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Tools for Discipleship – Celebration Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 2:10; John 15:11 By Kirk Gambrell

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One of the very important but sometimes overlooked spiritual disciplines is celebration. It is easy to get too focused on all the commandments and the do's and don'ts of spiritual disciplines and forget that we must celebrate the goodness of God. Celebration is about declaring God worthy of honor and praise while thanking Him for the blessings we have received. It is also about taking action in celebrating the work that He is doing in our lives.

Today we want to focus on celebrating by participating in a celebration of God. On October 4th Clear Lake Bible Church hosted a group of international students. God was clearly at work in our congregation and in the lives of the students. Looking at the following questions think about how you can share and celebrate God's work. On Sunday morning during our regular community group time we will all gather together to share some of our stories about how God was at work and together we will celebrate Him. This will not be a regular community group but a chance to share about your interaction with the students and the weekend. On the back of this page are a few questions to get you thinking about how you can share your experience.

Read Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice!
⁵ Let everyone see your gentleness. The Lord is near!
⁶ Do not be anxious about anything. Instead, in every situation, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, tell your requests to God.
⁷ And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Read Luke 2:10

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, for I proclaim to you good news that brings great joy to all the people.

Read John 15:11

I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete.

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

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