



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 4 - MAY 11 & 14

LEADER INFO:

Please read your newsletter and fill out the form about leading over summer.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• **Serve at Mission House** – Looking for volunteers to help serve meals on the 4th Sunday of every month from 2:00 - 3:30pm. Contact Susan Plumb 904-707-6965 susanplumb@comcast.net

• **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.

• **Winn Dixie Support!** – The Winn Dixie near our Baymeadows Campus is promoting a friendly contest between Eleven22 and Celebration. For every \$30 spent at that Winn Dixie (10915 Baymeadows Rd #13, Jacksonville, FL 3225) shoppers receive a red token that can be placed into one of the two churches bin. The winning church will be represented by Winn Dixie employees serving at the foundation of the churches choice. Eleven22 has chosen City Rescue Mission. Please help support CRM and do your shopping at this Winn Dixie during the month of May!

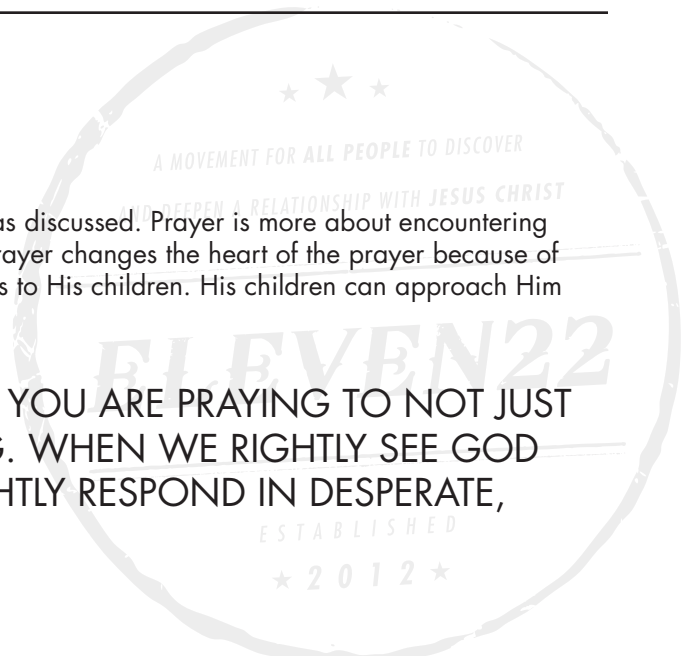
• **Serve during Compassion Weekend** – Compassion Week at Eleven22 is June 1 and 4! We are so excited to see what God does with our church family and child sponsorships this year. We have a great way for you and your disciple group to get involved by working with us as a Compassion volunteer. Volunteers will assist those who want to sponsor by answering questions, replenishing packets or helping with the forms. Look for a sign up link in your email soon! Email any questions to missions@coe22.com.

TEXTS: LUKE 11:1-13, LUKE 18:1-14

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 4 of the Storyteller series the topic of prayer was discussed. Prayer is more about encountering God and less about the perfect technique of praying. Prayer changes the heart of the prayer because of who God is. God is a good Father who gives good gifts to His children. His children can approach Him with humble confidence and trust in His sovereignty.

THE POINT: PRAYER IS ABOUT WHO YOU ARE PRAYING TO NOT JUST WHAT AND HOW YOU ARE PRAYING. WHEN WE RIGHTLY SEE GOD FOR WHO HE IS, THEN WE WILL RIGHTLY RESPOND IN DESPERATE, PERSISTENT, HUMBLE PRAYER.



TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Luke 11:1-4 out loud.

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He didn't respond with tips and tricks but rather by teaching who God is. Just like in Matthew 6:9-13 Jesus starts the model of prayer with God being honored or hallowed. Jesus is showing that the sole purpose of prayer is not to gain a better life but to gain a deeper adoration of the Giver of Life Himself. The more you pray the more you know God and the more you know God the more you pray.

1. What does your prayer life reveal about how you view God?
(Think about the words you use and the way you approach Him through prayer. Do you see Him as a good Father or a genie who grants wishes?)
2. Do you find yourself praying to God out of obligation or to build your relationship with Him?
(If you are praying out of obligation, what are some things you can do to change your mindset?)

Have someone read Luke 11:5-13 and Luke 18:1-8 out loud.

