

REVOLUTIONARIES
REVOLUTIONARY CELEBRATION

The BIG Idea Team, Individual and Family Study Guide

Please take time to run through this study guide with your team, on your own, or with your family so that you can further apply and process the BIG Idea.

Big Idea:

Revolutionaries engage in regular celebration with God.

Key Verse:

Read Psalm 34:1-9 (The Message)

I bless God every chance I get; my lungs expand with his praise. I live and breathe God; if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy: Join me in spreading the news; together let's get the word out. God met me more than halfway, he freed me from my anxious fears. Look at him; give him your warmest smile. Never hide your feelings from him. When I was desperate, I called out, and God got me out of a tight spot. God's angel sets up a circle of protection around us while we pray. Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him. Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness

The Scoop:

We celebrate many special occasions and have a lot of fun doing so, but it doesn't generally feel revolutionary. What if we lived life like we had something to celebrate every day? If we celebrate God and who He is and invite others to join us we can experience revolutionary celebration.

Celebration isn't just about a party. It's about occasionally surrendering ourselves to the undignified praise, a willingness to let go and do anything for God who is beyond our wildest imaginations. We celebrate not only through church services or singing, but in reading the Bible, journaling, praying to God, and being in community with His people. Though these may appear to be the average list of Christian expectations, these can be revolutionary acts that lead us down the road of our own personal revolution.

1. Take some time to evaluate your relationship with God when it comes to celebrating. Which of the following best describes you? Why did you pick that answer?
 - a. **The wallflower**--I am observing the party from the edge of the crowd, afraid to get on the dance floor and reveal my lack of skills.
 - b. **The wanderer** -- I am making my way through the crowd, checking out different things going on but not really participating in anything yet.
 - c. **The socialite**--I have found out what the crowd is doing and I'm working up the nerve to join in.
 - d. **The life of the party** -- I don't even care what is going on around me, I'm going to party like it's 1999!
 - e. **Other**
2. Why is it often easy to contain our enthusiasm or excitement about our God when it comes to celebrating Him?
3. How could you revolutionize your celebration? How could celebrating revolutionize your relationship with God?

What's Next? (take home/further processing/application)

This week read some of the Psalms listed below to get an idea of how David celebrated God. Journal about these passages and challenge yourself to find something to celebrate each day that you may not normally have noticed.

Psalm 23

Psalm 29

Psalm 34

Psalm 63

Psalm 76

Psalm 92

Psalm 95

Psalm 96

Psalm 135

Psalm 136

Psalm 145

Psalm 147-150