

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 30: AUGUST 9 & 12

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 is one more opportunity for you to go through the class before the Fall Semester begins: August 19 at 1:00pm.

**** Leaders, as you share these specific announcements, we want to encourage you to really push your Group to attend as these are very important events in the life of The Church of Eleven22! A great way to do this would be to encourage your Group to go to these events together. ****

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Elder-Led Prayer - Elder-led Prayer is a night of worship, prayer and reflection led by our Board of Elders. This is an intimate event for our church family to come together and prepare for the Daniel Fast and Saturated 2018.

August 24 // 6:00pm at the San Pablo campus

Coe22.com/events

Deepen Encounter - The Deepen Encounter is a two day event that will include worship, comedy, devotional time, vision and fellowship opportunities. Friday night will begin directly following Elder-led Prayer; dinner is provided prior to Elder-led Prayer as well as breakfast on

Saturday morning. Childcare available upon request.

RSVP at coe22.com/deepenencounter

Friday-Saturday, August 24-25 - San Pablo // 7:00pm

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 August 19 at 1:00pm.

Saturated Baptisms - If you'd like to be baptized during Saturated, there will be baptism classes after every service August 23-September 9. **If you'd like to serve** during Saturated baptisms with the Spiritual Formation team, [sign up here](#).

Vision Gathering - These Vision Gathering will be a night of worship and prayer where we will gather together and celebrate all that God has done since we opened the doors in the 2012. We will hear from Pastor Joby about where he sees God leading us in this next season. Light dinner will be served at 6:15pm, childcare available upon request. Childcare will be provided 0-5th grade. Childcare available upon request.

RSVP at coe22.com/visiongathering

Tuesday, August 28 - All Campuses // 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 18 - San Pablo Only // 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 2 - All Campuses // 7:00pm

TEXTS: ROMANS 13:8-14

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 30 of the Romans series, we learned that love rules over everything. Paul explains that we are called to love one another and by doing so, we fulfill the law. It's hard to give something that you do not have – so in order to love one another, we must first have the pure love of God in us.

THE POINT: LOVE RULES OVER ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS. JESUS TELLS US THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT IS TO LOVE GOD AND LOVE PEOPLE.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Romans 13:8-10 out loud.

Last week, we fleshed out what the first part of Romans 13 meant when it came to honoring the authority in our lives. This week, we see Paul explain how we can fulfill the law as we continue to honor the authority in our lives. In this passage of Scripture Paul echoes the words of Jesus from Matthew 22. We see that the only thing we owe anyone is love. However, we also see that we cannot give what we do not have. This means that the only way we can love others is to have the pure love of God first in us. If we are truly saved by grace and transformed by the power of the gospel, then our lives toward God and others should look drastically different. The life of a Christian should be one that is marked by love!

1. After reading this passage, what does it reveal about the loving nature of God?
(According to 1 John 3:16, the reason we know love is purely because Jesus laid down His life for us. We get to love God and others because Jesus first displayed His unconditional love for us on the cross. This speaks volumes about God's character because He chose to display His love for us before we could ever do anything in an attempt to "earn" it.)
2. After reading the first part of verse 8 and learning that the only thing we owe somebody is love, how can we better love people?
(Loving others is really just following in obedience. As Tim Keller points out, "The obedient thing is the loving thing; the loving thing is the obedient thing." Obedience and love go hand in hand. Because God continually pours out His love for us, it is our duty as Christians to respond by loving others well. It can be as simple as giving a word of encouragement, a hug or a hand shake, our time or our talents, our labor, our affection, our attention, our money, etc.)
3. By loving one another as the Bible commands us to, we will fulfill the law. How does this look in your own life?
(All God says we do is love and we simultaneously fulfill the law. Obviously Jesus committed the greatest act of love by dying on the cross. Therefore, Jesus fulfilled the law, but we get to play a part too. When we walk in obedience by loving one another, we fulfill the law – because in loving one another, we will not commit adultery, murder, steal, covet, etc. It's our job to simply love one another.)

Have someone read 1 John 4:7-12, 21 out loud.

This passage of Scripture continues to show us that we are called to love one another out of the abundance of love that God lavishes upon us. The love that John talks about in this passage is agape love. This kind of love is known as a spiritual type of love that we cannot have apart from God. This same kind of love is also referenced in John 3:16. John goes on to explain that if you do not love, then you most certainly do not know God – because God Himself is love. The greatest evidence of God's presence and transforming work among us is love.

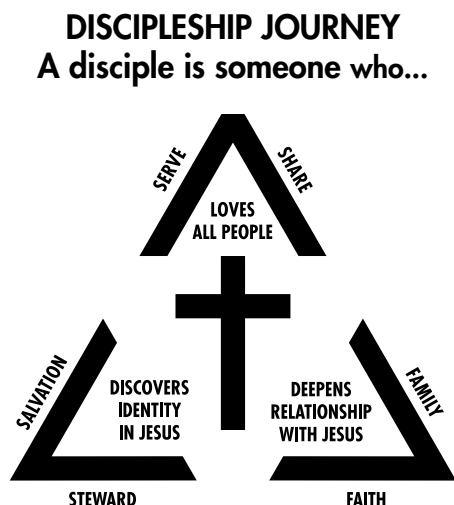
4. What does it mean to do everything in love?
(After reading Romans 13:8-10 and 1 John 4:7-12 and 21, we clearly see that God is glorified when we love each other. The truth is that because God is love, everything He does is rooted in His perfect love. As followers of Jesus, we should strive to model that in our everyday lives. This means that whether we are going to school, dropping kids off at soccer practice, working at the office, or going to a football game, everything we do should be rooted in love.)

Have someone read Romans 13:11-14 out loud.

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5. What area(s) of your life do you fall short of bringing glory to God that you know you need to change?
(As the question is read, more than likely something specific pops into your mind. We are all a work in progress, so every human on earth has several areas that they struggle with. As we seek Him, He will show us those areas and the way to true freedom – whether that is through confession, prayer, conviction, etc. There is nothing that we struggle with that the cross hasn’t already overcome. A good first step is bringing that area into the light in a safe place in a group such as this.)
6. Are there any areas of your life that you can’t seem to let go of and give to God? What is stopping you from surrendering everything to the Lord?
(Sometimes it requires a little extra faith to trust God with certain areas of your life and trust that He will take care of them with your best interest in mind. It’s a daily process of letting go and surrendering to Jesus. There is freedom in surrendering your all to Jesus.)
7. In light of verse 14, what are some things that you have discovered in your personal walk with Christ that help you spend time with the Lord? What are the things that stir your affections for the Lord?
(Encourage the group to share personal experiences so that others can learn new ways to “stir their affections for the Lord” and strengthen their relationship with Him.)

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



As we continually follow along with our Discipleship Journey Tool, we see that in order to love people well, we should serve and share.

What are some ways that you can practically serve the people God has placed around you? Is your next step to sign up to serve for one of our weekend services? Go to coe22.com/serve to sign up to serve! Maybe it's time for your Group to go serve the community together – go to coe22.com/localoutreach for more information.

Another way to love others well is to share what God has been doing in your life with the people that God has placed around you. There's no greater way to share the love of God than to share how His love changed your life!