



CELEBRATE CULTURE-WELCOME

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Our text comes from Romans 12:9-18 as we focus on being a church who welcomes people no matter where they are in their relationship with God. To excel in this area we need to be people who have a healthy relationship with God. We need to understand some truths to be able to live out what Jesus meant when He said "freely you have been given, now freely give." (Matthew 10:8)

Three Truths in LIFE:

1. **We've all FALLEN SHORT.**

A. We're Muddy. Once we acknowledge that we all sin, what steps can we take to not live under condemnation?

Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1; Romans 3:23

B. We're Selfish. As we examine areas where we have been selfish, discuss ways that God has given us to help us overcome this sin.

Philippians 2:3-4; Romans 12:10

C. We're Afraid of being exposed and rejected.

Discuss what our mind-set should be according to God's Word and how that helps us live free of fear.

2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 8:15-16; 1 John 4:18

2. **We've all FALLEN ASLEEP.**

Christians can be passive about their faith. How can we protect our hearts to keep us from being apathetic about the things of God?

Proverbs 4:20-23; Romans 1:16; Romans 8:11

3. **We've all FALLEN in LOVE.**

How can we guard ourselves from falling in love with things of this world that keep us from having a healthy relationship with God?

James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19

What's Next

- Ask God to forgive us when we sin, be forgiven, and live in the mercy and grace of God.
- Stay 'on fire' for Him by staying in a healthy relationship with God through His word, His Spirit, prayer and fellowship with others.
- Don't love things and use people. Rather love people and use things.