



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 23: JUNE 21 & 24

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## LEADER INFO:

Our Summer Semester will run from June 4 – August 12. Disciple Groups will then be on break from August 12 until September 3.

**SAVE THE DATE!** August 4 from 9:00am-12:00pm 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!

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Share Your Faith** - Would you like to be more confident in talking about Jesus and sharing your faith? Get equipped and encouraged to share the love of Christ at our Share Your Faith class. Cost is \$10 and includes breakfast and materials.

Saturday, July 21 // 8:00am-12:30pm at the San Pablo campus

Register at [coe22.com/shareyourfaith](http://coe22.com/shareyourfaith)

**Doctrine Classes** - For four weeks we will sharpen and educate ourselves on Christian doctrine as we study the attributes of God. We will be covering topics such as sovereignty, the Trinity, holiness, and how He is eternal. Cost is \$30 and includes dinner, childcare and materials.

Friday nights from July 27 through August 17 // 6:00pm at the San Pablo campus

[coe22.com/doctrineclasses](http://coe22.com/doctrineclasses)

**Serve Day** is coming up on July 14! 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!](#)

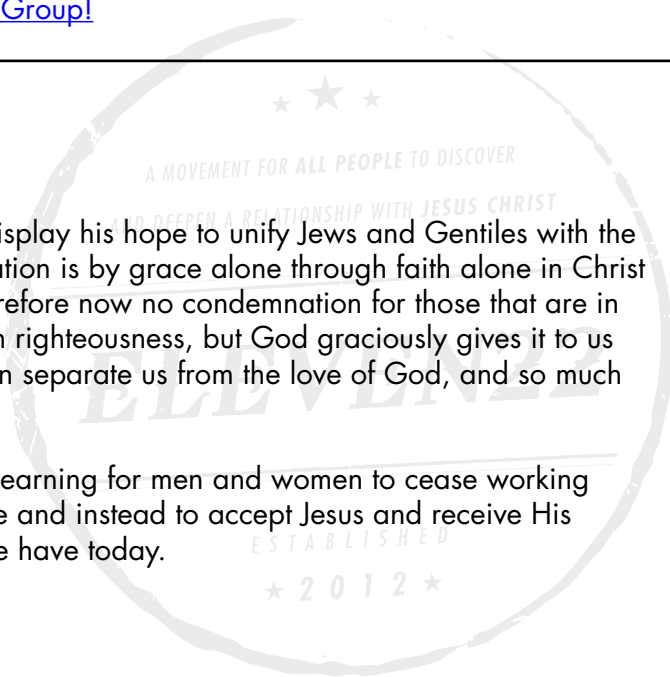
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**TEXTS: ROMANS 10:18-21, JOHN 18:1-11**

## THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

Throughout our study of Romans, we've seen Paul set on display his hope to unify Jews and Gentiles with the Gospel. We've seen Paul clearly communicate that justification is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. We've seen Paul's encouragement that "there is therefore now no condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus", that we can't do anything to work for or earn righteousness, but God graciously gives it to us through Jesus's finishing work on the cross, that nothing can separate us from the love of God, and so much more!

As we continue to dive deeper into Romans, we see Paul yearning for men and women to cease working to attain righteousness based on their works and birthplace and instead to accept Jesus and receive His righteousness based on the cross. This is the same need we have today.



**THE POINT:** DO YOU HEAR? DO YOU UNDERSTAND? WILL YOU SURRENDER AND FALL INTO THE OUTSTRETCHED ARMS OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER?

## TEACHING & DIALOGUE

***Have several people read Romans 1:16-17, Romans 2:4, Romans 3:21-25, Romans 5:8, Romans 8:1, and Romans 8:28.***

In this passage, Paul stresses the fact that our righteousness is a direct byproduct of our salvation in Jesus Christ, not in our ability to earn or achieve it. We receive the righteousness of Jesus Christ based on our faith – through believing and confessing, not by our own merit.

1. Which of these passages has resonated with you the most over the last several weeks as we have studied Romans? Why?  
*(This is a great opportunity to look back and see how God is currently working in your life and how you are actively deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ.)*

***Have someone read Romans 10:18-21 out loud.***

This passage talks about how God opens His hands to all people. He gives Israel the gift of scripture to point to the Messiah. There were many religious people who studied for their entire lives looking for the signs of Jesus and yet, they completely missed Him. Paul explains that his heart was that the people who worked to attain righteousness based on behavior or birthplace would surrender to Jesus and receive His righteousness based on the cross... In our current context, the same is true of "church people". May we find our righteousness in Jesus and nothing else.

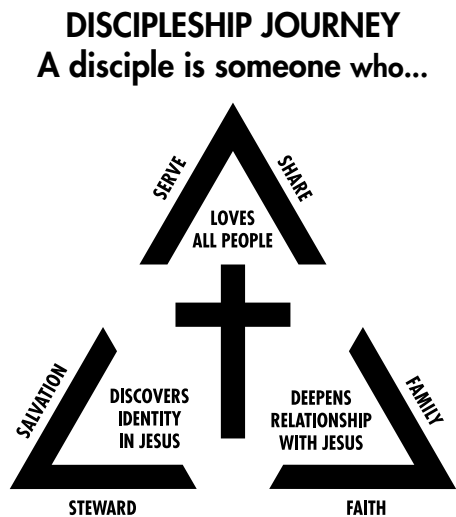
2. What can we learn about God based on these verses?  
*(God is a pursuing God. He comes after us and welcomes people regardless of race, sex, our past, or our prejudices. He loves all creation and loves His image bearers beyond our understanding.)*
3. The Jewish people were God's chosen nation, and still they lived based on the Law and easily put works over faith. Share a time in your life where you have found yourself working for righteousness through works rather than allowing Jesus to be your cornerstone.  
*(It is easy to slip into a mindset of works based righteousness. If you are exhausted and operating out of duty, instead of in response to what God has done, then you may have slipped into that thought process. We have to be careful not to slip into this mindset because it is possible to be a "church person" and still completely miss Jesus. As we continue to dive deeper into the gospel, it continues to remind us of our need for Jesus.)*
4. Have you shared your faith with your #ONEMORE? What keeps you from sharing the gospel with your friends or family members?  
*(We are called to live a life on mission. That can mean we go on a mission trip or share your faith with someone you know here. If you are interested in learning more about how to share your faith, we have a Share Your Faith class July 21st. You can register at [coe22.com/shareyourfaith](http://coe22.com/shareyourfaith).)*

**Have someone read John 18:1-11 out loud.**

Up until this moment in Scripture, it's hard to tell the difference between Judas and Peter. Judas never got in trouble, but Peter constantly messed up, rebuked Jesus, was called Satan, doubts Jesus, and chopped off someone's ear... It's easy for us to find ourselves living like Judas, doing a lot of "good things" and still completely missing Him in the process. From the outside, Judas looked like a Christian, but the alarming reality is that Judas knew Jesus as a teacher, but didn't know Him as Lord. We must realize that people who seemingly "have it all together" like Judas desperately need Jesus and people whose lives are a mess like Peter desperately need Jesus too.

5. Who do you find yourself relating to, Judas or Peter?  
(This is a good opportunity to be super honest with yourself and evaluate where you're at with Jesus.)

## DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



What is your next step? Take time this week to think about what you can do next to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. Maybe your next step is to attend the Share your Faith class July 21. Maybe it's to simply share a personal invitation with your #ONEMORE – next weekend is a #ONEMORE weekend! No matter where you're at, we encourage you to intentionally take time this week to think about what your next step is, and then go a step further and act on it!

