



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 14: APRIL 19 & 22

LEADER INFO:

The official Spring semester ends May 6. This is a great time to identify a new leader and help them get into a training so they can launch in the summer. The Summer semester starts June 4. Over the break we will provide a leaner version of curriculum.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

You can also sign up to serve at Compassion tables set up in service. Come be a part of helping people change the lives of children all over the world!

https://coe22.ccbchurch.com/need_detail.php?need_id=4563

Or contact Sally Wilber at sally.wilber@coe22.com

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.**

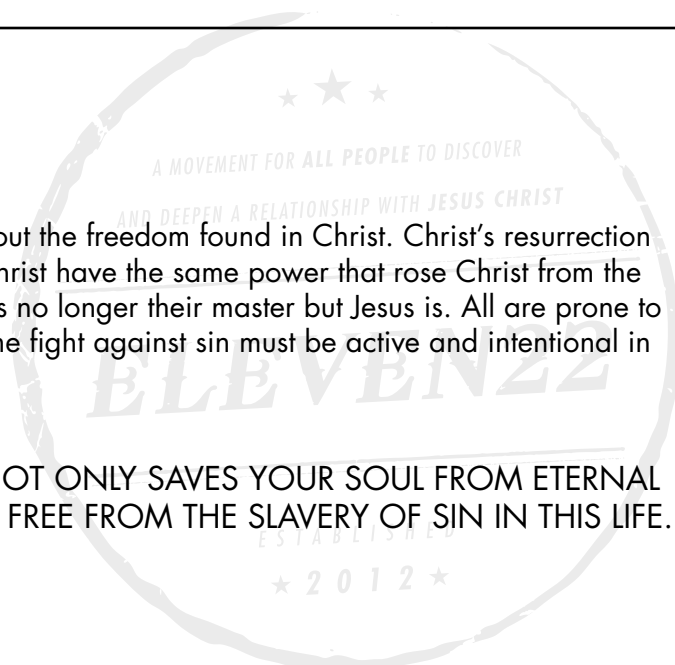
New Disciple Group Leader Trainings - If you are interested in leading a Disciple Group go to coe22.com/disciplegroups to fill out the application and sign up for a training in April or May.

TEXTS: ROMANS 6:5-14, COLOSSIANS 2:12-14

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 14 of the Romans series, Pastor Joby talked about the freedom found in Christ. Christ's resurrection proved that sin and death could not beat Him. Those in Christ have the same power that rose Christ from the dead living in them (Romans 8:11) which means that sin is no longer their master but Jesus is. All are prone to wander and the devil wants to kill, steal, and destroy so the fight against sin must be active and intentional in order to walk in the freedom Christ died for.

THE POINT: WHEN JESUS IS YOUR SAVIOR, HE NOT ONLY SAVES YOUR SOUL FROM ETERNAL DAMNATION IN THE NEXT LIFE, BUT HE SETS YOU FREE FROM THE SLAVERY OF SIN IN THIS LIFE. BE FREE.



TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Romans 6:5-11 out loud.

To recap verses 1-4 Paul combats the idea of living in excessive sin to receive excessive grace with the truth that someone in Christ has died to sin and should walk in their newness of life. He continues in verses 5-14 to explain that the same power that resurrected Christ from the grave lives in the Believer. This means that through the blood of Christ as Believers we have direct access to God, God is not finished with us (He has given us the Holy Spirit), and the Mission is not finished (we are to take the Gospel to all people).

1. Philippians 3:10-11 says "that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead." What comes to mind when you think about being united with Christ in the glory of the resurrection while also being willing to be united in His death now?
(We must be willing to suffer in this world while living for the reality that we were not made for this world.)
2. What does Jesus' victory over death tell us about God (vs 9)?
(When we read Scripture it is important to see what it is telling us about God and His character because then we can rightly see what it is telling us about us: God is all powerful. He has no beginning and end. Death cannot destroy God just like it could not keep Jesus in the grave. By God's grace those in Christ cannot be separated from God by death.)
3. What does it mean to be set free from sin?
(Sin is no longer our master, Jesus is. To put it practically, because sin no longer has power over us, the sanctification process is set in motion and our old desires become God's desires. Once we go from death to life, sin no longer has the same appeal or power because Jesus is on the throne of our hearts.)
4. When Jesus said, "It is finished," He didn't mean that He was finished with us. God sent the Holy Spirit to comfort us AND to convict us. How have you seen the Holy Spirit comfort and convict you recently? How did you respond to this?
(Give a specific example from your life.)

Have someone read Romans 6:12-14 and Colossians 2:12-14 out loud.

Due to the theological implications of Christ's death and resurrection and our union in that Paul calls for a practical response to live out this newness by being free from the mastery of sin.

In Colossians 2:14 Paul states that when Jesus died on the cross, the record of debt that we had stacked up against us was nailed to the cross. Just as Jesus victoriously conquered death, He conquered the power of sin along with it.

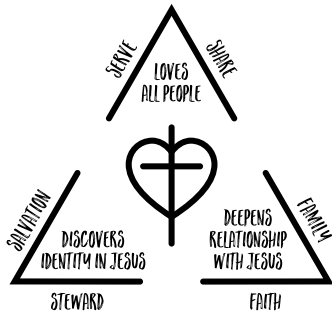
5. What is the difference between being under grace and being under the law?
(Under grace means that Christ's death and resurrection is sufficient and is all our righteousness for justification. This grace is a gift through faith. Being under the law means righteousness is not found in Christ, but by keeping the law¹.)
6. What specific sins are you still allowing to sit on the throne in your life?

¹ John Piper. Free from Sin, Slaves of Righteousness Part 1. <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/free-from-sin-slaves-of-righteousness-part-1> (accessed April 18, 2018).

7. If you took seriously the call to make your bodies instrument of righteousness what are some practical ways your life would have to change?
(deleting an app, getting rid of your tv, giving financially for the Kingdom and not temporary pleasures, etc)

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY
A disciple is someone who...



Kill the sin that is trying to kill you and cultivate your walk with Jesus.

Identify what lure tempts you and fight that sin through God's Word and the Holy Spirit.

- Are you tempted by the lust of the flesh? Flee!
- Are you tempted by the lust of the eyes? Give until it changes you!
- Are you tempted by the pride of life? Humble yourself and celebrate someone else!

Download the Discipleship Journey Tool at coe22.com/disciplegroups and ask yourself the questions provided.

