

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 7: APRIL 18 & 21

LEADER INFO:

SIGN UP for our our Coach and Leader Training on April 29th at 7-8:30PM! Please RSVP here. BRING two things with you: Anyone in your Group that you're Raising Up as the next generation of disciple-making disciples & you Resource Binder!

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 coe22.com/baptism.

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

SHARE - Did you and your group snap a photo in front of the flower-cross? If so share it on the Disciple Group Leader Facebook page!

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.bgcnf.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. *

LAST WEEK for this 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:

Mon: Luke 23:26-34 Tues: Luke 23:35-43 Wed: John 19:16-27 Thurs: Mark 15:33-41 Fri: John 19:28-37

Sat: Luke 23:44-49

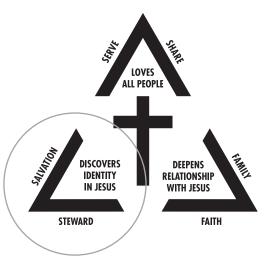
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MOUNTAINS - WEEK 7 - EASTER: MOUNT CALVARY

RECAP: Mountains Week 1 - Tie-in

Reflect back to week 1 of the series Mountains, specifically the parallels of Abraham & Isaac on Mount Moriah(Calvary) to Jesus on Mount Calvary. What do you remember from the Week 1 parallels? How does that first event recorded in Genesis compare to the recorded accounts of Jesus' declaration of it is finished?

THE POINT: WHEN JESUS WAS ON THE CROSS AND SAID "IT IS FINISHED", IT COUNTED FOR YOU.



Salvation is in Christ alone. He is the payment that satisfies the sin debts of this world, and the ONE that gave His righteousness to ALL who would believe! When we surrender, we surrender our entire life, not part of it, but all of it, so that we might die to ourselves, and be resurrected into a new life in Him!

TEXTS: LUKE 23:34, 43, 46; JOHN 19:26-27, 28, 30; MATTHEW 27:46; PSALM 22

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Luke 23:34-46 out loud.

Here we see the personification of Christ being love and forgiveness. Once He was nailed to the cross, the first thing Jesus did was pray for those who would crucify him. He prays for the very thing that He had come to die for – the forgiveness of sin. We also see the two thieves hanging on either side of Jesus. Again, a personification, but this time a personification of us. In light of Jesus on the cross, we have a choice to make; proclaim Jesus as innocent & ourselves as guilty, or reject Jesus for who He is.

- 1. Jesus is proclaiming that we are forgiven before we understand our brokenness and need for a savior. What does that tell you about God's plan for salvation? (The cross has been the plan all along. Before any of us could understand what it meant to be forgiven, we were forgiven. God knew this would have to be the way, the only way.)
- 2. As Jesus shows us how to love our enemies (Luke 6:35), he's also demanding a response to the forgiveness we have received. How well do you forgive and pray for those that have wronged you? (Enemy is a relative term for us, so how do you pray for, and at times with, your wife after a fight, your kids, an estranged friend, or even the erratic driver on the highway, and the angry parent in a school parking lot. Note: Words matter, therefore as disciples of Jesus, we should respond to apologies with "I forgive you", saying "it's ok", condones the action against you. Jesus didn't call us to condone or condemn.....we are called to forgive!)
- 3. Possibly Deep When you hear forgiven people, forgive people, do you think of someone you need to forgive? (Encourage If you are thinking of someone and want to share, we would love to pray with you right now. Remind 2 Timothy 1:7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control.)

Have someone read John 19:26-30 out loud.

The character of Christ is revealed again as He hangs on the cross, ready to give himself up... With the weight of the world on His shoulders, He pauses to tenderly make provisions for His mother. At this moment, Jesus recognizes that all that He had come for is complete: fulfillment of the law and prophets, an end to sin through everlasting righteousness, the work of man's redemption and salvation, and even His own suffering. Christ concludes His work with these eternal worlds....."It is finished!"

- 4. What does Jesus caring for his mother, while fulfilling the law and taking the punishment for sin, tell you about Jesus the Christ? (Jesus cares for about our eternity, and our remaining time on Earth. There is nothing too much for Him to handle. He's declaring to us "Come on, bring it! Give it to me! If it matters to you, it matters to me. I'm never too busy to care for my flock.)
- 5. What does "It Is Finished", mean to you? Do you struggle with anything that Christ died for, and yet have not given to Him? (ex. Guilt, loneliness, pride, addiction). (If you believe when Jesus said, "It is finished", then you need to know that it counted for you, it counted for you sin, AND it counts towards your new righteousness in Christ. We don't have to do what we used to do, because we are not the person, we used to be.....we have the righteousness of Christ)
- 6. The story doesn't end at Jesus' death, we know the story continued three days later when He resurrected, and the story continues today. How have you experienced "" in your life? What impossible situations has God proven that nothing is impossible to the ONE who believes? Where do you need to remember that today? (If the tomb is empty, anything is possible! When Jesus sat up, rolled back the stone, and appeared to over 500 people before He ascended to the right hand of God, He declared "If I can conquer death, I can conquer anything you are dealing with too"!)

ACTION STEP

Break up into groups of (3). Share at least one lie you hear from Satan, in which he is telling you, "Jesus' death did not count for that _____". Take turns in your smaller groups praying the truth of Jesus by declaring "It is finished!", that believers are a new creation, and how Jesus reminded Lazarus to come out of the grave and remove the graves clothes because people that are alive DO NOT wear dead men's clothes!

