



## May 11 – Joy in Scripture

Have you ever thought about the fact that there are many, many celebrations in the Bible? That perhaps there might even be a “theology of celebration” that we often overlook in scriptures? Join us this weekend as we rediscover this important and necessary part of our faith – the part that is filled with joy amid everyday celebrations!

### Scripture:

#### Psalm 100 NLT

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! <sup>2</sup>Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. <sup>3</sup>Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup>For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

#### Acts 2:42-47 NLT

<sup>42</sup>All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup>And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup>They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup>They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — <sup>47</sup>all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

### Questions:

- How are you intentionally nurturing and feeding the joy in you?
- Take time this week to immerse yourself each day in a scripture text that speaks to joy. See if it changes your perspectives on things!

### Reading for the Week:

- Monday: Psalm 5:11
- Tuesday: Proverbs 3:13
- Wednesday: Philippians 4:4
- Thursday: Zephaniah 3:17
- Friday: Luke 2:10
- Saturday: Romans 14:17