



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 7 - JUNE 1 & 4

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## LEADER INFO:

Mark your calendars for August 12, from 9-11:30am for the Leader Celebration at San Pablo.

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS: BEACH BAPTISM COMING SOON!

Come celebrate with us as people proclaim Jesus as their Lord and Savior at Beach Baptism on June 11!

- **Get Baptized** – If you know Jesus as Lord and Savior and have not been baptized as a Believer please join us at a baptism class offered after each service at every campus. Sign up at [coe22.com/baptism](http://coe22.com/baptism).

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**TEXTS: MATTHEW 25:37-40, LUKE 10:25-37, I JOHN 4**

## THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 7 of the Storyteller series Compassion International was highlighted. Pastor Joby taught on the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show that compassion is not a feeling but a response. Christ has showed compassion to us and when we experience that reality we in turn show compassion to others. Compassion International is an amazing organization the church partners with to help release children from poverty in Jesus name.

**THE POINT:** GOD DID NOT GIVE YOU ALL THAT YOU HAVE SO THAT YOU COULD HAVE ALL THAT YOU WANT, BUT SO THAT OTHERS COULD HAVE ALL THAT THEY NEED.

- NOW THAT YOU HAVE SEEN THE NEED... WILL YOU "PASS BY ON THE OTHER SIDE?" OR WILL YOU "SHOW MERCY?"

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# TEACHING & DIALOGUE

**Have someone read Luke 10:25-37 out loud.**

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is preceded by a question posed to Jesus by a lawyer. In this case the lawyer would have been an expert in the Mosaic Law and not a court lawyer of today. The lawyer's question was, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25) He was making the assumption that man must do something to obtain eternal life and wanted to justify himself to meet all minimal requirements.

This parable must be read through the lens of the Gospel to understand the entirety of its scope. It is a beautiful picture of the Gospel by first seeing ourselves as being the man that was robbed, beaten, and left for dead. When we see the Good Samaritan as Jesus pulling us from the side of the road and saving us we can then understand and be compelled to love our neighbor as Christ has loved us.

1. What does Jesus show us about self-sacrifice instead of self-preservation?

*(Jesus is the ultimate self-sacrificer. Being God in the flesh, He laid down His life for those that were guilty and deserved death. He shows us in this passage that compassion is about sacrificing in order for others to experience the love and mercy of God.)*

**Have someone read Matthew 25:37-40 out loud.**

In this passage, Jesus tells us to feed the poor and give drink to the thirsty. To clothe His children. He says that what we do for the least of his people we do for Him. That how we treat His disciples and children is how we treat Him.

2. How does this passage instruct us to show compassion to our brothers and sisters in Christ?

*(We should feed, clothe, and care for our brothers and sisters in Christ. How we treat them is a direct reflection of our relationship with Jesus)*

3. What can we do right now to share the love of Christ with "the least of these"?

*(Feed a hungry person, Sponsor a compassion child, and work at your local shelter...)*

**Have someone read I John 4 out loud.**

These verses show that we must love one another because God is love and He showed it by sending His Son as the propitiation for our sins. Biblical love is a self-sacrificing, caring commitment that shows itself in seeking the highest good of the one loved. If everyone were easy to love, we wouldn't need this powerful example of God's love or this strong exhortation to love one another. Jesus commands us to love even our enemies.

**These things are true:**

A - GOD IS THE SOURCE OF GENUINE LOVE, BECAUSE IT COMES FROM HIS VERY NATURE.

B - GOD'S TRUE CHILDREN DISPLAY HIS NATURE

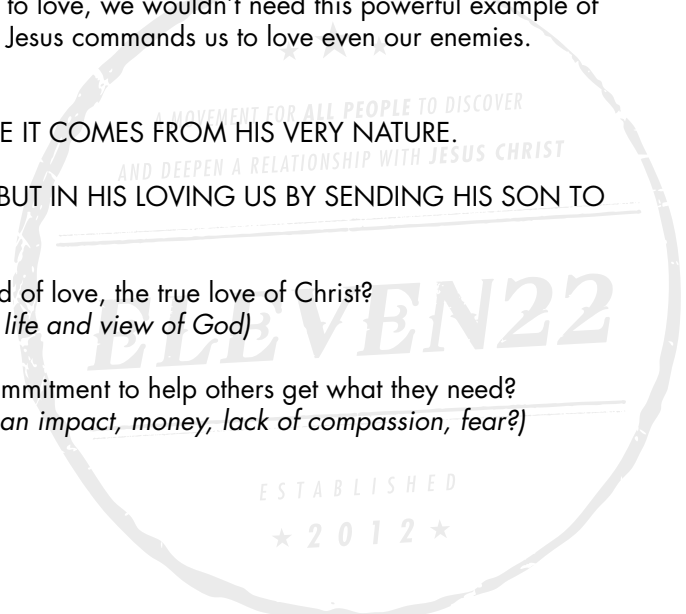
C - LOVE IS TRULY SEEN, NOT IN OUR LOVING GOD, BUT IN HIS LOVING US BY SENDING HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS

4. When was a time in your life you experienced this kind of love, the true love of Christ?

*(Give personal examples how this changed your life and view of God)*

5. What things are holding you back from making the commitment to help others get what they need?

*(Too busy, lack of confidence that you can make an impact, money, lack of compassion, fear?)*



# DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



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

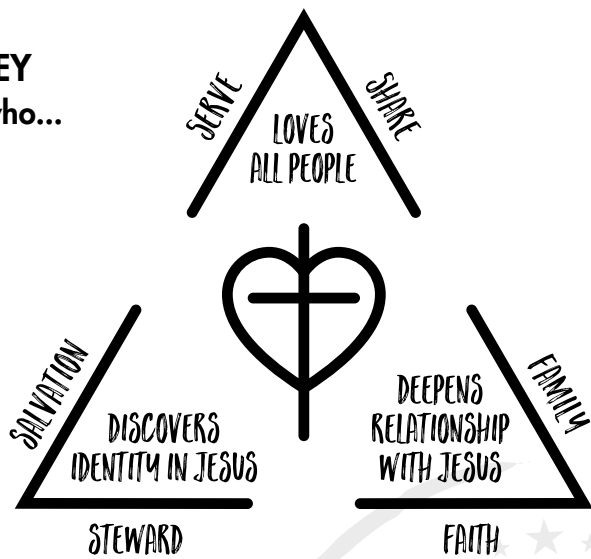


Sponsor a compassion child today or continue to write letters and pray for the ones you already sponsor.

BEFORE ALL THINGS

Check out [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com)

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A disciple is someone who...



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AND DEEPEN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

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