

# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 4 - OCTOBER 12 & 15

## **LEADER INFO:**

### TAKE ATTENDANCE

Please take attendance each week through your email reminder or the Community Church Builder Group Leader app. This is important because it helps us make decisions based on the number of people attending Groups.

## **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: ROMANS 10:1-15, 1 PETER 3:14-15, 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

### THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 4 of the Love Your Neighbor series Pastor Joby explains how love shares. It is not love to not share the Gospel. The Gospel must be preached for people to be saved and God lets us be a part of that miracle! He has given us His Word and our own testimony to make much of Him and not us. It is a great privilege to have access to God's Word and speak the Truth with gentleness and respect.

# **THE POINT:** IT IS NOT LOVE TO MERELY MEET PHYSICAL NEEDS AND NEGLECT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF ETERNAL LIFE.

# **TEACHING & DIALOGUE**

#### Have someone read Romans 10:1-17 out loud.

In this passage Paul shows his deep desire that all be saved and he makes it clear that this can only happen through faith in Christ. The Gospel must be preached so that people will hear and believe. It must be preached by the Church AND by individual Christians. The Word of God is alive and active and will cut through soul and spirit (Hebrews 4:12).

- What does this passage tell us about God's character? (God has given us the Way to Him. Christ has paid the price and we are given the opportunity to receive this righteousness. God is a patient God who loves us so much He has given us His Son and His Word.)
- 2. Who can come to have faith in the Lord and be saved? (Anyone who surrenders to the Lordship of Christ will be saved.)

- 3. Why are the feet of those who share the Good News beautiful (vs 15)? (Isaiah 52:7 says: 'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."' The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only thing that can bring a person from death to life. Sharing this news brings life itself and is the ultimate way to love our neighbor!)
- 4. Who shared the Gospel with you when you surrendered your life to the Lord? (*Reflect on this time. How old were you? What season of life?*)

### Have someone read 1 Peter 3:14-15 out loud.

This passage refers to when Christians suffer for the sake of the Gospel and the response that honors God in that suffering. Christians are called to speak the truth of the Gospel with gentleness and respect. This is possible because Christ is greater than suffering.

5. How have you cared more about someone's temporary suffering rather than their eternal? What needs to change for you to love them by sharing the Gospel? (Meeting someone's physical needs can be a great way to open the door for you to share the Gospel and they receive it. We must always remember that God cares about all human suffering but especially eternal.)

### Have someone read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 out loud.

Paul uses the word "charge" in verse one which can be defined as a demand to entrust or to rush forward in attack. Paul's strong language speaks to the fact that preaching the Word is necessary and requires urgency. Some will preach false gospels that "tickle" the ear and give people what they want to hear. Christians must know the Truth so well that they can detect a counterfeit gospel instantly.

- 6. How does this passage connect with the passages we've already read? (To love our neighbors in a time "when people will not endure sound teaching," we must demand of ourselves a sober-mind, a willingness to endure suffering for the truth, a passion to evangelize (share the Gospel), and an urgency to preach the Gospel. We must charge ahead in the midst of our fears to share the Gospel with our neighbors because love shares.)
- 7. What holds you back from sharing the Gospel, your story, and an invitation to church? What needs to change? (Remember, that God is greater than our fears. Out of His great love for us He calls us to be obedient in sharing His Word so we can experience the miracle of salvation of others. It is a privilege that God allows us to share His Word with others.)

# DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



CULTIVATE MINISTRY

PUT DOWN ROOTS
SOW GOSPEL SEED

Share your faith this week: Share the Gospel Share your story Share an invite Share another cup of coffee

Don't forget to sign up for Serve Day at coe22.com/serveday!



