



DNA: What Makes Us-We will maintain a Culture of Celebration

If your past year had a highlight reel, what one moment — big or small — would make the cut, and how did you celebrate it?

Memory Verse: Psalm 118:15-17

THERE ARE SHOUTS OF JOY AND VICTORY

IN THE TENTS OF THE RIGHTEOUS:

“THE LORD’S RIGHT HAND PERFORMS VALIANTLY!

THE LORD’S RIGHT HAND IS RAISED.

THE LORD’S RIGHT HAND PERFORMS VALIANTLY!”

I WILL NOT DIE, BUT I WILL LIVE

AND PROCLAIM WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE.

READ: ROMANS 8:28, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16, ACTS 5:40-42, PROVERBS 18:21, PHILIPPIANS 1:6

1. What would it look like to "proclaim what the Lord has done" in your everyday life?
2. The sermon said, "Negativity dismisses God's goodness, but celebration remembers it." What tends to distract you from noticing God's goodness during an ordinary week?
3. **Read Romans 8:28.** How is trusting that God is working for our good different from expecting Him to make life easy or comfortable?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 4:16.** If you're comfortable sharing, where have you experienced God sustaining or renewing you during a difficult season?
5. **Read Acts 5:40-42.** What can the apostles' response teach us about celebrating God's faithfulness while still honestly acknowledging pain?
6. The sermon challenged us to recognize simple blessings rather than focus only on what is missing. What everyday blessing have you been overlooking lately?
7. Gratitude, hope, and faith are disciplines, not feelings. Which one (gratitude for past grace, hope for future glory, faith for present trust) needs the most attention in your life, and what specific practice could help you grow in it this week?
8. **Read Proverbs 18:21.** How have you seen words shape the atmosphere around you, and what is one change you could make to speak with gratitude, hope, or faith?

9. Our Celebration DNA statement falls under our "Welcome Home" Big Rock. What is one practice our group could adopt to celebrate what God is doing in others while also caring well for those who are struggling?

10. **Read Philippians 1:6.** How does God's promise to complete His work in us give meaning to "The best is yet to come," even when life remains difficult?

CLOSING: Take time to thank God and celebrate each other. Take turns going around the room and celebrating, thanking God for each other.

For example: Your group could go from left to right and each person encourage, bless and celebrate the person to their left.

OR

Each person could choose someone individually from the group. Leaders just need to make sure each person in your group is celebrated.