



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 20: MAY 31 & JUNE 3

LEADER INFO:

Welcome to our first ever Summer Semester of Disciple Groups! We are so thankful for you and your willingness to be Disciple-Making-Disciples. Our Summer Semester ends August 12th and Disciple Groups will be on break from August 12th until September 3rd.

SAVE THE DATE! August 4th from 9am-12pm is our Annual Disciple Group Leader Celebration! We want to honor you and celebrate all that God is doing in our Disciple Groups! Keep a look out for more information to come!

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Serve Day is coming up on July 14th! This is a great way to cultivate community within your Disciple Group while serving the community! [Click here to sign up to serve as a Group!](#)

TEXTS: ROMANS 8:31-39

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

Throughout the 'Great 8', we have learned that through the shed blood of Jesus, there is therefore now no condemnation, we are adopted into God's family through sonship, and that God's love for us is not dependent on our circumstances, but rather, by His sovereign grace towards us. We wrapped up Romans 8 by learning that we are more than conquerors through Jesus! We can walk in a holy confidence knowing that Jesus has already won the battle!

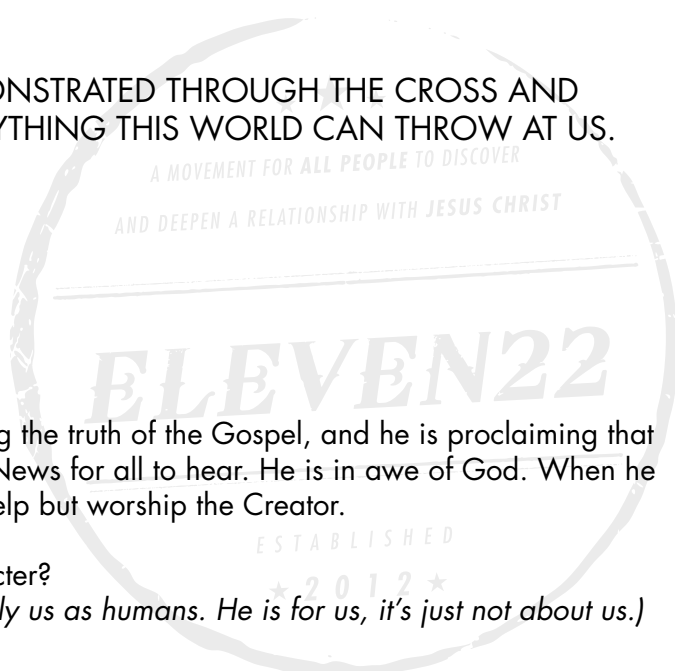
THE POINT: GOD'S LOVE TOWARD US (AS DEMONSTRATED THROUGH THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION) IS INFINITELY GREATER THAN ANYTHING THIS WORLD CAN THROW AT US.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read read Romans 8:31-32 out loud.

Paul isn't blandly stating the facts. He is boldly proclaiming the truth of the Gospel, and he is proclaiming that truth with excitement. He is, essentially, yelling the Good News for all to hear. He is in awe of God. When he thinks of who God is and what He has done, Paul can't help but worship the Creator.

1. What do these verses tell you about God's character?
(He cares tremendously about His creation, namely us as humans. He is for us, it's just not about us.)



2. Share a time when you couldn't help but to tell everyone around you about the glory of God.
(This could be recalling a time when you were on mission, when God answered a prayer, or even when you saw a beautiful sunset.)
3. What stirs your affections for the Lord and helps you to remember the truth of verses 31 and 32?
(Think of specific examples from your own life.)

Have someone read Romans 8:33-37 and Romans 8:1-2 out loud.

