



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 3 - OCTOBER 5 & 8

LEADER INFO:

****Please reach out to new people as they sign up for your group. If you get an email about someone signing up log into your ccb group page and look under Participants.

****Please take attendance each week through your email reminder or the Community Church Builder Group Leader app.

**** If you do not have your new Resource Guide please pick one up at the Welcome Desk at each campus.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Churchwide Serve Day - On October 21, we as a church are going to be taking over Jacksonville to serve and love our neighbors. We have over 3,000 needs all over Jacksonville to love our neighbor. We are encouraging Disciple Groups to come up with an opportunity in their area where they can be a blessing. Go to coe22.com/serveday to sign up for a need already there or submit a new one.

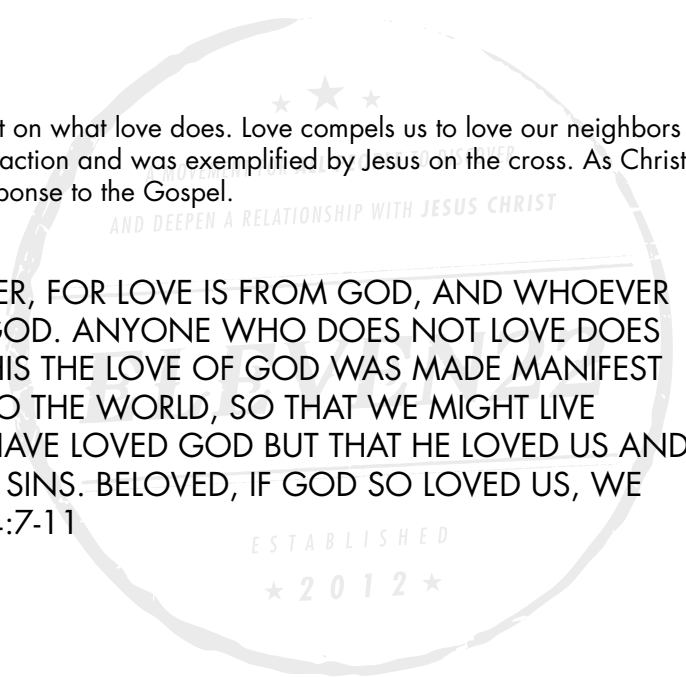
January Baptisms - We celebrate surrendering our lives to Jesus with believer's baptism, a public proclamation of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. If you'd like to get baptized in January, come to a baptism class for adults. Sign up for a class at coe22.com/baptism

TEXTS: JOHN 13: 1-17, 1 JOHN 3:16-18, 1 JOHN 4:7-20

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 3 of the Love Your Neighbor series Pastor Joby taught on what love does. Love compels us to love our neighbors because God first loved us. Love is displayed through sacrificial action and was exemplified by Jesus on the cross. As Christ followers we are called to sacrificially love one another as a response to the Gospel.

THE POINT: BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE IS FROM GOD, AND WHOEVER LOVES HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD. ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE. IN THIS THE LOVE OF GOD WAS MADE MANIFEST AMONG US, THAT GOD SENT HIS ONLY SON INTO THE WORLD, SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM. IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE HAVE LOVED GOD BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS. BELOVED, IF GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. 1 JOHN 4:7-11



TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read 1 John 4:7-20 out loud.

God's love is a model for how and why we are to love each other. John emphasizes the visible manifestation of love (v. 9); its active and redeeming character (vv. 9-10); and its ultimate definition in terms of God's action rather than our own (v. 10). God not only gives us the command to love but has modeled for us what true love is by sending His Son.

1. What does this tell us about God's character?
(He is not just loving, but He IS love. His Spirit lives in the Believer and gives the ability to love.)
2. What does the world say what love is and how does God's Word differ from that?
(The world says love is based on a feeling or an attraction. It is selfish and seeking instant gratification. God's Word says love is sacrificial and selfless. See 1 Cor. 13.)

Have someone read 1 John 3:16-18 out loud.

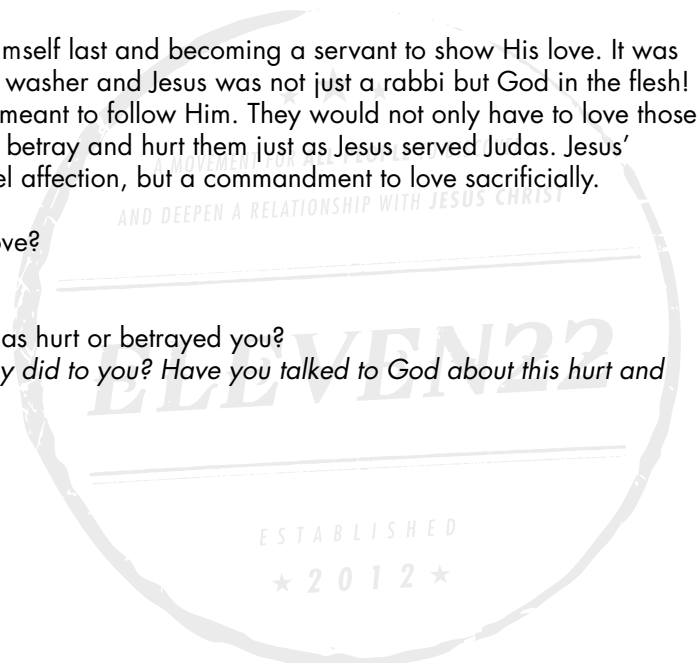
This passage gives us specific details of what love looks like and how we should love others. John gives us the supreme example of love; Jesus on the cross in order that we might know what it means to love one another. The Apostle writes that we are to imitate the love of Jesus by having so much concern for others that we are willing to lay down our lives for them.

3. Why is it important to first reflect on the Gospel when it comes to knowing what love is?
(The only way we can love is because God is love and chose to love us first. Our love for our neighbor must be rooted in the Gospel.)
4. How can you "lay down your life" for one another?
(We must love in deeds of mercy, opening our hearts to those who lack the necessities of life. For those of us living in a wealthy, Western society, this means not ignoring the needs of others in our community but actively seeking to give of our time and money to help the poor and care for widows (James 1:27). Instead of living to the full extent of our means, we should be using our means to help others.)

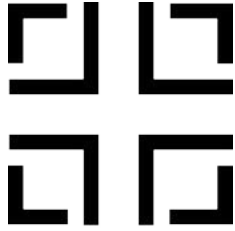
Have someone read John 13:1-17 out loud.

This passage from John is another example of Jesus putting Himself last and becoming a servant to show His love. It was absolutely insane for a rabbi to stoop down and become a foot washer and Jesus was not just a rabbi but God in the flesh! He served the disciples and gave them the hard truth of what it meant to follow Him. They would not only have to love those that were easy to love but even love and serve those that would betray and hurt them just as Jesus served Judas. Jesus' commandment to love one another is not a commandment to feel affection, but a commandment to love sacrificially.

5. Who is the Holy Spirit convicting or inspiring you to love?
(How will you respond to the Holy Spirit today?)
6. What is holding you back from loving someone who has hurt or betrayed you?
(Have you not forgiven? Are you dwelling on what they did to you? Have you talked to God about this hurt and pain or just tried to fix it yourself?)



DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



BEFORE ALL THINGS

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

1. Throw a party for your neighbors
2. Humble yourself and serve _____.
3. Sign up for Serve Day (see below)

We would love for your Disciple Group to come up with your own need for Serve Day. Look around your neighborhoods and see who needs help. You can submit your idea at coe22.com/serveDay.

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY
A disciple is someone who...

