

Joy



DISCOVERING JOY

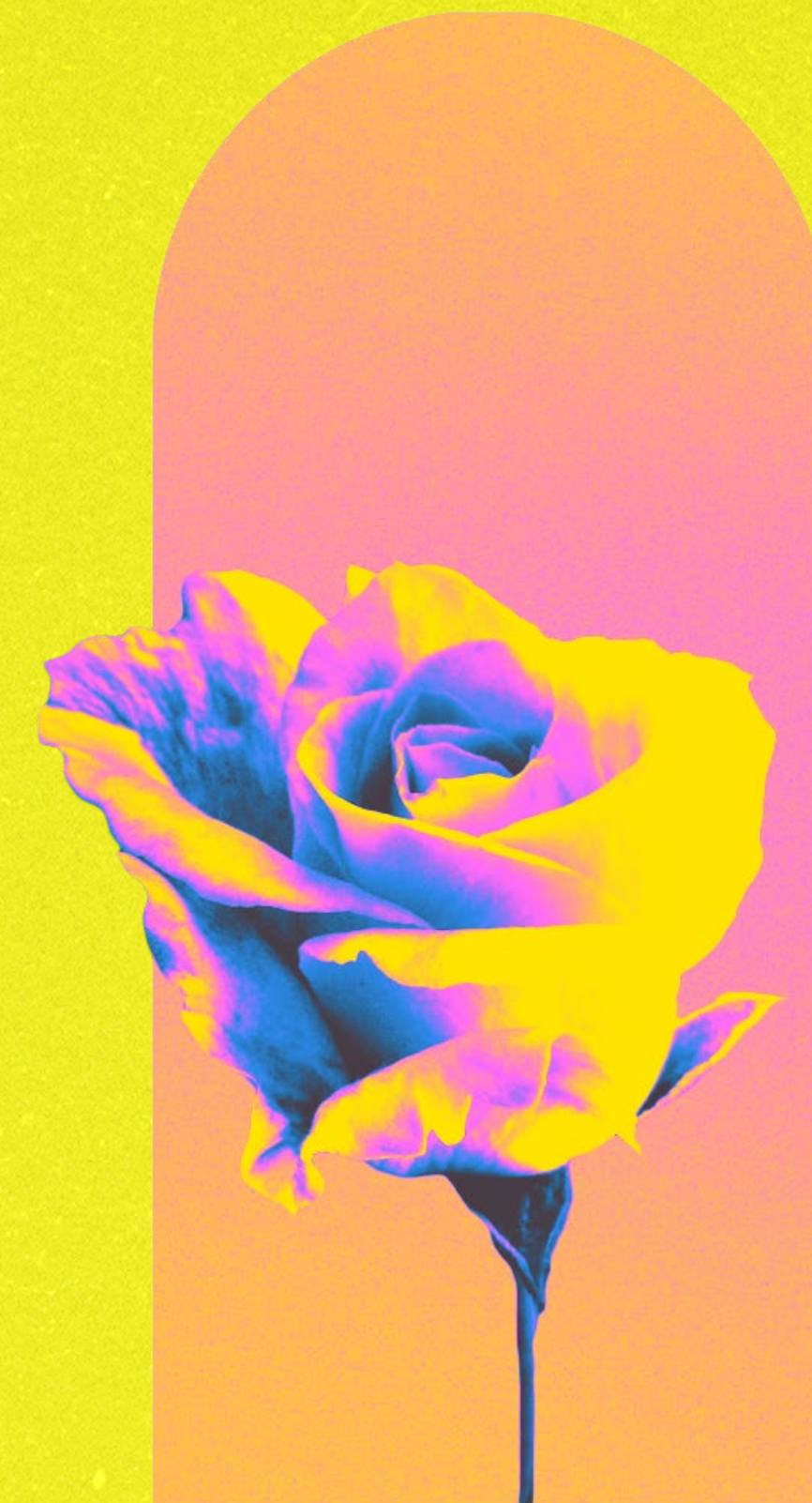
THROUGH PHILIPPIANS

SESSION 6: HUNGRY FOR JOY

Read Martin Luther King's quote again from last week:

'There was a time when the church was very powerful. In the time when the early Christians rejoiced at being deemed worthy to be persecuted. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer - a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion of the culture and age. No, the Church was a thermostat - a thermostat that transformed the atmosphere of the society around it.'

Opening discussion: Looking back at the last week, in what ways have you tried to be a thermostat, rather than a thermometer?



READ: MATTHEW 5:13 - 16

READ: 1 CORINTHIANS 12

Discuss: Can you think of a person who makes a difference to the world, their workplace or community because of the way they live defiantly for Christ?

Discuss: What role do you think the Church is called to play in the transformation of society?

Discuss: What opportunities do you currently have to use your skills and gifts to serve the church or the local community?

Discuss: What have been your experiences of serving at church? Do you have any stories of joy that has come from times of serving?

P R A Y T O E N D

“Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.”

