



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 8 - JUNE 8 & 11

LEADER INFO:

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

Encourage potential group leaders to fill out the leader application at coe22.com/disciplegroups. Then they must attend one New Leader Training.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **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, check out the coe22.com/staffing page to find all available positions.
 - **New Disciple Group Leader Trainings** - To become a Disciple Group Leader please fill out the application at coe22.com/disciplegroups. Once that is complete we will send you a form to sign up for one of our new leader trainings.
 - **Doctrine Classes** - For five weeks we will sharpen and educate ourselves on Christian doctrine as we study the Trinity, Pneumatology, Heaven, Hell and the end of days, and Soteriology. Join us at our San Pablo campus from 6:30-9pm starting July 7. The course is \$25 which covers childcare, light snacks, and teaching materials. For more information visit coe22.com/doctrineclasses.
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TEXTS: MATTHEW 21:28-46. MATTHEW 22:1-14

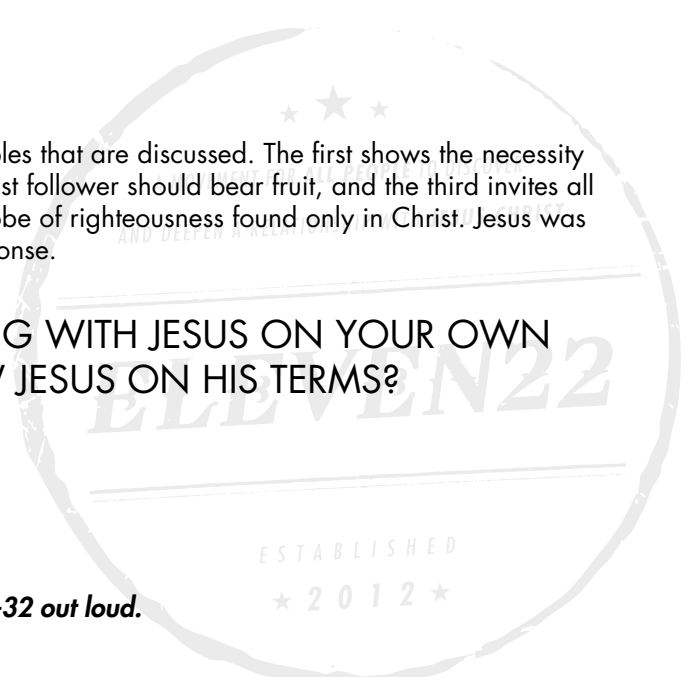
THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 8 of The Storyteller series there are three parables that are discussed. The first shows the necessity of repentance, the second shows that the life of the Christ follower should bear fruit, and the third invites all to take off their old grave clothes and put on the new robe of righteousness found only in Christ. Jesus was the suffering, sovereign Savior and He demands a response.

THE POINT: HAVE YOU BEEN FLIRTING WITH JESUS ON YOUR OWN TERMS? ARE YOU READY TO FOLLOW JESUS ON HIS TERMS?

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read the first parable in Matthew 21:28-32 out loud.



This parable is referred to as the "Parable of the Two Sons." The context of this parable is seen in the verses before it in which some leading priests and Jewish elders were arguing with Jesus and demanding Him to prove His authority. The Pharisees refused to show even the slightest sign of belief in Jesus or John the Baptist but were afraid to deny Him in front of the crowds. This parable was Jesus' response to their hardened hearts. This parable shows that a relationship with Jesus is not doing religious things but living a life of repentance. Repentance is not merely thinking about your own sin but turning away from it and turning towards Jesus in humble obedience.

1. How would you describe son #1? How would you describe son #2?
(Son #1: rebellious then changes his mind/repents, son #2: says the right thing (religious) but doesn't obey the will of the Father)
2. Why is repentance necessary in the life of the Believer?
(Repentance shows that someone believes Jesus is who He says He is and that demands a response. It is living out one's surrender to the Lordship of Christ.)
3. What do you need to repent from? What is keeping you from this repentance?

