



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 7: FEBRUARY 22 & 25

LEADER INFO:

The Spring semester has officially started! Please remember to reach out to people as they sign up for your Group asap and to take attendance through your email reminders or your church community builder LEAD app.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Women's Encounter – This is approaching fast and we are praying for God to bring more women! Don't miss the opportunity to unplug and connect with God and other believers. March 9-11, St. Simon's Island, GA.

Sign up at coe22.com/deepen

Serve Day - We as a church are going to serve and love our neighbors through local outreach. We've partnered with organizations throughout the city of Jacksonville to serve and be a blessing in our community. We don't just want to be the heart of Jesus, we want to be the hands of Jesus.

Saturday, March 3, throughout the City of Jacksonville

Sign up at coe22.com/localoutreach

Hour of Prayer- Join us at your home campus every Wednesday during the Lent Season from 12-1 for an hour of prayer. We will also be fasting from food as a church body from sun up to sun down on Wednesdays.

TEXTS: ROMANS 3: 9-26

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 7 of the Romans series Pastor Joby talked about sin and faith. In Romans 3 the Apostle Paul writes about how Jesus came to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. The beams of the cross He hung on even shows God's justice (sin is being paid for –vertical beam) and God's love (He is paying the debt-horizontal beam). It is only through faith in Christ we have a right standing with God.

THE POINT: HAVE YOU PLACED YOUR FAITH IN JESUS?

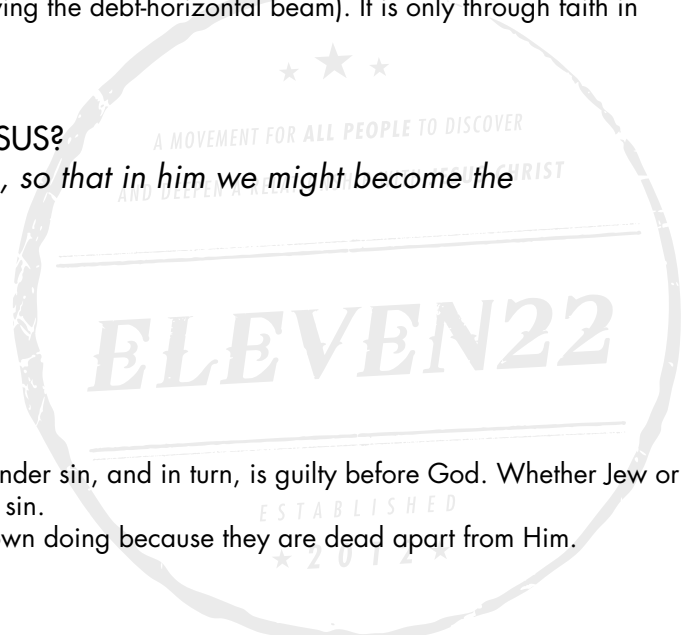
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. - 2 Corinthians 5:21

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Romans 3:9-12 out loud.

In his letter, the Apostle Paul conveyed that the whole world is under sin, and in turn, is guilty before God. Whether Jew or Greek, Paul explains that we all start at the same place – under sin.

Paul even starts to say that no one can even seek God in their own doing because they are dead apart from Him.



1. Because we are black-hearted-wretched-sinners, we seek after God only after He has first sought after us. What does this say about God's character?
(Having a heart towards God is not our work towards Him, but His work first in us. "We love because he first loved us". – 1 John 4:19)
2. What is sin?
(Sin isn't just breaking rules in a rule book, but sin is also an enemy that has dominion and power over us. Puritan preacher John Owen describes sin as a "blind, anti-God egocentric energy in the fallen human spiritual system")

Have someone read Romans 3:13-22 out loud.

In this passage, the Apostle Paul quotes scripture from the Old Testament to drive home the fact that we are all sinners. If we cannot keep the 10 Commandments, or even our own commandments, then we definitely could never be good on our own. The answer to mankind's dilemma is not in our own works or in anything we could do ourselves, but in God's righteousness revealed through the Gospel, which brings salvation through faith.

3. What is faith?
(According to Billy Graham, "Faith simply means believing that something is true, and then committing our lives to it." "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." – Hebrews 11:1)
4. How do you struggle with having faith?
(Remember that people all throughout the Bible struggled with faith. We see in Mark 9 a beautiful picture of vulnerability as a father whose son was demon possessed cried out to Jesus saying "I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief!")

Have someone read Romans 3:23-26 out loud.

Because God is a just and Holy God, we must be held accountable for our sin, requiring a perfect sacrifice to pay for it. Our sinful nature deemed us imperfect and our "good works" cannot justify us, so Jesus had to step in to do for us what we couldn't do ourselves. Through His justice and justifying love, He took on the cross as He rescued us from sin and restored our relationship with Him.

5. If Jesus is the propitiation for our sins (a payment that satisfies) that means that God can never be dissatisfied in you. How can this set you free from the grip of using "good works" to work your way to salvation?
(Jesus has already done the work, so you no longer have to. Good works are no longer a way for you to work for salvation, but rather, an overflow of your heart from what Jesus did for you on the cross.)

"If we are not overwhelmed by the glory of the Gospel, we have missed the grand purpose of this sacred deposit." – John Murray

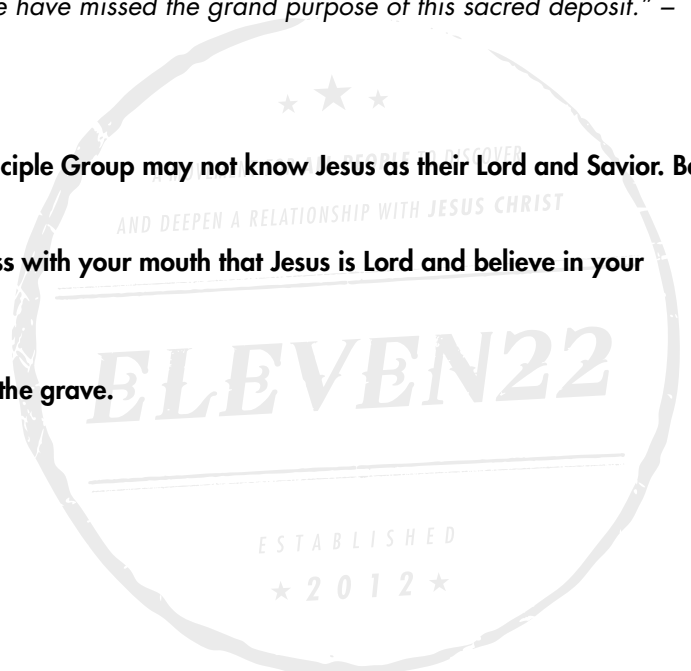
**** Leaders, be sensitive and aware that some people in your Disciple Group may not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Be intentional with inviting them to place their faith in Jesus.**

Remind them of the ABC's- Romans 10:9 "because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

A-Admit you are a sinner

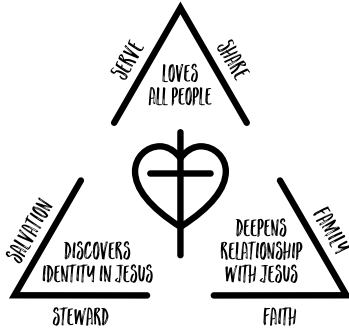
B-Believe that Jesus is God and died for your sin and rose from the grave.

C-Confess that Jesus is your Lord



DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

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A disciple is someone who...



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