



**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**The Practices of Grace**  
**Rejoicing – Deuteronomy 16:9-22**  
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Main thought:

God commands us to practice rejoicing in order to help us respond to His protection, provision, power, and perspective.

Notes:

The 5 books of Moses

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| 1. Genesis     | <u>Ruin</u>        |
| 2. Exodus      | <u>Redemption</u>  |
| 3. Leviticus   | <u>Communion</u>   |
| 4. Numbers     | <u>Direction</u>   |
| 5. Deuteronomy | <u>Destination</u> |

The 3 major festivals

1. Festival of Unleavened Bread (Passover) vv. 1-8
2. Festival of Weeks (Pentecost) vv. 9-12
3. Festival of Booths (Tabernacles) vv. 13-15

The practice of rejoicing

1. Look **back** to where you were
2. Look **around** to see what God has given to you
3. Look **how far** you've come by God's grace

The practice gives perspective

1. Societal (vv. 18-20)
2. Sensual (v. 21)
3. Spiritual (v. 22)



### Ice-Breaker

- Share a fun rejoicing moment in your life generally, spiritually, or both.

### Verse of the week

- What is a verse or truth from God's Word that has stood out to you this week from your own personal Bible reading?

### Digging In

Read or recap Deuteronomy 16:9-22, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage or message?
- Name the three major festivals in Deuteronomy 16. Why were they celebrated?
- Why were these festivals commanded by God? What's the application of these festivals for our lives today?
- Read verse 14-17. What were the additional commands for the festivals? Why were they important?
- Share with the group what comes to mind from your own life when you think about the 3 aspects of rejoicing shared on Sunday:
  1. Look back to where you were
  2. Look around to see what God has given to you
  3. Look how far you've come by God's grace.
- How does the practice of rejoicing give perspective when it comes to society, sensuality, spiritually? (vv. 18-22)

### Application

- What application or take-away will you apply this week from this passage?

### Prayer Together