

## 5 Ways the Feasts Formed God's People

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### NEXT STEPS

- Think through the rhythms/habits/practices of your life that are shaping you. Are there enough spiritual rhythms in your life?
  - What is one new spiritual rhythm/habit/practice that you might add to your life to help you remember, worship, celebrate, rest in, and/or trust God?
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**NEXT WEEK** | "Moses & the Day of Atonement" | Leviticus 16



## Moses & the Feasts of Israel

Leviticus 23

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Today we explore the 7 feasts of Israel; what they were for and where they point!

FEAST	DATE	DURATION	ORIGINAL REASON	FULFILLMENT IN JESUS
<b>1st half of year</b>				
<b>Passover</b>	14th of 1st month	1 day	God's redemption from death	Jesus is our Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7)
<b>Feast of Unleavened Bread</b>	15th - 21st of 1st month	7 days	God's deliverance from Egypt	Jesus is the Bread of Life (Jn. 6:35)
<b>Feast of Firstfruits</b>	Day after the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread	1 day	God's provision at harvest	Jesus is the Firstfruits from the dead (1 Cor. 15:20)
<b>Feast of Weeks/ Pentacost</b>	7 x 7+ 1 (50 days) after Sabbath during Feast of Unleavened Bread	1 day	God's provision at harvest	On Pentecost, the expansion of Jesus' global church begins with a harvest of 3000 souls (Acts 2:1)
<b>2nd half of year</b>				
<b>Feast of Trumpets</b>	1st of 7th month	1 day	Declaration of God's rest at the start of the Sabbath month	Jesus' people will be gathered to God's rest with a trumpet blast (1 Cor. 15:52)
<b>Day of Atonement</b>	10th of 7th month	1 day	God's gracious atonement through sacrifice	Jesus is our once and for all sacrifice (Heb. 9:23-26)
<b>Feast of Tabernacles</b>	15th - 21st of 7th month	7 days	God's provision and presence in the wilderness	Jesus is God with us (Jn. 1:14)



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*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

*This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.*

*During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.*

### CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Are there rhythms/habits/practices in your life that have deeply formed your life? Share and explain.

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Leviticus 23 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text/message this week? What was new, fresh or challenging?
2. What are the feast days (holidays) in our annual calendar that are meant help us remember, worship, celebrate, rest and worship? Do they serve these purposes or have they become something else?
3. Read John 5:39 - 46. What is Jesus saying here? Do you see how each of the 7 feasts of Israel points to Jesus? How does this impact your appreciation for and awe of the Bible? How does this impact your worship of Jesus?

4. What's the POWER of spiritual rhythms/habits/practices? What's the DANGER of spiritual rhythms/habits/practices? How do we harness the power and avoid the danger?
5. What are the non-spiritual rhythms/habits/practices of our culture and world that are forming our lives?
6. Besides holidays, what are the spiritual rhythms/habits/practices that are forming your life?
7. Comparing the spiritual and non-spiritual rhythms/habits/practices of your life, are there enough spiritual practices forming you? If not, what is one rhythm/habit/practice you might add to your life?
8. Growth Group as Family/Servant/Missionary: The feasts of Israel were meant to be rhythms they practiced TOGETHER. What rhythms/habits/practices can your group pursue together for your shared spiritual formation?

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for those suffering through this Covid-19 pandemic and pray for it to end soon. Give thanks to God for the recovery that's underway!
- Pray for the Lord to shape and form your group together in new and deeper ways through intentional rhythm/habit/practice.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.