



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 17: MAY 10 & 13

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## LEADER INFO:

We are having a Covenant Membership class specifically for our Disciple Group Leaders at our San Pablo campus on Sunday, May 27th at 1:30 p.m.

For onboarding this semester, we are having a Tent Party on Thursday, May 31st and Sunday, June 3rd. [Click here to sign up to serve!](#)

With Beach Baptism quickly approaching on May 20th, it would be a great opportunity to encourage your Disciple Group to serve together! [Click here](#) to sign up to serve at Beach Baptism or visit [coe22.com/baptism](http://coe22.com/baptism)!

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**New Disciple Group Leader Trainings** - If you are interested in leading a Disciple Group go to [coe22.com/disciplegroups](http://coe22.com/disciplegroups) to fill out the application and sign up for a training on May 24th or May 27th.

**Baptism Classes** – If you have never been baptized as a Believer we want to celebrate this next step of faith at Beach Baptism on May 20! Join us at a baptism class **offered now-May 20 after every service at all campuses.**

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## TEXTS: ROMANS 8:1-11

### THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

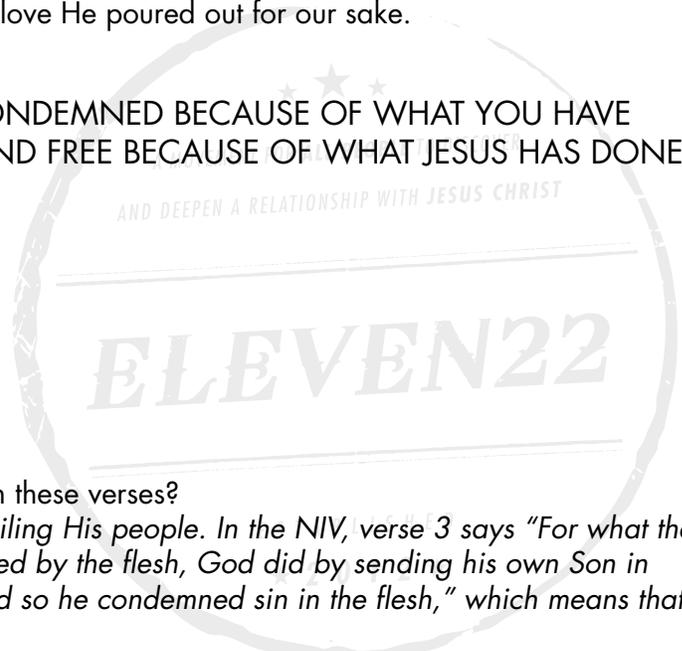
In week 17 of the Romans series, Pastor Joby teaches about condemnation and what it means to be free from it. We live alive and free because of what Jesus did and the love He poured out for our sake.

**THE POINT:** THE ENEMY SAYS THAT YOU ARE CONDEMNED BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE. THE FATHER SAYS THAT YOU ARE ALIVE AND FREE BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR YOU.

## TEACHING & DIALOGUE

*Have someone read read Romans 8:1-4 out loud.*

1. What do we learn about God's character through these verses?  
*(God sent His Son. He is the active one in reconciling His people. In the NIV, verse 3 says "For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh," which means that God is the one fulfilling the payment for sin.)*



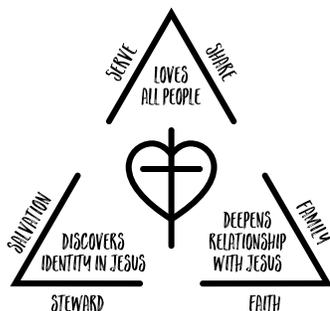
2. In Christ Jesus, there is now no condemnation. How have you let the sins of your past define you instead of living in this truth?  
*(Oftentimes we let shame, guilt or the hurt of our past define us instead of the peace of Christ. Share an example in your own life if you feel led.)*
3. How do you walk in the freedom of not being condemned? How should that also change how you view your neighbor?  
*(We are to forgive ourselves and others as Jesus has forgiven us (Col 3:12-14). When we walk in the freedom of no condemnation that means we cannot harshly judge others or ourselves. We should be able to extend grace not judgment.)*

**Have someone read Romans 8:5-11 out loud.**

4. What do the descriptions of the Spirit show us about who God is?  
*(He is life, peace and righteous. He is perfect and brings perfect peace in all circumstances when we come to Him.)*
5. How can we set our minds on the Spirit instead of setting our minds on the flesh?  
*(Spending time redirecting our minds whether through listening to sermons, memorizing scripture, worshipping, etc.)*
6. Why was our nature hostile to God before we were in Christ?  
*(We were living in rebellion against God and outside His law because it was our nature. This is why God sent His Son. For payment that satisfies all sin.)*
7. What do we receive in surrender to Christ?  
*(New life. The Holy Spirit fills us and teaches us a new way to live.)*

## DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

**DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY**  
A disciple is someone who...



**Leaders: The goal is for this to be done at the end of your Disciple Group, so please try to provide pens and paper.**

Take a piece of paper and write out all of the sins that once defined you and that the enemy tries to hold against you. Take a minute to confess these to the Father, then draw a cross through the list. This symbolizes that none of those things matter anymore and they don't define you because Jesus does. His work on the cross covers everything on that list. Make it a point to live in the freedom of that reality this week!

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