



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 32: AUGUST 23 & 26

LEADER INFO:

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

**** 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 Sign-Ups continue this weekend before and after ALL services! Come serve and meet the next new member of your group, please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up!

REMINDER: Don't forget to request to join our closed Facebook page to stay in the loop on all the latest events and updates! You can join by searching for "The Church of Eleven22 Disciple Group Leaders" on Facebook and then requesting to join the group!

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturated Baptisms - If you'd like to be batpized 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

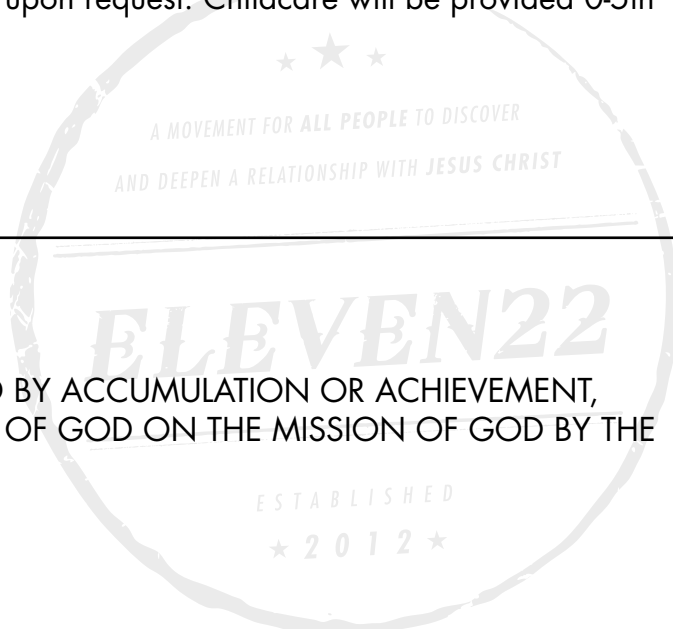
Tuesday, August 28 - All Campuses // 7:00pm

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

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

TEXTS: ROMANS 15:8-33

THE POINT: A LIFE WELL LIVED IS NOT MEASURED BY ACCUMULATION OR ACHIEVEMENT, BUT BY POURING YOURSELF OUT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ON THE MISSION OF GOD BY THE POWER OF GOD.



TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Romans 15:8-13 out loud.

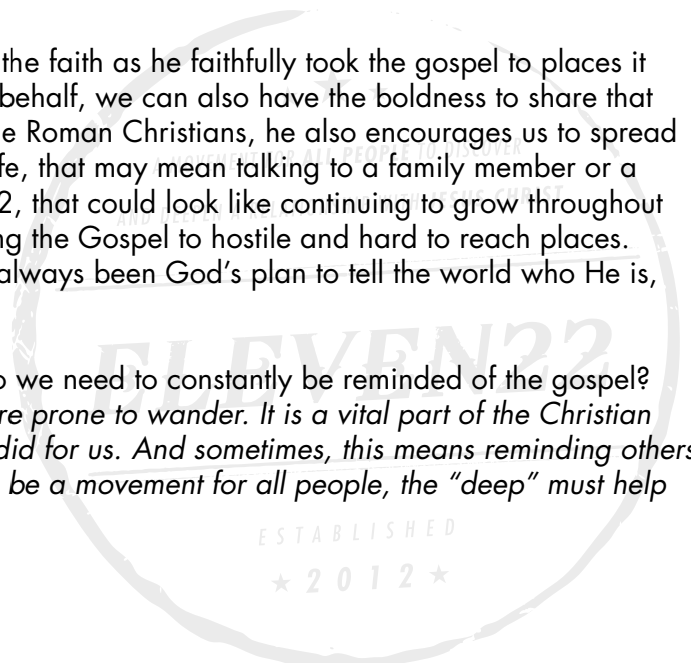
In this passage, we see Paul quote several verses from the Old Testament that show us that God intends for Gentiles to praise Him! Rather than dividing over secondary issues, Paul urges Jews and Gentiles to unite in Jesus over their mutual praise and adoration for Him! God should be our first priority – as individuals and as a Church. So often, though, we take our eyes off of the cross and begin to focus our attention on ourselves. It can be easy to get so caught up in the “things” going on in church that we begin to ignore the primary function of the church – which is to make disciple-making disciples. The hope that abounds in us isn’t the hope of weekend services, Disciple Groups, or church-wide events like Saturated. Our hope that abounds is in Christ and Christ alone. Don’t make the mistake of turning inward to the church, causing you to turn your back on those who don’t yet know Jesus.