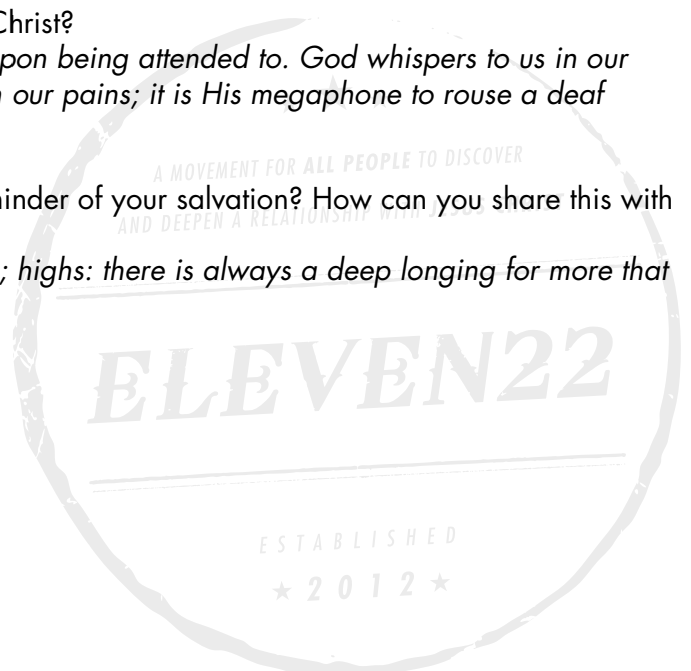
Yet again we are reminded that through Christ there is no condemnation. Because Jesus' death is our propitiation (a payment that satisfies), we can rest in His victory over our sin. God says that in Christ, we are more than conquerors. We share in His victory – yes and amen! But we are also given a new identity in Christ. We are given sonship. This means that we are part of the family of God. Just as there was nothing we could do to earn that standing with Him, there is also nothing that can be done to lose it.

4. What do these verses tell you about how God sees you?
(You are chosen. You are set apart. You are adopted.)
5. How does the reality that you are more than a conqueror in Christ affect your relationship with Him?
(This should free you from the desire to perform or to pretend!)

Have someone read Romans 8:38-39 out loud.

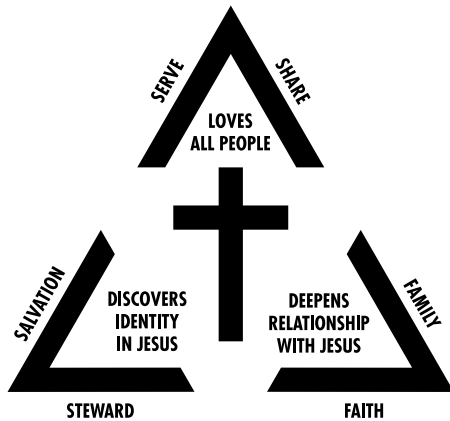
Because of Jesus' finished work on the cross, when we surrender our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, we are His. There is no action so horrible that you will lose your salvation, and there is no action so magnificent that you can earn it. There's also no force in this world, physical or spiritual, that can take away your relationship with the Almighty God of the universe. Let this give you rest for your soul in a way that only Jesus can provide.

6. Have you believed the lie that your salvation is dependent on Jesus + ____ or that your salvation can be lost?
(Group leaders, it is so important that these questions be discussed with care and honesty. Point back to the text and to the Gospel!)
7. How can painful situations in this world point to Christ?
(“We can ignore even pleasure. But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” -CS Lewis)
8. How can the highs and lows of your life be a reminder of your salvation? How can you share this with others?
(Lows: you need Jesus and can't do this life alone; highs: there is always a deep longing for more that only Christ can satisfy.)



DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

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A disciple is someone who...



What is your next step?

We are right in the middle of the year of Deepen! As we deepen, we want to be intentional about taking next steps – regardless of where we are in our spiritual walks. Whether your next step is signing up to serve, surrendering your life to Jesus, signing up for a mission trip, inviting your #ONEMORE to church, or leading a Disciple Group, take time this week to think about what that next step is for you personally and then act on it!

