

Thrive!

Week Thirteen:
Celebration

Daily Scripture Reading

Sunday :The Lord has triumphed

Exodus 15:1-2, 20-21

Monday: The Joy of the Lord

2 Samuel 6:12-19

Tuesday: Bless the Lord

Psalms 103

Wednesday: Praise the Lord

Psalms 150

Thursday: Hosanna!

Luke 19:35-40

Friday: Walking and leaping and praising God!

Acts 3:1-10

Saturday: Hallelujah!

Revelation 19:1-8

Supplemental Questions

"Celebration is central to all the Spiritual Disciplines. Without a joyful spirit of festivity the Disciplines become dull, death-breathing tools in the hands of modern Pharisees."

- Richard

Foster

1. Do you enjoy God?
2. Do you find celebration difficult?
3. Which do you prefer? Spontaneous bursts of joy or planned celebrations? Why?

Read: Philippians 4:4-7

4. The joy of the Lord is not a mere good feeling, as our lives often include suffering, sorrow, disappointments and pain. What does it mean to be full of joy always? What does it NOT mean?

5. How does selfishness hinder real celebration?

6. What role does thankfulness have in regards to celebration?

Read: Luke 11:27-28

7. Jesus said that it is an even greater blessing to live in obedience than to have been the mother of the Messiah! Think about this profound statement. God teaches us that joy comes through obedience to Jesus, and joy results from obedience to Jesus. What do you think are God's ways of bringing His joy to your life?

8. Why do you think we feel good after an evening with friends?

9. What are some genuine ways to promote true celebration?

10. As we close out this study, which was your favorite discipline and why?