1. What do these verses reveal about the attributes and nature of God?
(We know that right thinking about God produces a right response to God. This means that it is of great importance that we consider what Scripture tells us about the character of God before we discover what it means for ourselves. This passage reveals that God is omnipotent (all-powerful), purposeful, and sovereign over all. He saved Israel for His glory, He saved Israel because of His love, and He saved Israel to be on the rescue team – and the same is true for us!)
2. In this passage, we see that overtime, Israel turned their attention inward at great expense of those on the outside. In our own lives, we see the same can be true. In what ways can we intentionally re-focus our eyes on those outside the church who don’t yet have a relationship with Christ?
(It’s all about Jesus and His glory, not us and our story... It’s of high importance to keep our eyes on the cross and to remind ourselves of what Jesus did for us. When we preach the gospel to ourselves, it should stir something inside of us and compel us to share that with others!)
3. We hear pretty frequently around the Church of Eleven22 that the best way to deepen your relationship with Jesus is to help someone else discover theirs. How have you seen this to be true in your own life?
(Share with the group if you feel led.)

Have someone read Romans 15:14-21 out loud.

As Paul boldly walked in obedience, he was a pioneer in the faith as he faithfully took the gospel to places it had never been. Because of what Christ has done on our behalf, we can also have the boldness to share that good news with others. As Paul wrote this to encourage the Roman Christians, he also encourages us to spread the Gospel where it’s never been spread before. In your life, that may mean talking to a family member or a friend who doesn’t know Jesus. For the Church of Eleven22, that could look like continuing to grow throughout Northeast Florida. For the global Church, that means taking the Gospel to hostile and hard to reach places. Make no mistake about it – this can be hard! But this has always been God’s plan to tell the world who He is, and we get to be a part of it.

4. Have someone read verses 14-15 again. Why do we need to constantly be reminded of the gospel?
(Just like the old hymn says, we are people that are prone to wander. It is a vital part of the Christian life to continually remind ourselves of what Jesus did for us. And sometimes, this means reminding others of the gospel in love and truth... In order for us to be a movement for all people, the “deep” must help others “discover”.)



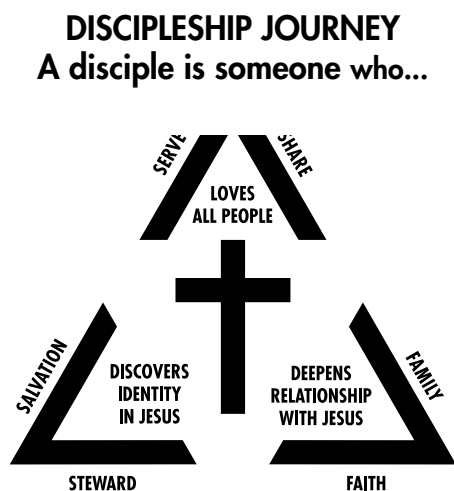
5. Are there times when you struggle to share the gospel? Why?
(This could be not inviting a co-worker to church, not sharing the gospel with a close friend or relative, or being reluctant to go on a short-term mission trip... Share an example from your own life where you felt hesitant to share the gospel.)

Have someone read Romans 15:22-33 out loud.

Paul's focus is on spreading the Gospel. From the moment Paul has an encounter with Christ, everything about his life changes. The focus shifts from being about Paul to being about declaring the name and renown of Jesus. While it's true that Paul goes on mission to share the gospel, he also lives on mission as he shares the gospel with those he interacts with daily. As followers of Jesus, we are called to live on mission – not just go on the occasional short-term mission trip and then return back to our busy and crowded lives. The thing is, our lives aren't actually about ourselves. By living on mission, it takes the focus off ourselves and puts it back on the cross. The life of a Christ-follower should be used to help others to discover who Jesus is and who they are in light of the gospel. This cycle of discovering and deepening never ends. As you help others to discover and deepen their relationship with Jesus, you will also deepen yours.

6. What do these verse tell you about living on mission?
(Paul was writing this passage of Scripture as his missionary support letter to Spain. Going "on mission" is not a new concept. Sharing the gospel to the ends of the earth is the Great Commission that Christ gave to us and modeled for us. It's not so much about where you go, but that you tell others about the saving work of Jesus. If you have fears about writing support letters and asking for financial assistance, know that you aren't the only person who has ever made this request known!)
7. How can living in a "life on mission" mindset change your daily life?
(When you begin to live for the greater purpose of the gospel, the focus shifts from yourself to Jesus. Every interaction is an opportunity to help someone discover Jesus. Nothing is boring or wasted and every single minute of your day has a purpose. It's all for Him and it's all for His glory.)

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



Have you discovered your "life on mission"? If not, you are sure to get bored, distracted, or self-consumed. As we strive to live a life on mission, we know that we cannot do this without loving God and loving all people! When we look at our Discipleship Journey Tool, in order to love all people, we can share the gospel through telling people about Jesus and through showing people Jesus by serving them.

What is your next step to live on mission?

If your next step is to serve the church, you can sign up by going to coe22.com/serve. Maybe your next step is serving the community, you can find out more information by going to coe22.com/localoutreach (Contact Emily Meza.) And maybe, you just want to figure out what this whole 'serving' thing is – you can go to Discover Serving on the 3rd Sunday of the month! For more information, go to coe22.com/deepenyourfaith.