

Welcome To The Party
Planning the Party For the Future
Pt. 4

Small Group Questions:

1. This Sunday we wrapped up our “ Welcome to the Party” celebration and series. What did you learn?
2. The theme of celebration is taught in many ways and in many sections of the Bible. As a group, identify as many of these places in the Bible as you can.
3. What do these passages teach us about celebration today?
4. How has this series impacted your view of God and your view of life with Him?
5. The future of SMCC will include more devotion as we desire to increase our commitment to Jesus, more delight as we desire to elevate our joy in Jesus, and more people as we desire to expand our impact with Jesus. Which one of these ideas excites you most? Why?
6. Pray together for the future of SMCC and the 2030 strategic vision our leaders are working on.

Luke 15:22-24 *But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.*

Luke 15:4-7 *“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*

Revelation 19:6-9 *Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.) 9 Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”*

The future of SMCC will include:

More devotion as we desire to **INCREASE** our commitment to Jesus.

More delight as we desire to **ELEVATE** our joy in Jesus.

More people as we desire to **EXPAND** our impact with Jesus.

Ephesians 3:20-21 *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.*