



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 1: MARCH 7 & 10

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## LEADER INFO:

Please continue to check your participant list and reach out to the new sign ups as there are still people signing up for your Group! Let's fill the gap and make sure we're communicating with our group members!

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### HOOR OF PRAYER - Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm

During this Lent season, all campus worship centers will be open each Wednesday through April 17 from 12:00-1:00pm for prayer.

**3/21 EVENT** - This is a free community awareness event featuring activities for the kids, food for everyone, guests sharing 21 facts and myths about Down Syndrome and much more. This event will be held at our Baymeadows campus, so we highly encourage you to attend or serve at this event with your Disciple Group. **Sign up at [coe22.com/localoutreach](https://coe22.com/localoutreach)**

**FAMILY CAMP** – Family Camp is a unique opportunity for families of all generations and life stages to deepen their relationship with God and each other. Family includes anyone - moms, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles, siblings, teachers and coaches. Anyone who is playing a critical role in raising up our youth.

**Two opportunities: June 17-20 OR June 20-23**

**Learn more and sign up at [coe22.com/familycamp](https://coe22.com/familycamp)**

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*Memorizing Scripture is a practical and life-changing discipline. It stirs your affections for Jesus, fights against the enemy, and even changes your thoughts and attitude to focus on the gospel. Join us, and the kids of CoE22, as we collectively memorize Scripture during each of our sermon series. ONE church, ONE more, ONE more generation!*

### NEW VERSE!

**MEMORY VERSE:** And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me.  
- Exodus 20:1-3

### THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Monday: Genesis 22

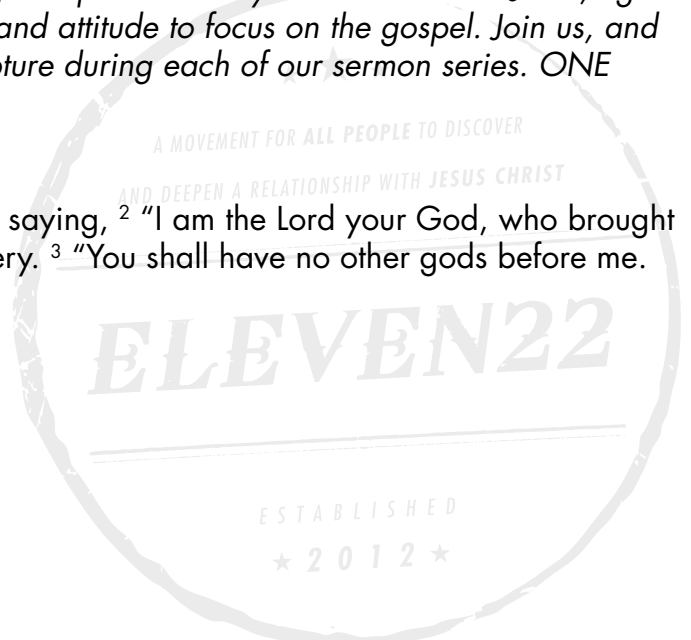
Tuedays: John 3:16-21

Wednesday: Romans 12:1-2

Thursday: Hebrews 11:17-22

Friday: 1 John 3:16-18

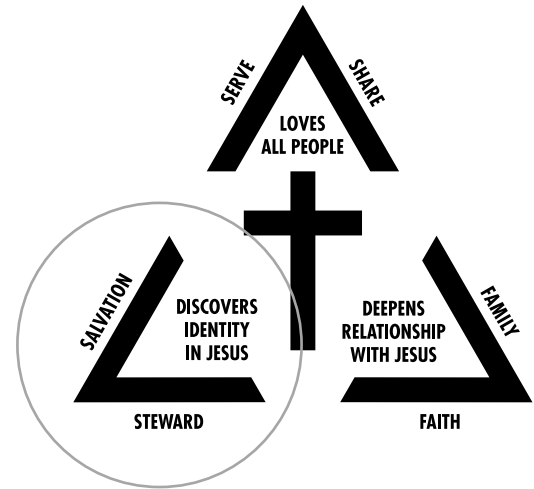
Saturday: Romans 6:12-14



# MOUNTAINS: WEEK 1

**THE POINT:** FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.  
– JOHN 3:16

**TEXTS:** GENESIS 22:1-14



*Salvation is found in Christ alone. God gave His first and His best, so that we might find life in Him. We respond by surrendering our lives and declaring, Jesus is Lord, and He is the ONE thing that drives everything!*

## TEACHING & DIALOGUE

*Have someone read Genesis 22:1-8 out loud.*

Abraham and Sarah waited over 20 years for their son, Isaac, to be born. When it seemed like the odds were stacked against them in every way, God provided a son. Abraham even tried to control the situation himself by sleeping with Hagar, yet God remained faithful to the promise He previously made to Abraham and Sarah. In Genesis 22, we see that God tested Abraham and instructed him to offer the son he waited years for as a burnt offering on Mount Moriah.

