



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 2 - APRIL 27 & 30

LEADER INFO:

PLEASE TAKE ATTENDANCE EACH WEEK. You should be receiving an email reminder at the time of your group. If you are not please email disciplegroups@coe22.com.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

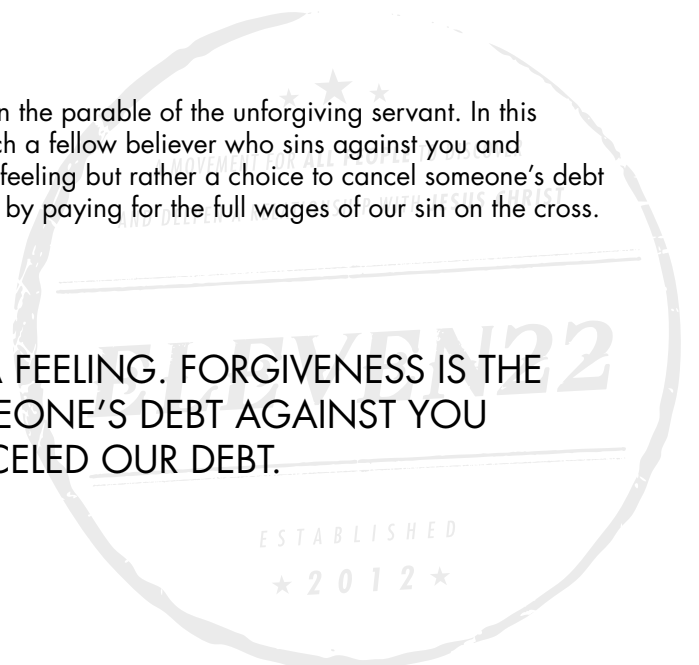
- **Baptism Classes** – sign up at coe22.com/baptism. Classes will be available after every service at all campuses beginning May 4 through June 4.
- **Serve at Beach Baptism** – come celebrate life change on June 11 at Hanna Park. We would love for you to come serve as a disciple group. Sign up at coe22.com/baptism.
- **We're Hiring** – Full-time ministry is more than a job; it's a calling. If you or someone you know feels called to join our team, we're currently looking for a Child-care positions, HR Manager, and a Junior Accountant. Check out the coe22.com/staffing page for more information.
- **Global Missions Info Night** – How will you love your global neighbor in 2017? Come learn where we're headed and what role you can play in Global Missions Monday, May 8 at 6:30pm at all of our campuses.

TEXTS: MATTHEW 7:1-5, MATTHEW 18:15-35, ROMANS 6:23

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 2 of the Storyteller series Pastor Joby teaches on the parable of the unforgiving servant. In this parable, Jesus gives clear guidelines of how to approach a fellow believer who sins against you and commands us to forgive. Forgiveness is not based on a feeling but rather a choice to cancel someone's debt that they owe you because Jesus has canceled our debt by paying for the full wages of our sin on the cross. Forgiven people forgive people.

THE POINT: FORGIVENESS IS NOT A FEELING. FORGIVENESS IS THE WILLFUL DECISION TO CANCEL SOMEONE'S DEBT AGAINST YOU BECAUSE AT THE CROSS JESUS CANCELED OUR DEBT.



TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Matthew 18:15-20 and Matthew 7:1-5 out loud.

In Matthew 18:15-20 we learn about how to reconcile a relationship with another believer when we've been wronged. In addition to that Matthew 7:1-5 reminds us to not seek out the speck of sin in someone else's life without evaluating and repenting from the log of sin in our own life. The two scriptures must be read together and must be clothed in love and humility.

1. Why does Jesus give guidelines to approaching a fellow believer who has sinned against you?
(This process helps maintain and restore unity and purity in the body of believers)
2. How have you seen Matthew 18:15-20 implemented in someone else's life or in yours? What happened?
(When sharing any personal story concerning this please do not say names or specific details)
3. How does the Matthew 7:1-5 approach affect your heart and attitude towards others?
(Do you often live with a critical heart towards others? Are you quick to point out sin in others?)