Have someone read the second parable in Matthew 21:33-46 out loud.

This parable is referred to as the "Parable of the Evil Farmers." Vineyards were often used in the Old Testament to symbolize Israel. In this parable we see Israel along with the servants representing the prophets and the master's son representing Jesus. The tenants were so inwardly focused that they missed the whole point and even killed those that were sent to them. This prophetic parable foreshadows Jesus' death and the reality that some people still reject Jesus as Lord.

4. How does the landowner's trust of the tenants relate to God's view towards us?
(God entrusted us the mission of global reconciliation to Himself, each of us are entrusted a part in His mission!)
5. Re-read verse 43. What warning does Jesus give the Pharisees and to us?
(If we are not producing proper fruit, it will be taken away from us to those who will produce good fruit)
6. What fruit are you producing? How are you tending the crops/field God has entrusted to you?
(ie. Tithing, discipleship, your family and neighbors, mission trip opportunities...)

Have someone read the third parable in Matthew 22:1-14 out loud.

And lastly this third parable is referred to as the "Parable of the Great Feast." We see here that the religious people rejected the invitation to enter into the party because they were distracted or inwardly focused. This represents God's own people, the Israelites, who were meant to be stewards of God's blessings but in turn ignored, mocked, humiliated, beat, and murdered God in the flesh.

Despite the missed invitation of some, it is through the finished work of Jesus Christ that the close and far away are all invited to take off their grave clothes and put on the wedding feast garments.

7. Who does the king eventually invite to the wedding feast? How does that relate to our vision statement "A movement for ALL people to discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ?"
(The good and the bad, ALL people are welcome because ALL people need Jesus)
8. What does it mean that many are called but few are chosen in verse 14?
(Many people will come to God for the "stuff" they want out of Him, ex. good life skills, parenting advice, a future spouse, life coaching, etc. Few will actually surrender and know Him as Lord.)

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



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



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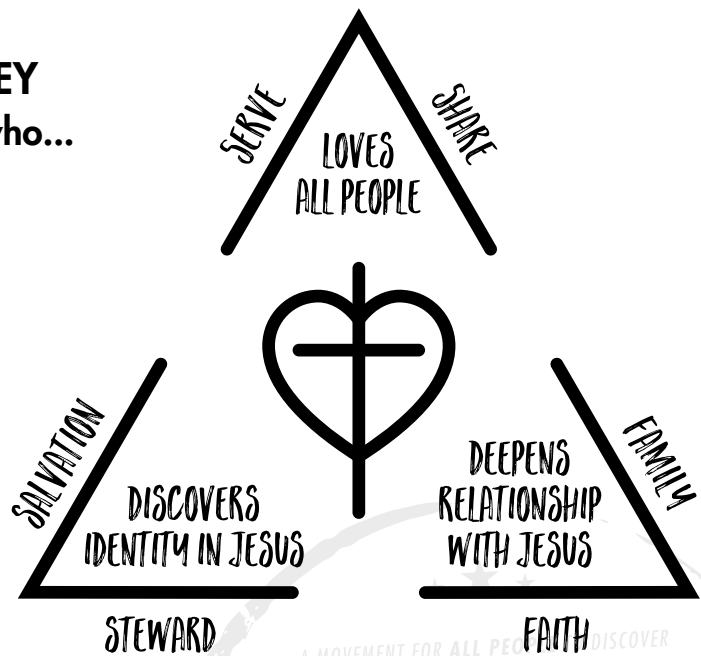
On your Discipleship Journey evaluate where you are right now in each of the three areas:

1. Loves all people.
2. Discovers their identity in Jesus
3. Deepens relationship with Jesus

Discuss as a group ways to help each other continue to be intentional with following Jesus.

Check out the Discipleship Journey tool at coe22.com/disciplegroups.

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY
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