



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 19: MAY 24 & 27

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## LEADER INFO:

For onboarding this summer trimester, we are having a Tent Party on Thursday, May 31st and Sunday, June 3rd. Come meet new group members and help folks get plugged into biblical community.

[Click here to sign up to serve!](#)

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last weekend, we saw 426 people get baptized at Beach Baptism! If you were one of the 4,000 Eleven22er's that came out to support everyone getting baptized, THANK YOU! We are one big dysfunctional family and we are so thankful that you are a part of it!

Spread the word! **Disciple Group Experience** is happening June 4th at 7pm at all campuses for anyone that's not in a group and wants to see what it's like. Encourage those you know that aren't part of a group to attend! They can sign up at [www.coe22.com/disciplegroups](http://www.coe22.com/disciplegroups).

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## TEXTS: ROMANS 8:8:18-30

### THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

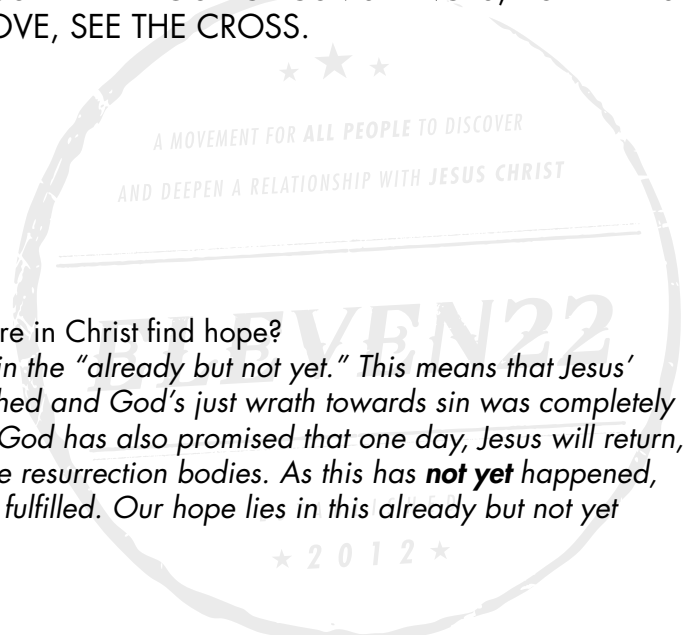
In this life we are sure to encounter hardships – it's inevitable. However, we have hope in the promise of the cross. Even when it feels like our world is falling apart, we can still have hope because it is all in God's hands.

**THE POINT:** GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU IS NOT MEASURED BY YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT BY HIS SOVEREIGN GRACE TOWARD YOU. TO SEE HIS LOVE, SEE THE CROSS.

## TEACHING & DIALOGUE

*Have someone read read Romans 8:18-25 out loud.*

1. According to these verses, where do those who are in Christ find hope?  
*(Believers find their hope in future glory. We live in the "already but not yet." This means that Jesus' mission on the cross has **already** been accomplished and God's just wrath towards sin was completely satisfied by Christ's blood being shed. However, God has also promised that one day, Jesus will return, creation will be restored and believers will receive resurrection bodies. As this has **not yet** happened, Christians wait expectantly for that promise to be fulfilled. Our hope lies in this already but not yet coupled together.)*



2. If you are a Christian, your salvation was secured by Jesus on the cross and you have been adopted into His family, yet we eagerly await our full inheritance. How does this truth shape your day to day?  
*(If you trust in Jesus' death on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins and surrender your life to His lordship, the Holy Spirit dwells within you. You are a child of the King and co-heir with Christ. As we await Jesus' return, we do so with confidence that the ultimate victory over sin and death has already been won, even though we will not be delivered from these things this side of heaven.)*

**Have someone read Romans 8:26-30 out loud.**

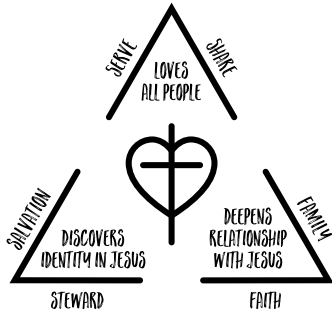
3. What does Romans 8, and this passage in particular, teach you about God's character?  
*(God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit have distinct roles in the Trinity, and yet work perfectly in unison together as One to bring the plan of salvation to fruition. God both justly condemns sin and lovingly sends His Son. Jesus Christ pays our penalty for sin, called substitutionary atonement, making believers co-heirs with Himself. The Spirit is a seal of salvation to the believer and then an intercessor on his or her behalf.)*
4. As we pray, the Spirit intercedes on our behalf. Why is this good news?  
*(As humans, we won't fully understand or know God's will as we pray and bring our requests and petitions before Him. According to verse 27, the Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of God. The Spirit always prays in accordance with God's will, because they are One. As we grow in our understanding of the Spirit, we can walk confidently knowing that He works all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.)*
5. Why do bad or hard things still happen in the lives of believers if God works all things together for good?  
*(When you become a believer, the Holy Spirit begins in you a process or a journey of making you more like Jesus; this is called sanctification. It is human nature to be self-focused and have the temporary and immediate at the forefront of how we live our daily lives. However, we as disciples of Jesus, are called to think about our experiences and circumstances from a Kingdom perspective as we look to eternity. It will often not be easy or comfortable, but God does promise that it ALL has a purpose: **for His glory** and ultimately **for our good.**)*
6. Can you think of an example in your own life in which you have found verse 28 to be true?  
*(Share with your group as you feel comfortable. Personal experiences of God working all things together for good as He makes us more like Jesus are specific to each individual, however, we can often benefit from hearing how God is at work, teaching and encouraging fellow Christ-followers.)*
7. How does being sovereignly chosen by God bring you comfort or encouragement in spite of your circumstances? Use the theological truths found in verses 29-30 to help you answer.  
*(The "Grace Train" that starts in verse 29 and carries through verse 30 begins with God foreknowing. When things are initiated by God, we have a guarantee that they will be perfectly and fully carried out. It is not in God's character to do otherwise. This means that even if it feels like your world is falling apart, we can have hope because God still had the world in His hands.)*
8. What do you do to remind yourself of the love God has for you to push through hardships we encounter and trust in His goodness?  
*(Think of specific examples in your own life.)*

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## DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

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



Set aside some time this week to journal or write out a prayer to God thanking Him for your story of salvation and for the hard times in your life. Spend time reflecting on how He used it for good. As you meditate on His loving kindness and what Jesus did on the cross, consider how you might share your testimony and hardships to impact others for eternity.