Have someone read Matthew 18:21-35 out loud.

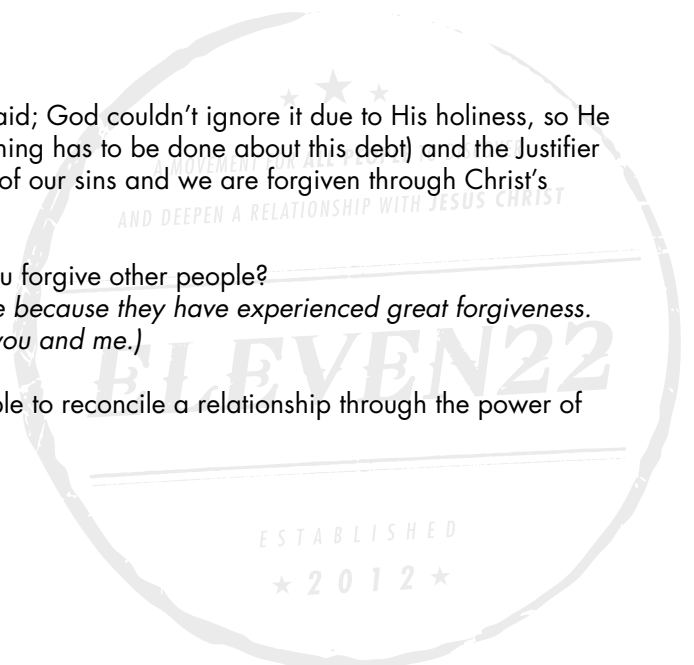
Jesus' response to Peter to forgive seventy times seven times blows the traditional idea of forgiveness out the window. Many rabbis at the time taught that one should forgive three times. Seven times would have been an overabundance, but Jesus went even further and gave the metaphor of seventy times seven to share the limitless of forgiveness that should be given.

4. What stands out to you in these verses?
5. Why is Biblical forgiveness not based on a feeling?
(Forgiveness is a choice, a conscious decision, not an emotion. It takes an obedient person with a decided heart to forgive.)

Have someone read Romans 6:23 out loud.

In this verse there is clearly a debt. The debt had to be paid; God couldn't ignore it due to His holiness, so He sent His son to die for our sins. He is both the Just (something has to be done about this debt) and the Justifier (I'll take care of it all by myself). God cancelled the debt of our sins and we are forgiven through Christ's finished work on the cross.

6. How does God's forgiveness of your sin affect how you forgive other people?
(Forgiven people have a better mindset to forgive because they have experienced great forgiveness. Think of this in the context of what Jesus did for you and me.)
7. Can you share an experience when you have been able to reconcile a relationship through the power of forgiveness?



DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



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



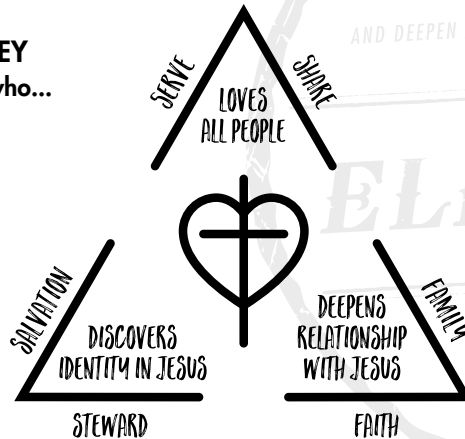
Fill out the debt ledger below. Reflect on how you have been forgiven by God and choose to cancel the debt.

BEFORE ALL THINGS

DEBT - LEDGER

IDENTIFY WHO HAS HURT YOU.	IDENTIFY WHAT THEY OWE YOU OR WHAT THEY HAVE TAKEN FROM YOU.	WHAT FEELING DO YOU ASSOCIATE WITH THEIR ACTION?	CANCEL THE DEBT.

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