

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 33: AUG 30 & SEPT 2

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:

Daniel Fast - We will do a church-wide Daniel Fast August 27-September 11. Fasting is a way to say "no" to our flesh, and "yes" to more time with Jesus. Our prayer throughout our Daniel Fast is to seek the manifest presence of God at Saturated. Daniel Fast guide and other resources available online!

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

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

TEXTS: ROMANS 16:1-16

THE RECAP: As we begin to finish off our deep dive into the book of Romans, we see Paul cap off 15 chapters with a list of 27 specific names. These aren't random people, but rather, they are people whose lives were changed as a result of the gospel. Paul mentions these specific names as a way to express his gratitude for them, publicly display his love for them, and to encourage them as they

continue to live on mission. The gospel always produces fruit and that fruit is a life on mission and a life worth honoring.

THE POINT: A LIFE ON MISSION IN CHRIST IS A LIFE WORTH HONORING.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read read Romans 16:1-16 out loud.

In this passage of Scripture, we see Paul list several people by name – 27 specific people to be exact. This list is full of all people, ranging from rich and poor, to men and women, to single and married, to slaves and government officials, etc. This list isn't just a "filler" for the Bible, but rather, it is inspired and intentionally placed text. Not only are these real names of real people, but they are real people who were clinging to a real message. The gospel changed each of these people's lives and the way they lived demonstrated that reality. Paul not only knows these people personally, but he also loves them and writing their names in the book of Romans is his way of loving them publically.

1. The list we see in Romans 16 wasn't limited to a specific people group, but rather it was encompassed by all people. What does this reveal to us about the nature of who God is?
(This list – filled with all people – shows us that God is not limited in His saving abilities. He is not bound to any specific people group nor would it be in His character to do so. God sent His Son as a propitiation, a payment that satisfies, for all people.)
2. The list that Paul wrote out is seemingly a list of nobodies that God used to tell everybody about the SOMEBODY that is Jesus. God doesn't need us and it definitely isn't about us, yet He still chooses to use us. How have you seen the ripple effect of God using a "nobody" to spread the gospel?
(Share with the group if you feel led.)
3. Not only did Paul name 27 people, he knew them personally, he calls them beloved, and he reminds them that unity and love are founded in Christ. How can you follow Paul's lead by encouraging and reminding those around you of the gospel?
(Think of specific ways you can love on and encourage specific people in your own life. Ex: public acknowledgement, words of encouragement, text or call someone and let them know you're praying for them, invite someone to coffee, affirm someone as they take steps in pursuing Jesus.)
4. If we look at the lives of each person Paul lists out in this passage of Romans, we see that each person has different jobs, roles, and responsibilities. Aquilla and Prisca, for instance, were tent makers who met Paul and through Paul, met Jesus and heard the gospel – which changed their lives. You will never know how God will use you in your job to change the eternity of someone else. How does this truth encourage you in your current job, roles and responsibilities, or group of friends and neighborhood?
(Share if you feel led.)

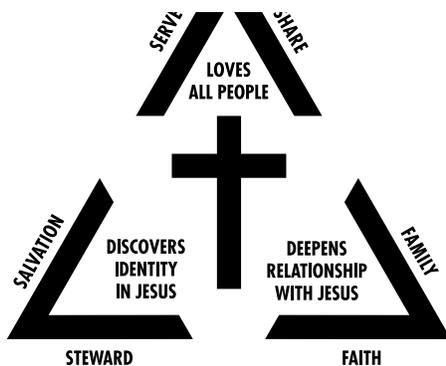
Have someone read read Romans 12:3-8 out loud.

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 gospel of Jesus Christ not only saves us from our sin, but it saves us into righteousness for this heavenly family!

5. What does this passage reveal about the character of God – that He would not only save us, but also save us into righteousness for the Church family?
(From the very beginning of time, God wove into creation our desperate need and desire for community. He carefully, intentionally, and lovingly crafted each of us into human beings who need the community of other human beings. He is sovereign and He always knows best.)
6. Each of us are personally saved by Jesus, but never for a private relationship. We are created for community and called to be disciple-making-disciples. How does this look in your own life?
(Share with the group how you personally live this out. Ex: Leading a Disciple Group, serving at weekend services, intentionally pouring into a discipleship relationship, etc.)
7. As you begin to consider what your next step is in utilizing your God-given gifts for the Church, consider who you could invite to your Disciple Group. Do you know anyone who lives outside of a community and could be part of belonging before they believe?
(This is an easy way to start the process of sharing the gospel with someone. Pray about who to invite and then commit to inviting them to join you next week!)

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY A disciple is someone who...



1. As a movement for all people, at The Church of Eleven22 we desire to provide an environment that allows all people to discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ. The best way to make this big church smaller is to get in a Disciple Group and serve! There is something special about being in community with other people and co-laboring for the Kingdom of God. By serving alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ, we form a family bond through the blood of Christ! Go to coe22.com/localoutreach and check out the opportunities for your group to serve together! Email Emily.meza@coe22.com if you have any questions.

2. Just like Paul took time to acknowledge 27 people in chapter 16 of Romans, we encourage you to take time this week to acknowledge the ones that came before you, who heard the call of Christ and then pursued you. Follow Paul's example and do something to show your gratitude for them this week.

