



Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. This series “Feast” is all about learning to celebrate as God intended. We learn by studying the Old Testament feasts, what and how to celebrate: Passover was a celebration of liberation; First fruits are a celebration of provision; and Booths was a celebration of dependency. There is also a celebration of preparation. When you have to “prepare” for something, what steps to you take? How does preparation help you later?
2. In this week’s sermon, we learned three feasts that are celebrations of preparations, those are: Feast of New Moons, Feasts of Trumpets, and Sabbath Year. Two principles are prevalent in these feasts. *The principle of firsts and the principle of rest.* The impact of the principle of first fruits in our lives is that we prioritize our relationship with God. How do you prioritize God in your life? How does that help you in your day-to-day?
3. There is a sense of all-ness in this idea of “firsts”. Read the Deuteronomy verse. What does it mean when you read those words?
4. If you draw near to God, He will draw closer to you. Read the James verse. What are some ways you have seen people draw near to God?
5. Resting is a preparation for what He is going to do. When you rest on your Sunday—giving God your first of the week— rest for your soul, it is a preparation for what God is going to do Monday – Saturday. How do you prepare for your week?
6. There are two ways we are called to rest: In grace and in faith.
 - In grace, we must first give grace to ourselves, so we can then give that to others. What do you think that means?
 - In faith, we trust that God is going to take care of us, as we do our parts as well.

How does God take care of you? How do you thank Him?

Series: *Feast!* “Celebration of Preparation”

Week of March 27, 2022

Main Idea

Celebration is no longer a date on a calendar, but the overflow of your life in Christ!

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:
Colossians 2:6-7
Deuteronomy 4:29
James 4:8

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.