1. What does this passage tell us about God and Abraham's relationship?  
*(God had been faithful to Abraham and fulfilled His promise. God tested Abraham – He loved him enough to chisel away at anything in our lives that does not look like Jesus. Not to produce faith, but rather, to reveal Abraham's faith. Abraham heard God's call to Him, so he was listening for God. He trusted God, even when He didn't quite understand, because God is faithful and Holy, and can not contradict Himself.)*
2. Reread verse 5. Pastor Joby told us how in Hebrew, Abraham basically says, "we will go, and we will come back." Abraham obeys & holds nothing back. Can you recall a time God has called you walk out in faith, and you didn't know the outcome, but trusted God? What happened?  
*(Even though the situation seemed bleak and even though it didn't feel good or make much sense, Abraham did not hesitate to follow in obedience. When we face unfortunate circumstances in our lives that we don't understand, it's easy to feel faithless. However, Abraham is proof that God calls us to walk by faith, not by sight and not by our feelings.)*
3. God **tests** Abraham by commanding him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. We learned that the test is an act of discipline, a chiseling away of idolatry. What idols has God chiseled away in your life, or is still chiseling away?

*Have someone read Genesis 22:9-14 out loud.*

In this passage, we see Abraham and Isaac make it to the place on Mount Moriah in which God commanded them to go. While Abraham was nearly 100 years old, Isaac was much younger and had the opportunity to escape if he desired to, yet he submitted to the will of his father – this was just as much a sacrifice for Isaac as it was for Abraham.

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4. As Abraham lifted the knife to fulfill the Lord's command, God called to him from Heaven and provided another way – a ram caught in the thicket. What does this show us about the character of God?  
*(God did not call off the sacrifice, instead He required a substitute. Later in Genesis 22, we see that Abraham names the place of the sacrifice on Mount Moriah, The Lord Will Provide (Jehovah Jireh). This shows us that God always keeps His promises, He always provides for His children, and His ways are better than our own even when we don't understand them.)*
5. In what ways does Genesis 22 model what the gospel would fulfill?  
*(Abraham offered his only son = God offered his only son; Isaac carried the wood for the sacrifice = Jesus carried the cross He was later crucified on; Isaac cried out to his father = Jesus cried out to His Father; God provided a Ram (male) caught by horns in the thicket as substitute = God provided male, Jesus, as the substitutionary atonement, wearing a crown of thorns; sacrifice offered at a specific location on Mount Moriah = Jesus crucified on same mountain; Isaac escaped death after three days = Jesus rose from the dead on the 3rd day)*

**Have someone read John 3:16-17 out loud.**

In this passage, Jesus was talking to Nicodemus, one of the Pharisees. Jesus used words that He knew Nicodemus would know beforehand to make His point clear. As Jesus talks about the love of God, Nicodemus would have known that the first time this specific kind of love was mentioned in the Bible was in reference to the love of a father for a son in the story of Abraham and Isaac.

6. Genesis 22:12 tells us that Abraham revealed his heart by being willing to give up his son. How does the verse in Genesis 22 relate to John 3:16?  
*(In the same way, God reveals His heart towards us by giving His only Son. God demonstrated His love for us by sending Jesus to be the propitiation – the payment that satisfies. Just as Abraham did not withhold his son from God, God did not withhold His only Son for us.)*
7. In John 3:17, God's tells us He is not sending his Son to condemn the world but in order the world might be saved through him, or as Pastor Joby put it, that the world would be blessed. How has God blessed you through the offering His one and only Son?  
*(Share as you feel led.)*

**ACTION STEP**

God says He loves you so much that He will give up what's most important to Himself for our sake. God did not withhold His Son. As we enter into Lent and prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter, what are you withholding from God that you will fast from for the next 40 days?  
How can you declare – The Lord our God, the Lord is ONE. God is the ONE thing that drives everything in my life!

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