

Remember Camp

- **Leviticus 23:33-36, 39-43 - ³³ The LORD said to Moses, ³⁴ “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the LORD’s Festival of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days. ³⁵ The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work. ³⁶ For seven days present food offerings to the LORD, and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly and present a food offering to the LORD. It is the closing special assembly; do no regular work.**
- **³⁹ ““So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the LORD for seven days; the first day is a day of sabbath rest, and the eighth day also is a day of sabbath rest. ⁴⁰ On the first day you are to take branches from luxuriant trees—from palms, willows and other leafy trees—and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. ⁴¹ Celebrate this as a festival to the LORD for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴² Live in temporary shelters for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters ⁴³ so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in temporary shelters when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.”**
- **John 7:37-39 - ³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”^[c] ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.**
- **The Festival of the Booths**
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- **Sacred time is intentional time to be with God, to be open to God.**
- **Rest.**
- **^{39b} - The first day is a day of sabbath rest, and the eighth day also is a day of sabbath rest.**
- **Matthew 11:28: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”**
- **Relationship.**
- **Rejoice.**
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- **How and When do you rejoice that God is wants a relationship with you?**
- **Remember.**
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- Psalm 46:10 – Be still and know that I am God.
- When do you remember all that God has done for you?
- Daily
- Weekly
- Annually
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Starter Question: Describe a time and a setting when you felt close to God.

1. Read Leviticus 23:33-36 and Exodus 20: 8-11
2. In your opinion, why was rest so important that God commanded it and scheduled it? What does it say to you that God wanted there to be three weeks a year when his people were not to work?
3. Read Leviticus 23:39-40
4. To rejoice is to celebrate. How would you explain to someone what it means to rejoice in the Lord? What have you found helpful in your life that helps you rejoice in the Lord?
5. Read Leviticus 23:42
6. In what environment do feel closest to God? How would camping out for week draw God’s people to celebrate their relationship?
7. Read Leviticus 23:43
8. Take a moment now to reflect on your life. What are some moments when God showed up? What does remembering these moments make you feel?