

# September 29

## Impact through Rites

Welcoming Mat  
Weddings,  
Front Door  
Funerals.

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### Discussion Questions

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1. Have you had your children dedicated? Was that a rite of passage for you as a parent? If you've never considered child dedications as a rite of passage, how might you see that they could or should be?
2. Consider weddings, graduations, "big" anniversaries, birthdays, baptisms or funerals. How could we be intentional about recognizing them as spiritual rites of passage that are very much reflections of our faith in God?
3. What has been the most impactful rite of passage in your life so far?
4. Has God ever silently asked you to re-establish your identity as a person of God? What did that look like and how did you respond?
5. In what ways are weddings "Welcome Mats" and funerals "Front Doors" to those who are open to spiritual truths, but might not otherwise come to church?
6. What ways could we use celebrations and rites of passage to impact our communities in the next year?