



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 5 - OCTOBER 19 & 22

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## 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.

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Covenant Member Class-** We invite you to become a part of what God is doing through the movement of The Church of Eleven22. If you are ready to move from attending to fully partnering in the mission, vision and values of Eleven22, then register to attend an upcoming Covenant Membership class. It is Saturday, November 4 at 8:30am. Sign up at [coe22.com/membership](http://coe22.com/membership)

**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](http://coe22.com/baptism)

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## TEXTS: JOHN 3:1-17, 1 JOHN 4: 9-19

### THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 5 of the Love Your Neighbor series Pastor Joby talked about how love sacrifices. God loved first and was willing to give His only Son as a sacrifice to cover the sin of the world. Our belief in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is the only thing that gives us eternal life. The Gospel is a free gift that is to be received by us.

**THE POINT:** GOD LOVED SO GOD GAVE. IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE.

## TEACHING & DIALOGUE

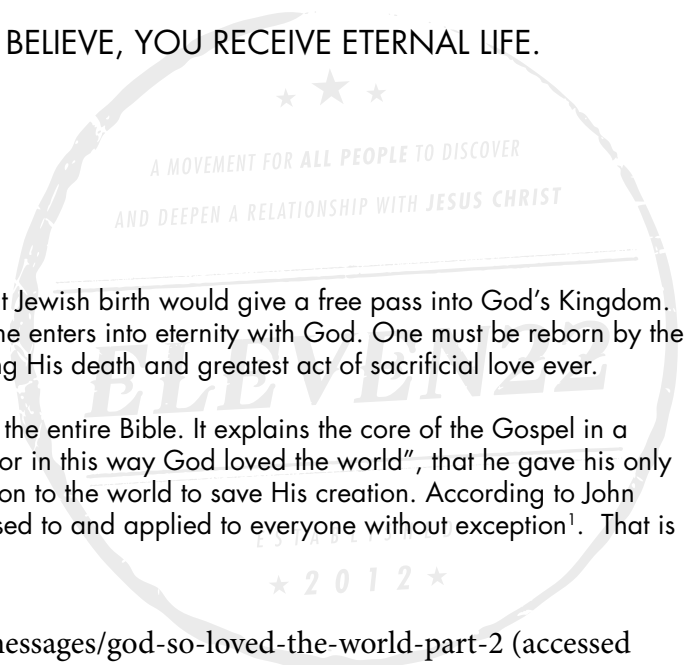
*Have someone read John 3:1-17 out loud.*

In this text, Jesus' response to Nicodemus destroys the idea that Jewish birth would give a free pass into God's Kingdom. Jesus makes it clear that it is not by race, status, or works that one enters into eternity with God. One must be reborn by the Holy Spirit which comes by faith in Christ. Jesus is foreshadowing His death and greatest act of sacrificial love ever.

John 3:16 is one of the most famous and recognized verses of the entire Bible. It explains the core of the Gospel in a single sentence. The Lexington English Bible starts the verse, "For in this way God loved the world", that he gave his only Son. The Creator of the universe gave Jesus, His own beloved Son to the world to save His creation. According to John Piper, this love is indiscriminate. It may be spoken to and promised to and applied to everyone without exception<sup>1</sup>. That is an overwhelming love.

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<sup>1</sup> John Piper. Desiring God. <http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/god-so-loved-the-world-part-2> (accessed October 4, 2017)



1. What does this text say about who God is?  
*(He is a loving God who loves His people so much that He sacrifices and pays the ultimate price for them.)*
2. How has God continued to show you sacrificial love as you walk with Him?  
*(Think about how God has lavished His grace upon you through the sacrificial love of others.)*
3. How do you often take love from others instead of giving it?  
*(Try to think of a recent illustration from your own life where you chose to take instead of give.)*

**Have someone read 1 John 4:9-19 out loud.**

In this text, we see love made manifest in Jesus by being sent to live among us and execute His atoning work of the cross. God loved the world first and the way to love God back is to believe in Jesus. God's love shows that it is not love if it doesn't cost.

4. What does this passage show us about God and His love?  
*(He loved us first and that He loved through the action of sending His Son. God initiates salvation.)*
5. What often causes you to forget that salvation is received and NOT earned?  
*(We are so quick to live in our own self righteousness and believe our identity is in our own goodness or works. God is the initiator of salvation and we receive righteousness through faith in Christ.)*
6. What are your biggest concerns you have when it comes to loving others sacrificially? (Sacrificial love is not easy. It is often inconvenient and can be exhausting and painful. God gave us His Spirit to rely on so that we can truly love those around us.)
7. One way to help take ownership of your role in the Church of Eleven22 and serve your brothers and sisters is to become a Covenant Member. If you are not one what is holding you back?  
*(Check out info at [coe22.com/membership](http://coe22.com/membership) or email [Mike.Koster@coe22.com](mailto:Mike.Koster@coe22.com)) with questions)*

## DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



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

Practically lay down your life for your brothers and sisters in Christ by serving them. Sign up to serve at CoE22 at [coe22.com/serve](http://coe22.com/serve)

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A disciple is someone who...

