



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 27: JULY 19 & 22

LEADER INFO:

PLEASE remember to take attendance each week through your email reminders or your church community builder LEAD app.

As a Disciple Group Leader, you are required to become a Covenant Member. There are three opportunities for you to go through the class before the Fall Semester begins: July 22, July 29, and August 19. Classes begin at 1:00pm.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Encounter Retreats - This year we are adding more Encounter Retreats, a chance to get away from your normal routines and dive deeper into your relationship with Jesus and connect with others.

Go to coe22.com/deepen for more information!

Spiritual Disciplines Encounter – September 21 - September 23

Hunting Encounter – September 23 – September 26

Marriage Encounter B – September 27 – September 30

Women's Encounter B – October 19 – October 21

Golf Encounter – October 19 – October 21

Surf Encounter B – October 22 – October 29

Sporting Clays Encounter – December 8

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

Covenant Member Classes - If you are ready to move from attending to fully partnering in the mission, vision, and values of Eleven22, then join us for an upcoming covenant membership class at your campus: July 22, July 29, and August 19 at 1:00pm.

TEXTS: ROMANS 12:3-8

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 27 of Romans, we looked at Romans 12:3-8. In this passage, Paul fleshes out what it means to be one unified Church body. He explains that while we are not saved by the church, we are most certainly saved into the church family. As part of the church family, we should be utilizing the gifts that God has given us to function properly! While there are many "members", we are one Church and we need each other.

THE POINT: ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT SAVED BY THE CHURCH, WE ARE SAVED INTO THE CHURCH FAMILY. THE BODY NEEDS YOU AND YOU NEED THE BODY.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Romans 12:3 out loud.

In this verse, Paul warns us to live in humility... Pride is a sin in us by nature, so as followers of Jesus, we should be extra guarded against it. If we see the truth about who we really are, which is black-hearted wretched sinners, then it is impossible to be given over to pride. Because we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, we have no room to be prideful. Everything we have is a gift from God – and we should live in light of that truth.

1. Because right thinking about God produces a right response to God, it's important that we consider what this verse says about who God is before we can see what that means for us. Based on this verse, what can we know about God?
(It is by God's grace that we are saved. He is gracious to undeserving sinners. There's nothing we can do to earn our salvation and there's nothing we can do to lose it – His grace is sufficient.)
2. Read Proverbs 16:18. How have you seen pride cause destruction in your own life?
(So often, we catch ourselves in a mess because of our own pridefulness. Pride makes us feel like we deserve something, it makes us think we are better than we actually are, and it quite often rears its ugly head without us even noticing. It whispers, "I'm too good to do _____. I can't go serve there because _____. I'm better than them because _____." Share from your own personal experiences if you feel led.)
3. How can we follow in Jesus's footsteps and live in humility daily?
(Think about different examples from the Bible where we can see Jesus leading by example and living in humility. One example is found in John 13 where we see Jesus washing the Disciples' feet. Jesus was about to walk into the hardest part of His earthly existence... He had every right to focus on Himself and prepare, yet He humbly chose to continue to provide teaching and comfort to those closest to Him.)

Have someone read Romans 12:4-5 out loud.

While we are not saved by the church, we are certainly saved into the church family. Just like your body has several different parts that work together to keep you alive and functioning properly, we – as a church – are called to work together in order to function as God intended. Paul even explains that though there are many "members", we are one body in Christ. This calls for unity among the Church and for "members" of the church to use the gifts that God has given us for His glory.

4. In verse 4, Paul explains that though there are many "members", we do not all have the same function. How can we practically use the gifts that God has given us individually to work as one body?
(A great way to start would be taking a spiritual gifts test to see what specific gifts God has given you! <https://www.lifethrive.com/faith-based-assessments/>)
5. Pay close attention to the phrase "in Christ". We hear it all the time, but what does this phrase actually mean?
(To be "in Christ", according to John Piper, means that "the interwoven unity of all members into one body is created and brought about in Christ. More simply put, it means that each of us is in relationship to Christ, and therefore in relationship with each other... By creating relationships with Himself, Christ creates the relationships in the body".)

6. Why is the Church so important?

(The Church cost God the life of His Son... There are several things that the Church gets to experience together in Christ: redemption, justification, forgiveness, meeting needs together, worshipping God together, eternity together, etc. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we ultimately get to experience an inheritance together – one that we had no part in earning or achieving! We GET to experience all of these things together because God is a gracious and loving God!)

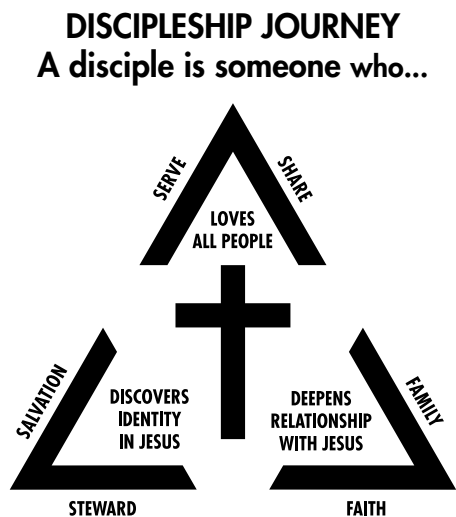
Have someone read read Romans 12:6-8 out loud.

In this passage of scripture, Paul lays out the reason we should use the gifts that God has given us. If the foot tried to do what the heart was made to do, it would most certainly fail. In the same way, we should be operating within the church by using the gifts that God has specifically given to us. Paul's focus in these few verses is to stress that each of our individualities is greatly valued to the church as a whole!

7. Do you have gifts that you aren't currently using to serve the church? If so, what is it that is holding you back from using those gifts?

*(Share with your group if you feel led. **Group Leaders:** Take time after this question to encourage members of your Group to pray about the things that are holding them back from using the gifts that God has given them. Encourage complete surrender!)*

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



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