

Let's Celebrate | Week 7

Introduction

God is the most joyful being in all the universe. There are things that anger him and bring him sadness, but his primary posture is joy. He delights in his creation, and he delights in you. Celebration is a spiritual discipline. God wants us to learn to trust in him to the extent that we rest, laugh, and relish in his blessings. Baptism itself is a joyful expression of God's grace in our lives.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Conversation Starters (15 minutes)

1. What is your favorite way to celebrate?
2. When was the last time you didn't celebrate a moment in your life? How do you feel about that?

Sermon Notes Review (10 minutes)

What caught your attention, challenged, or impacted you from this weekend's message?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to Romans 12:2

Group Discussion (35 minutes)

1. What is a moment of celebration in your life that you will always remember?
2. Read [Psalm 118:24](#)
 - a. We are very used to celebrating our worldly successes. What are some ways you are celebrating things that we've taken for granted?
3. Read [Luke 15:22-32](#)
 - a. Which person from the verse do you identify with when it comes to celebration? Why?
 - i. The Father who was glad to see his lost son come home
 - ii. The Lost son who just came back
 - iii. The Son who has been there, but feels hurt about his brother's celebration
4. How do you celebrate others?
5. Read [Acts 2:46](#)
 - a. How do you celebrate with the people you are sitting with right now?

Next Steps (10 minutes)

Before Prayer, talk about some things with each other that you are working towards and that you are looking forward to celebrating. How can the group encourage you?

Prayer (10 minutes)

As a group, take time in prayer to praise God for all the things that you've been able to celebrate because of his love and grace.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- It's not too late to start thinking about Easter. Make sure to invite anybody and everybody! Easter is also a great way to serve as a group at one of the services. Discuss it as a group and go to serve.sv.cc to sign up!
- The Sun Valley app is the best way to keep up to date with Sun Valley such as finding times for Easter services. You can download it on the Apple Store or the Google Play store.