



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM FACILITATOR WEEK 2 - SEPT 29 & OCT 2

LEADER INFO:

- If you haven't yet, please pick up the field guides for men after service in the Connect Center and Welcome Desk. If you need more just let us know by e-mailing Garri Lynn the Disciple Groups Coordinator at garrilynn.darter@coe22.com.

- If you have room in your group join us at one of our next two Disciple Group Experience on October 10th and 17th. This is a GREAT way to fill spots. And October 17th is a men's-only BBQ catered Experience. You can RSVP at www.coe22.com/disciplegroups.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• We still have spots open for our Disciple Group Gathering at Hope's Closet on October 1, 8, 15 & 22. Discuss with your group and pick a shift for you all to come serve at Hope's Closet. We will have food and a fun gift for each group! Childcare is NOT provided and only children who are 13 years old and up are allowed to serve. See the open shifts below:

October 1:

21 spots open for 1-5pm
30 spots open for 2-6pm

October 8:

1 spot open for 9am-1pm
15 spots open for 1-5pm
30 spots open for 2-6pm

October 15:

1 spot open for 9am-1pm
8 spots open for 1-5pm
24 spots open for 2-6pm

October 22:

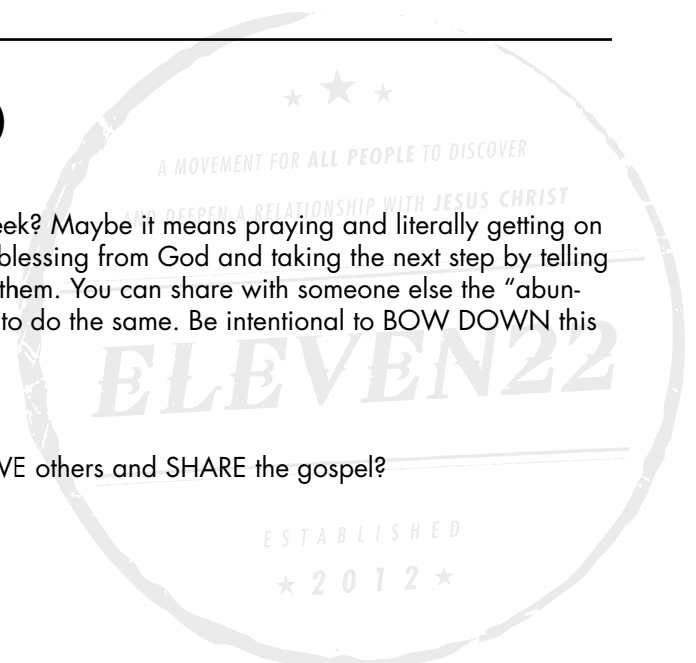
1 spot open for 9am-1pm
6 spots open for 1-5pm
30 spots open for 2-6pm

ACTION STEP FOLLOW UP (5 MINUTES) LAST WEEK:

What are ways you can BOW DOWN to Jesus this week? Maybe it means praying and literally getting on your knees. Maybe identifying relationships that are a blessing from God and taking the next step by telling that person what a blessing they are and encouraging them. You can share with someone else the "abundance" of grace you've experienced and prompt them to do the same. Be intentional to BOW DOWN this week.

FOLLOW UP QUESTION

How can (or did) bowing down to Jesus help us to SERVE others and SHARE the gospel?



TEXTS: 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14 & 1 PETER 5:6-11

THE RECAP (10 MINUTES)

In week two of *Act Like Men* we dug deeper and learned to watch out! The enemy is on the hunt and he can be resisted not by following our own desires, being lazy, or trying to fix ourselves with religious rules, but by being Gospel centered disciples. Remaining firm in our faith, in our IDENTITY that is in Jesus, and leaning on the finished work of the cross strengthens us in the midst of the enemies' hunt. Being a target is not fun, and the temporary suffering is real, but eternal victory and salvation is possible for those in Christ alone.

BIG IDEA: THE *REBELLIOUS* PERSON FOLLOWS THEIR OWN DESIRES AND ENDS UP, DESPITE SOME FUN, BEING DEVoured. THE *RELIGIOUS* PERSON FOLLOWS THEIR RULES AND ENDS UP, DESPITE THEIR EFFORT, BEING DEVoured. THE *GOSPEL-CENTERED* PERSON FOLLOWS CHRIST THE VICTOR AND ENDS UP, DESPITE OUR HARDSHIP, IN VICTORY.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 out loud.

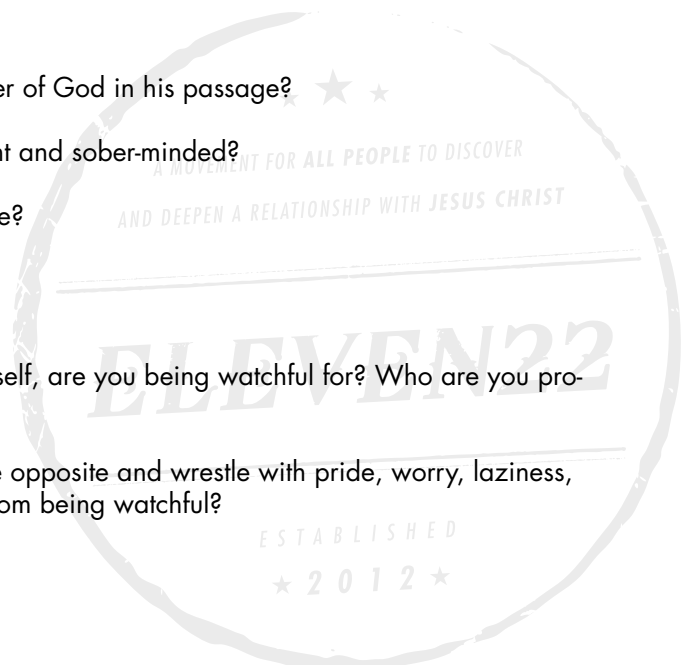
1. Do you tend to lean towards rebellion or religion? Depending on your weakness, how does this affect your FAMILY and others around you?
2. What do you think is the significance of Paul beginning verse 13 with "be watchful"?

Have someone read 1 Peter 5:6-11 out loud.

3. What is revealed to us about the nature and character of God in his passage? ★ ★
4. In what areas of your life could you be MORE vigilant and sober-minded?
5. What does it look like to "resist" the enemy in real life?

Questions for men:

6. Thinking about being watchful: who, other than yourself, are you being watchful for? Who are you protecting and SERVING?
7. Despite Peter's instructions men are tempted to do the opposite and wrestle with pride, worry, laziness, isolation, fear, and comfort. Which of these keep you from being watchful?



Questions for women:

6. Are you trusting the men in your life who are supposed to be watchful? If not, why? And how can you help them?

7. How are you intentionally praying for the men in your life to be protected from the enemy and his schemes?

ACTION STEP



- CULTIVATE MINISTRY
- PUT DOWN ROOTS
- PLANT THE GOSPEL
- SOW GOSPEL SEED



BEFORE ALL THINGS

Identify at least one way you can be more watchful over your FAMILY. How can standing firm in your faith and deepening your relationship with Jesus make you a better protector and STEWARD of what God has given you? Fuel your faith with the Word of God, worship and prayer.

