

Session 9 – Guide

EDIFY: Shape Your Life for Good

How to Throw a Party



This guide provides key themes, verses, takeaways, protocols and further study recommendations to help deepen your understanding and application of the session's content.

Setting the Stage

Introduction

Life is full of celebrations—some good, some misplaced, and some with eternal significance. In this session, we explore the concept of parties as they appear in the Bible and discover how true joy is found in God-centered celebrations. From Jesus turning water into wine at a humble wedding feast to the grand promise of the marriage supper of the Lamb, Scripture shows us that God not only values celebration but invites us into His eternal joy.

Reclaiming Sacred Celebration

Our world has often distorted the language of "party" and "celebration," reducing these words to fleeting pleasures or indulgent distractions.

The devil is a vocabulary thief. - Ty Gibson

It's time to reclaim these terms. God owns the idea of celebration—He is the ultimate host, inviting us to partake in gatherings that reflect His love, grace, and purpose. True celebration is not frivolous or shallow; it is sacred, transformative, and deeply satisfying because it flows from the heart of God Himself.

Let's take back the language of celebration for His glory, anchoring our joy in the eternal and not the temporary, as we explore what it means to rejoice in the Lord.

Key Themes, Texts and Takeaways

Jesus Prioritizes Joy

- **John 2:1-11** – Jesus' first miracle, turning water to wine at Cana, symbolizes God's desire to bring joy and abundance into our lives.
- **Takeaway:** God's glory is revealed in His desire for our happiness and His commitment to elevate even our smallest celebrations.

The Prodigal's Feast

- **Luke 15:11-32** – God's lavish love is on full display in the parable of the prodigal son. His readiness to forgive and celebrate a repentant heart reminds us that Heaven rejoices over every sinner who comes home.
- **Takeaway:** God's forgiveness and grace are worth celebrating—not only in Heaven but in our lives as we extend the same love to others.

The Danger of Misplaced Celebrations

- **Daniel 5** – Belshazzar's feast exemplifies the emptiness of self-centered and Godless celebrations. It serves as a cautionary tale about ignoring God's holiness and glory.
- **Takeaway:** Not every celebration is worth attending. Discernment is needed to distinguish between worldly indulgence and meaningful joy.

The Ultimate Celebration: The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

- **Revelation 19:6-9** – The greatest party of all time will be the eternal union of Christ and His people. Every earthly joy points toward this ultimate celebration.
- **Takeaway:** Our lives are invitations to the marriage supper of the Lamb—let's RSVP through faith, obedience, and sharing this invitation with others.



Practical Protocols

1. **Celebrate the Joy of Others:** Cultivate a spirit of celebration when others experience God's grace. Whether through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, or shared moments of gratitude, participate in Heaven's joy over redemption.
2. **Be a Light in Social Spaces:** Approach celebrations and gatherings with intentionality. Carry God's love into every space, whether it's a wedding, dinner party, or community event. Be the reason others experience joy and hope.
3. **Discern Your Participation:** Not every celebration aligns with God's purposes for you. Reflect on the influence a gathering has on your heart and decide if your presence can glorify God or if it's time to step away.
4. **Look Forward to Eternity:** Live each day with the ultimate celebration in mind. How does your life reflect your anticipation of the marriage supper of the Lamb? Let this eternal perspective guide your daily actions and attitudes.

Reflect and Respond

- **Personal Reflection:** Which "party" are you currently living in—one of joy, redemption, and celebration, or one of distraction, emptiness, or indulgence? What steps can you take to align your life with the joy of God's Kingdom?
- **Reevaluate Priorities:** Are there celebrations in your life that pull you away from God? How can you reshape them into opportunities for His glory?
- **RSVP to the Ultimate Party:** Take practical steps this week to prepare for the marriage supper of the Lamb—whether through intentional prayer, sharing your faith, or celebrating God's goodness with others.

Further Study

- **The Sin of Unenjoyment** ([Link](#)) – Ty Gibson
- **The Desire of Ages** – *Chapter 15: At the Marriage Feast* ([Link](#))
- **Christ's Object Lessons** – *Chapter 16: Lost, and Is Found* ([Link](#))
- **Prophets and Kings** – *Chapter 43: The Unseen Watcher* ([Link](#))