

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 10: MARCH 15 & 18

LEADER INFO:

Please take attendance through your email reminders or your church community builder LEAD app.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hour of Prayer- Join us at your home campus every Wednesday during the Lent Season from 12-1 for an hour of prayer. We will also be fasting from food as a church body from sun up to sun down on Wednesdays.

Discover Sundays- It's our desire for you to know Jesus and be in community with His church. Discover Sundays are four Sundays a month for you to connect with all that God is doing here at The Church of Eleven22 and throughout the world. Visit coe22.com/deepen to register for a class.

Good Fuesday (Good Friday on a Tuesday) Service- There is no celebration of the risen King without the crucifixion. 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.
Tuesday, March 27 // 6:30pm at all campuses.

TEXTS: ROMANS 4:13-25, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 10 of the Romans series Pastor Joby recounts the life of Abraham to show that faith is the currency whereby we please God. Abraham's faith and lack of faith did not change God's faithfulness and His sovereign plan to send His Son Jesus. We can place our hope in Jesus because He is the yes and amen to all of our prayers. Jesus has fulfilled the greatest promise of all and has beaten death to prove that if the tomb is empty anything is possible!

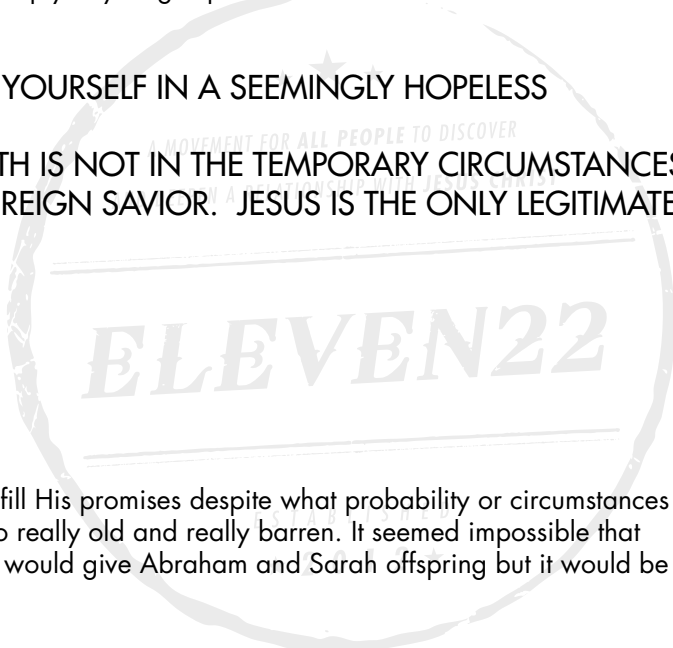
THE POINT: WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A SEEMINGLY HOPELESS SITUATION?

YOU REMIND YOURSELF EVERY DAY THAT YOUR FAITH IS NOT IN THE TEMPORARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS WORLD, BUT YOUR FAITH IS IN YOUR SOVEREIGN SAVIOR. JESUS IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE SOURCE OF HOPE.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Romans 4:13-21 out loud.

We see in this passage that Abraham trusted that God would fulfill His promises despite what probability or circumstances conveyed. Abraham was really old and his wife Sarah, was also really old and really barren. It seemed impossible that Abraham would be the father of many nations but God not only would give Abraham and Sarah offspring but it would be through that lineage that the Savior King would be born!



Abraham was a man with great moments of faith, but he also had great moments of faithlessness. He lies about his wife to save himself (Genesis 12), gets his maidservant pregnant because he is impatient with God, and then sends his son and mistress away (Genesis 16.) But God, being rich in mercy keeps His promises because His faithfulness has nothing to do with how much faith or works we can muster up.

1. What do you think about when you hear about Abraham's faith AND faithlessness?
(Abraham was a human just like us. He was a sinner in need of a Savior and God was faithful to Abraham. Does this give you hope?)
2. Where in your life do you feel hopeless?
(Some examples may include infertility, divorce, money problems, sickness, addictions, loneliness, depression.)

God will not fulfill promises He has never made to us. His faithfulness is not about giving us everything we want or making our circumstances easy. It is about pointing us to Jesus.

3. What are some of the promises God has made to us that we can stand on?
(We are saved through faith and in Christ we are a new creation. We have been adopted into God's family and clothed in His righteousness. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Christ has overcome death and sin. Christ is coming back one day.)

Have someone read Romans 4:22-25 out loud.

The Apostle Paul uses the example of Abraham's faith to point us to the cross and the empty tomb. Jesus is the only legitimate source of hope because He has beaten death!

4. What have you been placing your hope in besides Jesus?
(Your feelings, circumstances, other people?)

Have someone read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 out loud.

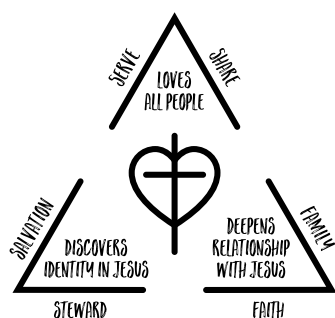
Here we are reminded to focus on the reassuring perspective of eternity and away from the temporary circumstances that can easily distract us from God's sovereignty. With God, anything is possible!

5. What is the outcome of a changed mindset from the temporary to eternal?
(Sets our mind on the Gospel and God's everlasting goodness. Reminds us we were made for another world.)
6. How can your Disciple Group be praying for you concerning a hopeless situation?

****Remember that the Church of Eleven22 has a Care Team that wants to walk with you during times of distress or hopelessness. Go to coe22.com/care to sign up to talk with someone.**

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY
A disciple is someone who...



Pray as a group for those in the group that feel like they are in a hopeless situation. Remind them that they are not alone and pray for them to place their hope in Jesus.

As we know, people feel hopeless all around the world. God has called us to spread his hope through the gospel to all nations. Please join the multiplication ministry of Eleven22 at the Global Mission Reunion Night.

Who: Anyone who has ever been on a Short-Term Mission Trip with Eleven22 OR anyone who wants to hear where God is taking us globally in 2018 and beyond.

When: Friday, April 6th. 6:30-8:30

Where: Baymeadows Campus