

7th October 2018

Questions for further study

Being party people

Leviticus 23 v1-8

1. How many times do you find to celebrate during a year? (This could be personally, as a family, with friends or colleagues, or as a nation.) What are the ingredients for a good celebration?
2. Read Leviticus 23 v1-8. God instituted seven feasts for the Israelites to celebrate. What was the importance of these feasts? What relevance do they have for Christians? Augustine is quoted as saying “The new is in the old concealed; the old is in the new revealed.” What did he mean by this?
3. What celebrations do we hold as Christians in the church calendar? Why is it important to celebrate at these times?
4. Read Luke 15 v6-7, 9-10, and 23-24. What are the celebrations for?
5. The British have a reputation for grumbling and whingeing. Do you think this is earned? God wants to redeem our culture. In what ways can we bring celebration into the lives of those we come across every week?
6. In our celebrations we should stop, look, listen and praise. What does this look like? How can we cultivate a gratitude attitude?
7. Read Hebrews 13 v 15-16. What do these verses challenge us to do? How can we obey them this week?
8. This weekend we celebrated 20 years of ministry by Gordon and Janice. Take some time to pray for them, thanking God for their work in the past and looking forward to all he wants to do through them in the future. Pray for the rest of the leadership team.