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Formed - Celebration

Summary – A way our enemy caricatures Christianity is to paint us as fun haters. By no means is this a new tactic but stretches back to the origins of our Faith. The answer is to take a 30,000 feet view of Scripture to see the constant desire God has to be generous and bless His people with joyful celebration.

Scripture – Genesis 2:16-17, 12:3, 26:4, 28:14, Exodus 23:14, Nehemiah 8:8-12, John 2:1-11; Ephesians 5:18; Matthew 11:19; Psalm 51:12, 16:11; Hebrews 2:9

Community Group Questions:

(There is no obligation to discuss every question/quotation)

Introduction

If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion has crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. C.S. Lewis

1. “Celebration makes sin less attractive.” Discuss
2. How well do you think you celebrate?

Culture: (John 2:1-3)

1. Like Jesus at the wedding, how can we embrace culture?
2. Is there a part of you that would criticize the miracle Jesus did at the wedding?

Shame: (Ps 51:12)

1. How has the enemy used shame to rip you off and keep you from celebrating?

Worship: (Ps 16:11)

1. How has God designed worship to bring us into the joy of Jesus’ presence?

People: (Exodus 23:14)

1. How are you planning in celebration?