



Today's Topic: When we can't stop grieving...

Matthew 5:4, Isaiah 61:1-3

Sunday, September 18, 2022

1. God's Promise

"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted" Matthew 5:4 (NIV, 2011)

2. Restored Purpose

"... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes" Isaiah 61:3 (NIV, 2011)

3. Restored Joy

"... the oil of joy instead of mourning...." Isaiah 61:3 (NIV, 2011)

"Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." John 16:22 (NIV, 2011)

4. Restored Faith

"...a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair." Isaiah 61:3 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps:

Take one healing step...

Consider Griefshare and Stephen Ministry, details available online @ RoserChurch.com

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is grief such a powerful force in our lives?
2. Read Matthew 5:4 and Isaiah 61:3. Why did people in ancient Israel place ashes on their heads? What does God mean when He says that He will replace those ashes with a crown of beauty?
3. What did people in ancient Israel apply oil to their skin, and why would they stop applying oil during times of mourning?
4. Read John 16:19-24. How will Jesus's ongoing relationship with His disciples continue to bring them joy?
5. Why does grief challenge our faith?
6. How does God make it possible to sing His praises again, after we have experienced loss?
7. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?