



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 4: MARCH 28 & 31

LEADER INFO:

As you may have seen in the Disciple Group Leader Newsletter, our Coach and Leader training is right around the corner! We are pumped to see all of you amazing leaders and hear about what God is doing in your groups on April 29 from 7:00-8:30PM!

Please RSVP at coe22.com/leadergathering

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GOOD FRUESDAY – Tuesday April 16, 6:30pm at all campuses

Join us for a Good Friday service where we will walk through the seven sayings of Christ on the cross. We can't properly celebrate the resurrected Jesus without first meditating on His suffering that Friday.

SHARE YOUR FAITH CLASS - Saturday, April 6, 8:30am-12:00pm at the San Pablo campus

Would you like to be more confident in talking about Jesus and sharing your faith? Get equipped and encouraged to share the love of Christ at our Share Your Faith class. Cost is \$10 and includes breakfast and materials. Register at coe22.com/classes.

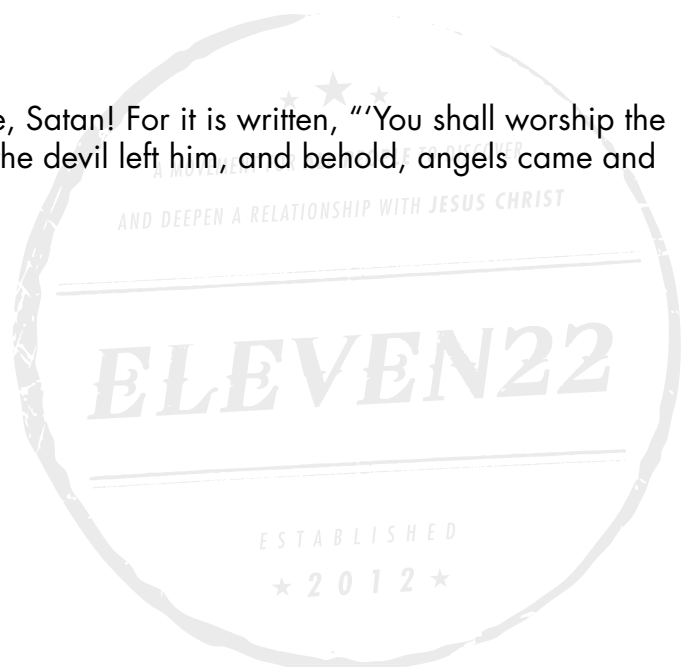
Memorizing Scripture is a practical and life-changing discipline. It stirs your affections for Jesus, fights against the enemy, and even changes your thoughts and attitude to focus on the gospel. Join us, and the kids of CoE22, as we collectively memorize Scripture during each of our sermon series. ONE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

NEW VERSE!

MEMORY VERSE: Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. – Matthew 4:10-11

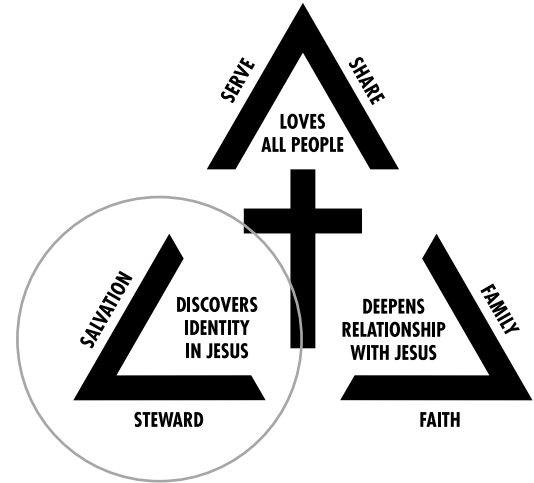
THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Monday: Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday: Isaiah 61:1-3
Wednesday: Exodus 34:6-7
Thursday: John 15:18-21
Friday: Zephaniah 3:11-12
Saturday: 2 Timothy 3:10-14



MOUNTAINS: WEEK 4

THE POINT: JESUS DID NOT COME TO MAKE BAD PEOPLE BETTER OR SAD PEOPLE HAPPY. HE CAME TO GIVE LIFE TO THE DEAD AND SALVATION FOR SINNERS.



TEXTS: MATTHEW 5:1-12, EZEKIEL 36: 22-32

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Matthew 5:1-12 out loud.

The Sermon on the Mount is one of the first and longest recorded sermons we have from Jesus. In these verses, Jesus talks about blessings that are a part of the progression of the Christian life. They are not a set of circumstances or personality types. The first three blessings show us our depravity and need for Jesus. The fourth blessing shows what happens when we declare our need. The last blessings communicate how the changes made inwardly are outwardly lived out.

As disciple-making disciples, we are constantly on a journey as we follow after Jesus. This week's sermon points to discovering our identities in Jesus.

1. Jesus after gaining a crowd of followers climbs a mountain and sits to teach. He starts with the beatitudes. What does this show us about God?
(His heart is for reconciled relationship. God knows that if identity does not precede activity, it defeats the point. We also see that God has a heart for those in pain and need. He wants to comfort us in our affliction and adopt us as sons.)
2. Blessings are often something Christians ask God for. What does true biblical blessing look like?
(Reliance upon Jesus and not ourselves. The gift of the Holy Spirit allows us to live out what the Christian life should look like. It is not in our power or in our effort.)
3. We see in these blessings the gospel revealed. What do you struggle with believing about the gospel when it comes to its application to you?
(Do you have a hard time believing all your sins are truly forgiven? Or that God is pleased with you? Do you have a hard time forgiving as you have been forgiven? Share as you feel led.)
4. God tells us that we will be persecuted, as His prophets were. Does that promise of God help you to trust Him or do you find yourself wanting to ignore it?
(If we are truly being disciples of Jesus, there will be times that people come against us. Is there an example you can share when you saw this in your own life?)

Have someone read Ezekiel 36:22-32 out loud.

Ezekiel is prophesying what will happen to the person who submits to Christ. Having a heart of stone makes someone stubborn and unyielding. After submitting to the lordship of Christ, we receive hearts of flesh that are flexible and loving to God. The gift of the Holy Spirit causes us to walk in obedience.

5. How do we see the Lord described in these verses?
(He is powerful in what He can do to those who oppose Him. Yet, he is merciful to cleanse us of all idols.)

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6. Pastor Joby mentions Ezekiel 36:26 when talking about what it means to be pure of heart. We do not have to be who we were before. We are given a new heart. What does this truth mean for us practically after we start to follow Jesus?
(That we start to see the world in a new way. We are able to see the world as God sees it and over time we walk in a way that honors and serves God.)
7. Are there areas in your life you have avoided submitting to God's authority? Convictions you have ignored because change seems impossible?
(Examples could be compromising your values to fit in, not sharing your faith when prompted, or even not surrendering your life because that involves change. Remember, we receive a new heart. That means with the renewing of our minds we do not need to be chained any longer.)

ACTION STEP

Is there an area of your life that the Lord has asked you to step out of your comfort zone? A step of faith that you have let fear poison you from walking in? Maybe it is sharing your faith, serving in a new area, going on a mission trip, or changing your job. Share what it is with your group and ask them to keep you accountable.

