



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 9 - JUNE 15 & 18

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:

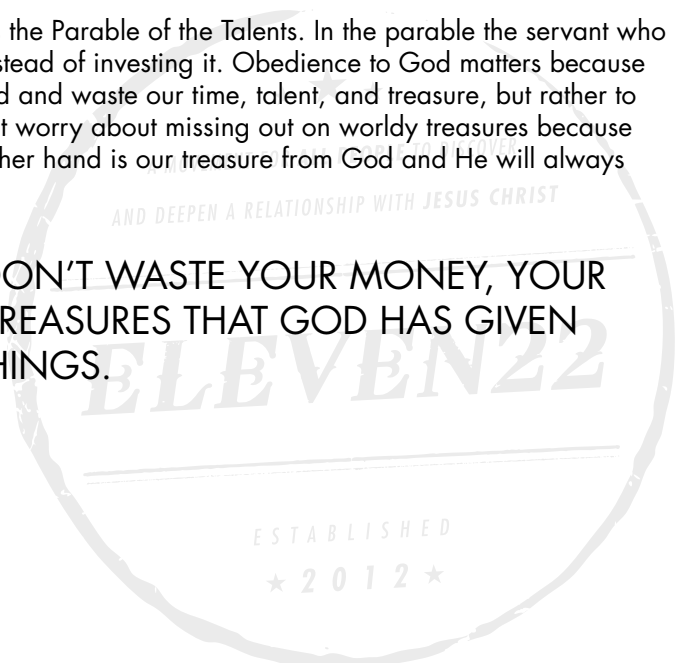
- **We baptized 267 people at Beach Baptism! Thank you for serving and celebrating with us!**
- **New Disciple Group Leader Trainings** - To become a Disciple Group Leader please fill out the application at coe22.com/disciplegroups. Once that is complete we will send you a form to sign up for one of 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.

TEXTS: MATTHEW 25:14-30; 1 TIMOTHY 4:6-16

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 9 of the Storyteller series the parable highlighted is the Parable of the Talents. In the parable the servant who was rebuked was the one who buried his talent out of fear instead of investing it. Obedience to God matters because the life He has given to us matters. We are not called to hoard and waste our time, talent, and treasure, but rather to use those to glorify God and experience His joy. We need not worry about missing out on worldly treasures because they will always let us down and fade away. Christ, on the other hand is our treasure from God and He will always remain.

THE POINT: DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE! DON'T WASTE YOUR MONEY, YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS...BUT USE ALL THE TREASURES THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU TO TREASURE CHRIST BEFORE ALL THINGS.



TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Matthew 25:14-30 out loud.

In this passage Jesus is speaking with His disciples on the Mount of Olives. In chapter 24 the disciples asked about the second coming of the Lord and the end of the age. Jesus then spoke about the signs that will point to His coming, warned them about false prophets, and explained that no one will know the hour. Then in chapter 25:1-13, Jesus shares the parable of the ten virgins and how five of them were not prepared for their Master's return. So we pick up in verses 14-30 the parable of the talents. As the master goes away on his journey, he entrusted his property to his three servants according to their individual ability.

1. Why did the master entrust his financial property to his servants?
(To see how each would handle the responsibility by faith)
2. What was the reward for the servants who were faithful with what they were given?
(They were set over much and entered into the joy of their master – they received his blessing)
3. What does the master's response to the servant who buried his talent tell us about God?
(God who is The Master really does care about what we do with our life. He wants us to be obedient with what He has given us.)

Have someone read 1 Timothy 4:6-16 out loud.

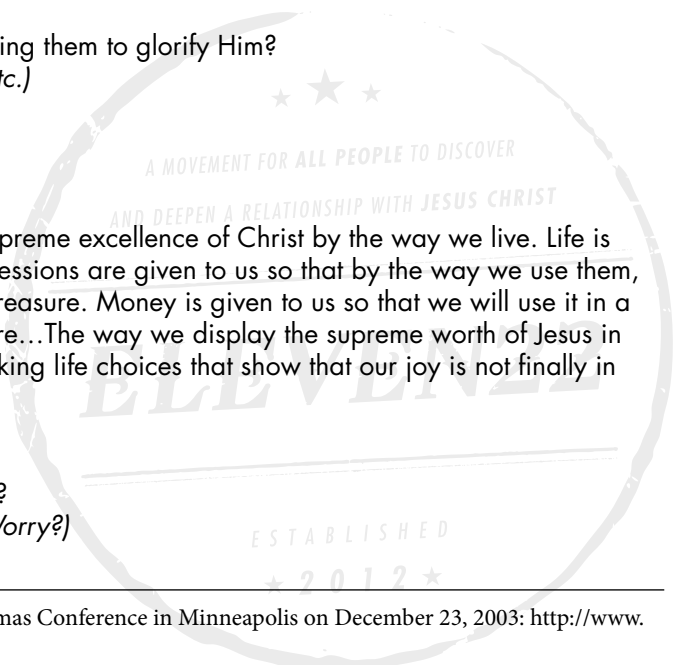
In these passages Paul is exhorting Timothy to encourage the growth of the gift God gave him, to not be fearful, and to be a worker who will not be shamed. As believers we have been given gifts from the Lord to use for His kingdom. Like the servants who were given monetary gifts to manage, Timothy was given the gift of teaching/preaching. Paul encourages him to use that gift rightly, for God's glory, so at the end of time he will not be ashamed in His presence but will be invited into the joy of The Master.

4. What do these passages say about God and about us?
(God gives us life and gifts while giving us the ability to be faithful with them by giving a "spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control". We are faithful by stewarding our life and gifts.)
5. What are the gifts God has given you and how are you using them to glorify Him?
(Gifts can be physical resources, influence, time, skills, etc.)

Read out loud the quote from John Piper:

"The passion of the unwasted life is to joyfully display the supreme excellence of Christ by the way we live. Life is given to us so that we can use it to make much of Christ. Possessions are given to us so that by the way we use them, we can show that they are not our treasure, but Christ is our treasure. Money is given to us so that we will use it in a way that shows money is not treasure, but Christ is our treasure...The way we display the supreme worth of Jesus in our lives is by treasuring Christ above all things, and then making life choices that show that our joy is not finally in things or even in other people, but in Christ."

6. What holds you back from viewing Christ as your treasure?
(Lack of meditating on the Gospel? An idol in your life? Worry?)



DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



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

Evaluate where you are on your Before All Things commitment. We have less than 6 months left and have seen God do amazing things through the commitments!

If you are new to the Before All Things initiative check out more info at coe22.com/beforeallthings

Before All Things initiatives:

1. Cultivate Ministry (We have continued ministering to people through serving, disciple groups, and mission trips!)
2. Sow Gospel Seed (We have planted churches around the world and have started the jobs initiative program!)
3. Put Down Roots (We bought the building!)
4. Plant the Gospel (We have launched the Bay and Mandarin campuses!)

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY A disciple is someone who...