In the context of this text Jesus was teaching the disciples that persistent and persevering prayer was necessary because the Kingdom of God they were expecting was not coming as quickly as thought and they were going to have some tough days ahead as they followed Christ. There was a big reality that the disciples were going to "lose heart" in the face of persecution but they could trust that God was faithful and just. ¹Christians continue walking in the hope of the promise that Christ will return and God's Kingdom will be finally and fully established.

3. Why does Jesus want us to ask with persistence and perseverance?
(Persistence and perseverance help to build a relationship! Through that relationship, we learn to hear His voice and our hearts become aligned with His.)
4. What have you prayed for with persistence and perseverance? How have you seen God answer that prayer or change your heart in the process?

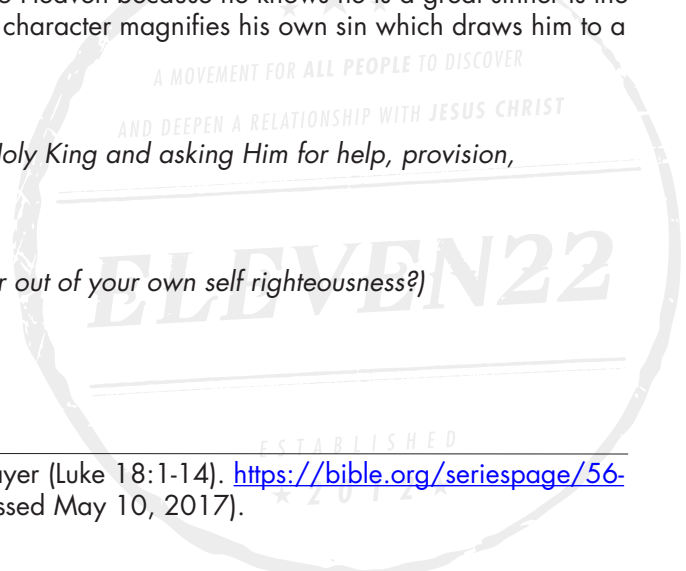
Have someone read Luke 18:9-14 out loud.

In contrast to Jesus addressing the disciples in verses 1-8, He is addressing the self-righteous in verses 9-14. Jesus addresses the fact that they were trusting in themselves and judging others instead of humbling themselves before God.² The tax collector who won't even look up to Heaven because he knows he is a great sinner is the picture of a humble prayer. His awareness of God's holy character magnifies his own sin which draws him to a desperate ask of salvation.

5. Why is humility the prerequisite for prayer?
(Humility is essential is acknowledging God as Holy King and asking Him for help, provision, protection, etc.)
6. What are you desperate for right now?
(Are you living out of that desperation for God or out of your own self righteousness?)

¹Deffinbaugh, Bob. Piety, Persistence, Penitence, and Prayer (Luke 18:1-14). <https://bible.org/seriespage/56-piety-persistence-penitence-and-prayer-luke-18-1-14> (Accessed May 10, 2017).

²ibid.



DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



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



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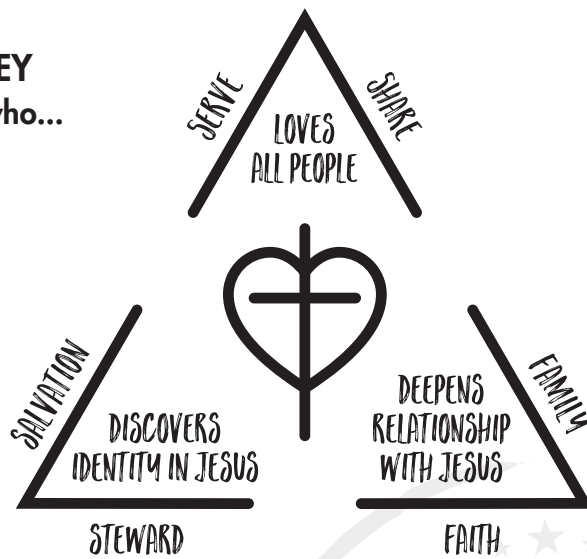
As you continue on your discipleship journey we want to encourage you to take your next step of faith.

If you have not been baptized as a Believer, we would love for you to join us at a baptism class and then proclaim Jesus as your Lord and Savior at Beach Baptism on June 11th.

If you have already been baptized connect with someone who has not and encourage them to take that step.

Sign up at coe22.com/baptism. Classes will be available after every service at all campuses.

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