



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

WEEK 2: SEPTEMBER 27 & 30

LEADER INFO:

Please make sure that you are *frequently* checking your group roster and reaching out through text or phone call to provide details about your group and to encourage attendance in your group!

PLEASE remember to take attendance each week through your email reminders or your church community builder LEAD app.

REMINDER: Don't forget to request to join our *closed* Facebook page to stay in the loop on all the latest events and updates! You can join by searching for "The Church of Eleven22 Disciple Group Leaders" on Facebook and then requesting to join the group!

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vision Gathering - These Vision Gathering will be a night of worship and prayer where we will gather together and celebrate all that God has done since we opened the doors in the 2012. We will hear from Pastor Joby about where he sees God leading us in this next season. Light dinner will be served at 6:15pm, childcare available upon request. Childcare will be provided 0-5th grade. Childcare available upon request.

RSVP at coe22.com/visiongathering

Tuesday, October 2 - All Campuses // 7:00pm

Encounter Retreats - Encounter Retreats are a chance to get away from your normal routines and dive deeper into your relationship with Jesus and connect with others.

October 19-21: Women's - St Simons Island, GA

December 8: Sporting Clays - Jacksonville, FL

Learn more about all trips coming up this fall and sign up at coe22.com/deepen.

TEXTS: EPHESIANS 5:20-33, 1 CORINTHIANS 13

THE RECAP: In week 2 of the Dysfunctional Family series, Pastor Joby talked about how husbands ought to love their wives as Christ loves the church. The foundation of this love is not a feeling or an event, but a radical commitment to the Gospel. Christ demonstrated His love for us by going to the cross and calls husbands to provide, protect, and pursue their wives.

THE POINT: "HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR HER," - EPHESIANS 5:25

A MOVEMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE TO DISCOVER
AND DEEPEN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

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TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Ephesians 5:20-33 out loud.

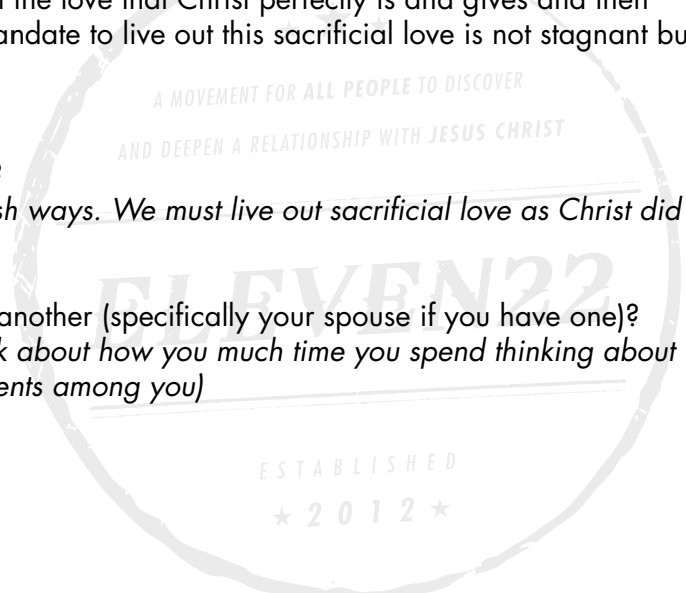
As the Apostle Paul writes about how husbands and wives should live and treat one another he always points it back to the Gospel. The Gospel is the foundation to a God honoring marriage. Mutually submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ starts with setting your thoughts and your heart on Jesus. This will make all your worldly wants and desires become dim in comparison to what Christ has already done for you.

1. What does it mean for a husband to love his wife as Christ loved the church?
(Christ laid down his life for the church. He loved through sacrifice and humility. The King of Kings came not to be served but to serve. This is how a husband loves his wife. In Genesis 3:1-7 we see Adam not living out of his God given role. As he is with Eve when the serpent deceives her, Adam does not step up as leader and protector.)
2. Husbands, how can you practically love your wife by putting her needs and wants above your own this week? If you are not married, how can you love someone else like this?
(One of the greatest challenges for men today is creating margin in their daily lives to actively love their wife. This is usually a matter of priorities, and sometimes even selfishness. Remember, if the devil can't make you bad he will make you busy. If you don't know your wife's love language, ask her to take the online test and make time to fulfill her unique, individual need for love.)
3. Wives, how can you help your husband love you like Christ loves the church?
(Being pleasant and grateful sets the tone for everyone in the home to respond in the same manner. A wife who encourages, forgives, and lifts up her husband sets him up to succeed.)
4. What do verses 20-21 tell us about our relationship with God?
(Ultimately, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ is an act of worship and obedience towards God. Wives submitting to their husbands and husbands laying down their lives for their wives is a reflection of how Christ was obedient to death on the cross.)

Have someone read 1 Corinthians 13 out loud.

These verses are not in the Bible so we could read them at weddings and get emotional. These verses show what biblical love is and the reality that we all fall short of living this out (which means we need Jesus!). As Paul writes to the church in Corinth he is reminding them of first the love that Christ perfectly is and gives and then that love that we should strive to give one another. This mandate to live out this sacrificial love is not stagnant but matures as we grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus.

5. What does vs 11 tell us about maturing in Christ?
(As we mature we must give up childish and selfish ways. We must live out sacrificial love as Christ did for us.)
6. How do you need to mature in your love for one another (specifically your spouse if you have one)?
(Think about how you speak to one another. Think about how you much time you spend thinking about yourself. Think about the things that cause arguments among you)

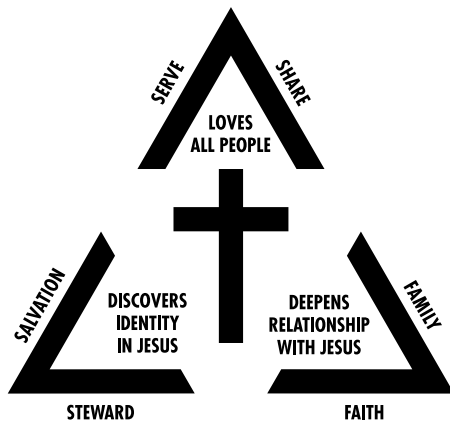


**Marriage is hard and for those who find themselves divorced or in the middle of a difficult marriage we want to remind you that in Christ grace abounds and if the tomb is empty anything is possible. We pray that God will continue to heal marriages, reconcile divorced husbands and wives, and use your marriage to share the love of Christ with others.

**For those who are waiting to get married we pray that you wait well. We pray that you pursue purity and find joy in the waiting. We pray that you remain dependent on the Lord and root yourself in His Word as He prepares you for the plans He has for you.

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY A disciple is someone who...



Husbands:

1. Say thank you to your wife.
2. Confess and repent of any sin.
3. Love your wife by providing, protecting, and pursuing.

Wives:

Celebrate and encourage your husband. If your husband does not know the Lord continue to pray for his heart to be softened. Continue to set the tone in your home by respecting your husband out of your love for Christ.

If you find yourself in need of marital help please see counseling resources and reach out to the Care Team at coe22.com/care

