

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 8: MARCH 1 & 4

LEADER INFO:

Please 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. Simons Island, GA.

Sign up at coe22.com/deepen

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 3:27-31, ROMANS 12:1-2, ROMANS 13:8-10

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 8 of the Romans series Pastor Stone taught on how the Law and faith are gifts from God. God is the One who gives us our identity through Christ's work on the cross. In response to the Gospel Pastor Stone urges us to not let our identity be rooted in our works and to not neglect holiness because of a partial view of the Gospel.

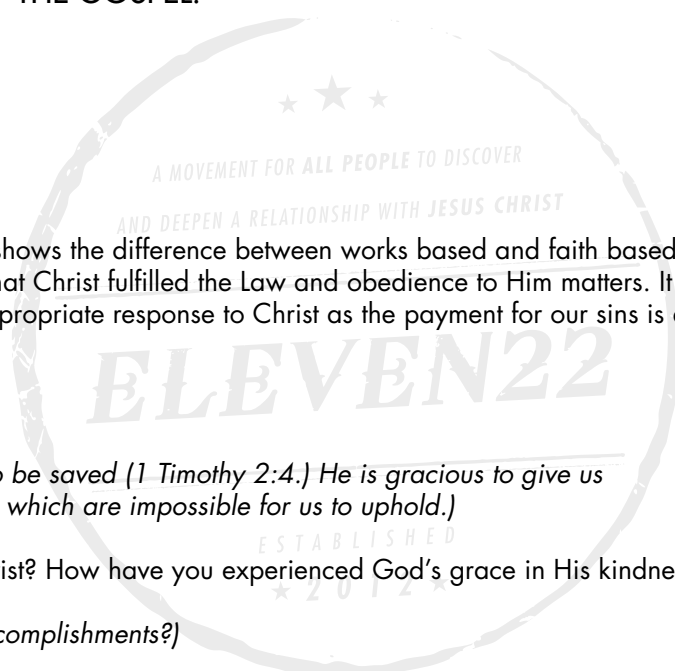
THE POINT: THE LAW AND FAITH ARE ETERNALLY CONNECTED GIFTS FROM GOD.
THE LAW SHOWS US OUR NEED FOR FAITH. FAITH GIVES US THE ABILITY TO UPHOLD THE LAW.
TO NEGLECT ONE IS TO NEGLECT THE FULLNESS OF THE GOSPEL.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Romans 3:27-31 out loud.

In Romans 3 Paul continues to answer opposing views as he shows the difference between works based and faith based righteousness. Paul does not nullify the Law of God but shows that Christ fulfilled the Law and obedience to Him matters. It is only through faith in Jesus Christ that one is saved and the appropriate response to Christ as the payment for our sins is a life of worship.

1. What do you see about God's character in this text?
(vs 29-30. *There is only one God and He desires all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4.) He is gracious to give us salvation through faith in Jesus and not our own works which are impossible for us to uphold.*)
2. In whom or what do you often boast in apart from Christ? How have you experienced God's grace in His kindness leading you to repentance of this boasting?
(*Do you boast in your reputation, your family, your accomplishments?*)



3. What do we do with the Law if we now have faith? How do we uphold the Law?
(Faith gives us the ability to uphold the Law. Obeying God reflects the understanding of His costly grace.)

This next Scriptures will help connect the dots on what it means to uphold the Law with a response of worship and love.

Paul will dive more into detail about proper responses to the Gospel in the coming chapters of Romans but let's look at Romans 12 & 13 to discuss more about this.

Have someone read Romans 12:1-2 out loud.

4. What does it mean for you to be a living sacrifice for God?
(It is a lifestyle of worship, daily living out obedience to the Scriptures)
5. How do you see your identity driving your actions?
(Remember that identity precedes activity. In Christ you are a new creation. If you are not living out of your identity in Christ you will be placing your trust in the fading things of the world.)

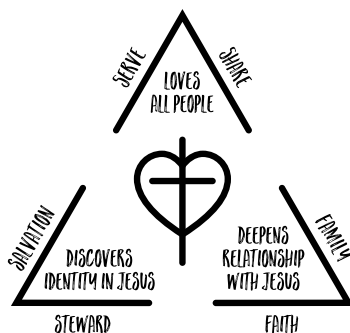
Have someone read Romans 13:8-10 out loud.

As Paul continues to explain what it means to live out the Law in faith he gets specific about how that looks when it comes to loving others. It is only through God loving us first that we can even have the ability to love our neighbor. When we love God our identity is wrapped up in Him and He fuels our ability to love others and to love them rightly.

6. What are biblical ways to love others?
(Show hospitality - 1 Peter 4:8-9, talk to them instead of talking about them – Matthew 18:15-20, etc)
7. Who do you need to love rightly? What are you going to do to put this in action?

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY
A disciple is someone who...



Lent is a season to practice spiritual disciplines as a worshipful response to the Gospel. Continue to seek the Lord as you pray and fast as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Share with your Disciple Group what God has shown you through your fasting and prayer time. If you have not been fasting and praying or have not been as intentional it is not too late!

