



## Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. The God of the OT is not a God of judgment, but of celebration! When you make the transition from the Old Testament-OT- (promise made) to the New Testament (promise kept) the expectation of celebration exponentially increases. Celebration is no longer a date on a calendar like in the OT, but the overflow in your life in Christ! When you see someone overflowing with Christ, what does it look like? What do they do? How does this inspire you?
2. Read the Philippians verse. This verse speaks of rejoicing. Why do you think this was emphasized in this verse?
3. The gospel means good news. With Jesus Christ being risen, celebration is now our way of life. This does not mean everything we experience is wonderful, it speaks of a mindset. What do you think a mindset of “rejoicing” means?
4. The feast of focus in this week’s teaching is the Feast of First Fruits.
  - It is an act of thanksgiving: bringing your first portions to the Lord in gratitude
  - It is an act of faith: Acknowledging that God has done what He said He would do
  - Is it a revelation of who God is: the God who provides  
Give a few examples of how God did for you what He said He would do, and how He has provided for you.
5. Some do not understand who God is because they don’t act in thanksgiving and faith. Our God is one of abundance (read the John verse). What do you think “having it [life] to the full” means to the believer?
6. First fruits (and your participation in this celebration) is an overflow of what the Holy Spirit is doing in your life. What is God doing in your life right now?
7. As a group, take a moment to write three personal gratitude statements. Each person share one.

## Series: *Feast!* “First Fruits”

Week of March 13, 2022

### Main Idea

***First fruits (and your participation in this celebration) is an overflow of what the Holy Spirit is doing in your life.***

### Key Scripture Reference(s)

***Read aloud:  
Colossians 2:6-7  
Philippians 4:4  
John 10:10  
John 11:25***

### Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

**Mon:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thu:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fri:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sun:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.*