



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 12: APRIL 5 & 8

LEADER INFO:

Check your email and mailbox to receive an invitation to our Disciple Group Leader/Coach Input Night April 16.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Salvations!- God moved mightily throughout Easter week in saving 431 people!

Marriage Encounter Retreat - This marriage Encounter is designed for couples to get away and be in a relaxed and fun environment to renew, repair or rejuvenate your connection with your spouse. Invest your time and refocus on Jesus as the center of your most important covenant.

April 26-29, The Plantation at Crystal River, FL

To find out more info and to sign up go to coe22.com/deepen. Sign up by April 14.

Compassion Mobile Experience- This year we will have the Compassion Truck set up at the Arlington campus for people to walk through and see how God has rescued children all over the world from poverty in Jesus name. Sign up to serve at this wonderful experience!

April 26-30 at the Arlington campus

Find times and a reservation link coe22.com/news

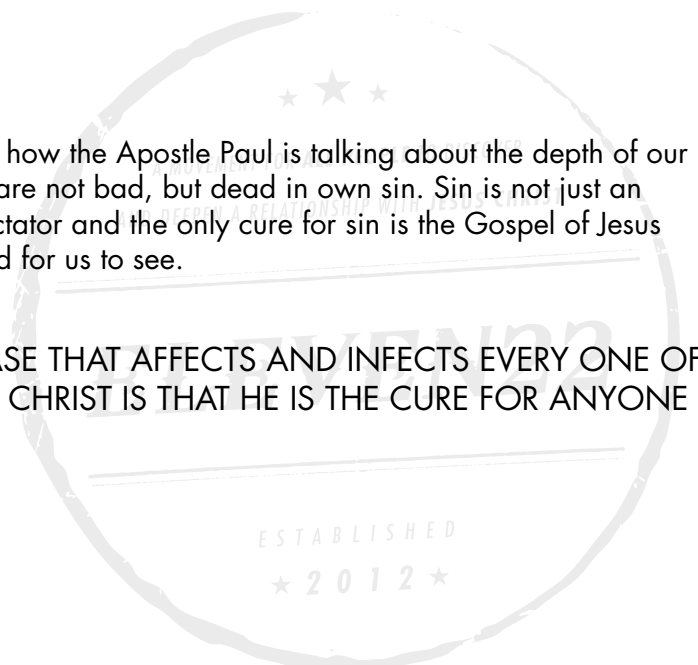
Baptism Classes – If you have never been baptized as a Believer we want to celebrate this next step of faith at Beach Baptism on May 20! Join us at a baptism class offered now-May 20 after every service at all campuses.

TEXTS: ROMANS 5:12-21

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 12 of the Romans series Pastor Joby showed us how the Apostle Paul is talking about the depth of our sin and the abundance of God's grace in Romans 5. We are not bad, but dead in our own sin. Sin is not just an action but a heart condition. It rules our life like an evil dictator and the only cure for sin is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel is God's plan and His beauty displayed for us to see.

THE POINT: OUR SIN IS LIKE A HEREDITARY DISEASE THAT AFFECTS AND INFECTS EVERY ONE OF US. THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS THAT HE IS THE CURE FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD BELIEVE.



TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Romans 5:12-14 out loud.

In Romans 5:8 we see that the Gospel is motivated by God's love thus making the Gospel not just practical but also beautiful. The Apostle Paul wants to clarify that God did not just perform a legal transaction but loved so much that He saved. Paul continues in Romans 5 to flesh out what exactly God saved us from.

The Apostle Paul accepts Genesis 3 as true and as the foundation of all mankind's sin. Adam is responsible for sin entering into the world because he disobeyed God in full knowledge (1 Timothy 2:14.) Sin results in death and the evidence of every human's death shows that sin did not stop with Adam but has spread to every person (Psalm 51:5). Sin is a hereditary spiritual condition.¹

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "sin"? How does this line up with what the Bible says sin is?
(Genesis 3, Jeremiah 17:9, 1 John 2:15-17, James 1:13-15)
2. How do you see the effects of sin play out in the world around you?
(death, hate, violence, self-glorification, etc)
3. How do you see the effects of your own sin in your life?
(your desire to be right, your hunger for self-gratification, your anxiety, your unforgiveness.)

Read this description of sin:

Sin is the Glory of God not honored,
The holiness of God not revered.
The greatness of God not admired.
The power of God not praised.
The truth of God not sought.
The wisdom of God not esteemed.
The beauty of God not treasured.
The goodness of God not savored.
The promises of God not believed.
The commandments of God not obeyed.
The justice of God not respected.
The wrath of God not feared.
The grace of God not cherished.
The presence of God not prized.
The person of God not loved

Have someone read Romans 5:15-17 out loud.

As death entered through Adam God has given the free gift of grace through Jesus. This free gift is different than the trespass because we all earned the trespass and did not earn the free gift. We are active in the trespass and just receive the gift, and the trespass infects all of mankind while the free gift is only applied to those who receive it.

¹ David Guzik, Blue Letter Bible Study Guide for Romans 5. https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/guzik_david/StudyGuide_Rom/Rom_5.cfm (accessed April 4, 2018).

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4. What does verse 17 tell us about God's character as we read that the free gift includes the ABUNDANCE of grace?
(God does not give the bare minimum but lavishes us with grace upon grace ~1 John 3:1. He does not change His mind and take back the free gift of salvation.)
5. How have you experienced God's ABUNDANT grace in your life?
(Be as specific as possible with your example.)

Have someone read Romans 5:18-21 out loud.

Just as ALL are condemned by their own sin, ALL are invited to receive the most costly gift. The price has already been paid through the blood of Christ and God saves all those who will receive the gift.

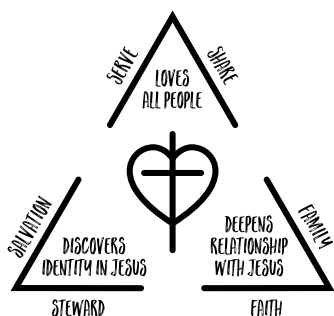
"God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'" "Salvation is free, but not cheap.' It cost Jesus His life."

– Rev Billy Graham

6. How have you already meditated on the implications of the Gospel in your own life this week? How can you be reminded to do so on a daily basis?
(Scripture reminders, daily devotional, intentional prayer time, Gospel centered conversations with friends/mentors.)

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

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A disciple is someone who...



When God gave you the free gift of salvation it was not intended to just keep to yourself. His love should compel us to share the good news of Jesus with others. Invite someone to lunch or coffee this week and start the conversation regarding how God has brought you from death to life.

