## Thoughts about **REJOICE**

The program had a positive immediate impact on selfesteem in all participants.

Overall, participants enjoyed the program and thought it was very well done.

Participants were satisfied with the program materials and their REJOICE Leaders.

REJOICE Leaders felt it was a great ministry within a ministry (of the church).

Orientation Location Address

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Renewed and Empowered for the Journey to Overcome in Christ Everyday

# **Emotional** Wellness in **Christ**

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

(3 John 2:2, KJV)



#### What is REJOICE?

REJOICE is a research project that is designed to help participants recognize when they are feeling down and learn skills that will help improve their mood while growing closer to God.

#### What does REJOICE want to test?

- Will REJOICE work in a community/real-world setting?
- ➤ Will REJOICE help improve emotional health?

#### How will REJOICE work?

Twenty four churches will be recruited in the Arkansas Delta area to participate.

Each church will identify 2 people (REJOICE Leaders) that will be trained by community leaders to deliver the REJOICE program.

Small groups of 8-10 people will meet in churches once a week for 8 weeks for a 1-hour lesson with Bible Study.

## Who can participate?

- ► Generally healthy African Americans aged 18 or older
- Able to complete an 8 session program
- Would benefit from an emotional wellness intervention
- ► No serious memory problems
- ▶ No substance abuse

## **REJOICE Program Topics**

- ► Stress Management
- Overcoming Barriers to Activities
- ► Coping with Difficult Situations
- Racism, Discrimination, Trauma & Loss
- ► Financial Hardships



## Participant Expectations

- Complete the program (8 weekly sessions)
- Complete all assessment visits
- > Be ready and willing to make changes!

### **REJOICE Benefits**

You will learn skills at NO COST that can help you achieve mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional health in your personal, family, and work life.

- ➤ If you participate, your information will be kept private.
- You will also receive a gift for completing assessments.