

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 6: APRIL 11 & 14

LEADER INFO:

Leaders, don't forget to RSVP for our Coach and Leader Training on April 29th at 7-8:30PM! Please RSVP here.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BAPTISM CLASSES - Beach Baptism is coming May 19! If you'd like to get baptized at the beach, attend a baptism class. Learn more at <u>coe22.com/baptism</u>. Now through May 16 after every service at all campuses

DISCOVER ELEVEN22 - God created us for community. We invite you to be a part of Discover Eleven22; either for you to learn about the different ministries at Eleven22, or for you to help connect someone looking for a Disciple Group, to yours.

Monday, May 6 | 6:30pm-8:30pm at all campuses

SERVE OPPORTUNITIES:

The Boys and Girls Club is having their 1st Annual Clay Shoot on May 10th in support of their youth camp, "Camp Deep Pond". If you would like more information about how you can serve, please visit their website at www.bacnf.org/events.

Mission House is having their 27th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Event on May 11th. To sign up to serve, go to coe22.com/local-partners/ and click on the button under the Mission House logo.

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:

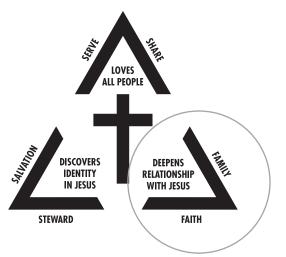
Mon: Matthew 17:1-13 Tues: Mark 11:20-25 Wed: Matthew 17:14-21 Thurs: 1 John 5:13-15 Fri: Proverbs 3:5-6 Sat: Mark 5:21-43



MOUNTAINS - WEEK 6: MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

THE POINT: GOD DOES NOT REVEAL HIMSELF TO US SO THAT WE CAN SIT AND SOAK UP ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP, BUT SO THAT WE CAN BE SENT AND SERVE ON MISSION.

TEXTS: MATTHEW 17:1-21



We have an opportunity to Deepen through Faith & Family. We fuel our faith through worship, word and prayer. Not "or", but "and". Each adding fuel to our Love for, and desire to know deeper, Jesus Christ as Lord. Being a part of the family faith, means we are not alone, and it also means at some point it will be out turn. Faith does not just happen to us, but through us, for others sake.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Matthew 17:1-13 out loud.

The transfiguration is a major milestone in the narrative of Jesus' life here on earth. "In Christian teachings, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth." (1) Moses and Elijah appear as they represent the personification of the Law and the Prophets, respectively.

- 1. What do these verses teach us about Jesus' character? (This passage reveals just how humble Jesus really was to be able to actually conceal His glory most of the time during His life here on earth. "For Christ to be glorious was almost a lesser matter than for Him to restrain or hide His glory. It is forever His glory that he concealed His glory; and that, though He was rich, for our sakes He became poor." Charles Spurgeon)
- 2. What does the transfiguration of Jesus tell us about all of humanity? (It was Jesus' earthly face that shone like the sun on the mountain of transfiguration. This was an outward expression of His inner nature. It also points toward our imputed righteousness whereby the righteousness of Christ is credited to us through faith, enabling believers to be justified. We're generally not fully aware of the glory of which our human body is capable.)
- 3. What is the significance of the appearance of Moses and Elijah? (They are the sum of Old Testament revelation that came to meet Jesus. "Saints long departed still alive; live in their personality; are known by their names; and enjoy near access to Christ." (Spurgeon) It shows how the saints, including all believers, enjoy a close relationship with Christ Jesus.)

Have someone read Matthew 17:14-21 and Mark 9:14-29out loud.

- 4. Why couldn't the disciples cast out the demon? What does this say about our inability to do the same? (In several places the disciples were able to cast out demons. However, here they failed. Apparently, some demons are stronger than others. Ephesians 6:12 - For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. "Jesus laid the inability of the disciples to cast out the demon at their unbelief. To be successful in a battle against demons, there must be trust in the Lord God who has complete authority over the demons."₂)
- 5. Pastor Joby reminded us that perfect love drives out fear. In your daily walk, is prayer your first response or a last resort? What if your prayed before EVERY decision you made, how would your life look different?

(These scriptures point out that it is only through prayer and fasting that we drive off the evil spirits that so often haunt us. Discuss ways that would trigger someone to change the "last resort" mindset. Praying first ensures we try to do nothing outside of the Spirit of God)

6. What does the faith as a mustard seed tell us about the nature of faith? Does your prayer life reflect your faith? Do you pray with (not just for) your spouse, kids, friends, Disciple Group, neighbors & co-workers? (That faith has more to do with the kind of faith than the quantity of faith there is. Genuine faith placed in our mighty God, even that as small as the tiny mustard seed, can accomplish great things, like moving mountains. Look back to 2nd Timothy week 1....faith is not simply given to you, but through you!)

ACTION STEP

 Get into smaller groups of (3) to wrap up Group time. Ask everyone to share about an impossible situation with the other two. Remembering Pastor Joby's examples of the prodigal son, health issues, unbreakable addictions, impossible marriage, bitterness/unforgiveness and depression. Take turns praying. The two pray for the ONE: for a miracle of God to release them from their situation.

and

2. NOW don't soak it in on the mountain top......Seek out (mission focused) someone that you know is struggling and do the same. Remember THE POINT: God does not reveal Himself to us so that we can sit and soak up on the mountain top, but so that we can be sent and serve on mission. Faith doesn't just happen to you, but through you!

