"Remembering God's Presence: The Discipline of Celebration"

Leviticus 23:33-44

Community Building Talking Point

What has been a high point and a low point of your week?

Questions for Discussion

- 1. What are your favorite things to celebrate? How do you celebrate them?
- 2. What are some things that truly bring you joy in this life? When and how do you enjoy those things?
- 3. Why did God give his people commands to celebrate certain festivals?
- 4. How can you make sure God becomes the focus of your celebration?
- 5. Why is a balance of simplicity and celebration healthy for our souls
- Consider the memory verse for this week from 1 Thes. 5:16-18:
 "Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
 - What would be different if you knew how to rejoice always, pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances?
- 7. What is something you can do this week to celebrate and enjoy the goodness of God?
- 8. How can you encourage others and help them celebrate God's goodness as well?

Challenge: Intentionally celebrate the joy of knowing Jesus this week, giving thanks to him and encouraging others.

Pray with each other, sharing each other's concerns with God, but also praying for the Spirit to open up the doors for our witness to Jesus.