never Win**

Key References—Matthew 3:2, 6; 4:17

**How to Cultivate a Humble Heart**

Key References—Zephaniah 2:3; 1 Peter 5:6

*1. Recognize everything everyone has is received.* (Key References¨—1 Corinthians 4:7; Job 1:21; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; Matthew 25:1–30)

*2. Remember your identity and mission.* (Key Reference—Philippians 1:15–18)

*3. Rejoice in the surpassing greatness of Jesus.*

**Conclusion: Faithfully Decreasing**