

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 34: SEPTEMBER 6 & 9

LEADER INFO:

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

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 2018 - September 12-16 // coe22.com/saturated

SATURATED is an annual event when we anticipate the presence of God to bring revival in our lives individually and as a church body. Speakers from all over the country will bring the Word expectant for God to move in mighty ways. We encourage you to attend Saturated as a group!

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 16:17-27, 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-17 & TITUS 3:1-11

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THE RECAP: As we cap off our 34-week study of the book of Romans, we see Paul end his letter with both a word of caution and a word of thankfulness. Paul warns us that while there are amazing people who devote their lives to the Lord, not everyone in the church has the right intentions. As a church, we must be guarded against those who intend to divide and deceive. Paul then finishes off by giving praise and glory to God because it's all for Him and it's all for His glory.

THE POINT: GOD'S SOVEREIGN PURPOSE FOR ALL OF CREATION IS TO GLORIFY HIMSELF BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS HE CRUSHES SATAN UNDERNEATH OUR FEET THROUGH THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL. AMEN.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Romans 16: 17-20 out loud. Have someone else read Titus 3:1-11 out loud.

Paul completes his letter to the Romans with language that is expressed with a great sense of urgency. Even after Paul expressed thankfulness for several people by name, he also acknowledged that not everyone in the church has the right intentions. What started with thankfulness turned into a word of caution that is still relevant for us to take heed of today. Paul cautions us to avoid those who would chose to divide God's people and those who deceive in a manner contrary to the Word of God – such things serve to erode the peace and unity within the church. This word of caution is reiterated in Titus.

1. What does this passage of Scripture, specifically Romans 16:20, reveal to us about the character and nature of God?
(Verse 20 points out that "the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." Through this verse we see that God is the God of peace and the very source by which we receive a peace that surpasses all understanding. We also see that He is the serpent-crusher. He has the ultimate victory and we, as His followers, get to live in light of that truth.)
2. What are some ways that you might be able to identify someone who is intent on dividing or deceiving within the church?
(We can think of the wolf as someone who seeks to disrupt unity within the church. We should take great care in discerning "the wolf in sheep's clothing." Regarding deceitfulness, remember, the serpent in the Garden twisted God's words around when he said to Eve, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5. The devil appealed to Eve's pride. Remember, lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life are the 3 weapons the devil has in his arsenal. In essence, we have to measure what is said against the Gospel.)
3. What about the simple, wayward sheep, or Christian?
(Obviously we're all human and can get caught up in the temptations to gossip or dispute. So, when this happens we may ask, are they serving themselves, or Jesus? Are they being a stumbling block to others? Being "wise about what is good and innocent as to what is evil" means to know good and live that way, and steer clear from evil, having nothing to do with it. In Ephesians 4, Paul urges us to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." By loving one another in the truth of the gospel, we can often turn the wayward sheep around.)
4. What does Romans 16:20 say about God's relationship with man?
(Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God lives within us. In the context of the preceding verses, God uses the body of believers, through their wisdom and obedience, to keep the peace and unity within the church. Pastor Joby describes us as the Victory Formation; that, somehow, we, the body of Christ, are

the tool by which Jesus crushes Satan's head. "Jesus is the serpent-crusher, at the cross and on His return; but we are part of the victory, too!"¹). Jesus has the victory, and because of His grace (what we do not deserve) and mercy (not receiving the wrath we deserve) we get to partake in it! One of the best ways we can do this is by not allowing Satan to get a foothold in the church through division.)

Have someone read Romans 16:21-24 out loud.

Throughout Romans Chapter 16 Paul recognizes several people that are surely only a few of the ones whom he encountered. He uses them as examples, saying wonderful things about them and offering encouragement. Just as we saw last week, these aren't random names, but rather, they are real names of real people who were clinging to a real message that changed their lives.

5. If you were to write Romans, who are some of the people that surround you in your walk of faith, in the past or present? How have they impacted your relationship with Jesus? Who could you encourage this week?
(Think of specific people who you can thank and encourage this week.)

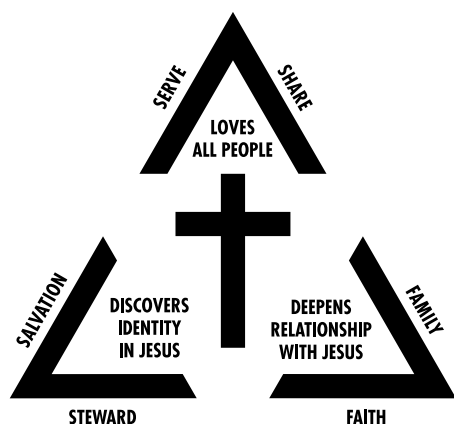
Have someone read Romans 16:25-27 out loud.

Paul concludes Romans with an eloquently packaged praise to God. He establishes the spiritual gift that was a mystery before the first coming of Christ; that God would send His Son on a rescue mission to save us. The point of the gospel is not about us, but rather, it is for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ, who was sent to redeem us. God is for us, it's just not about us.

6. How has studying the book of Romans deepened your view of God's holiness?
(Share if you feel led.)

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY A disciple is someone who...



Group Leaders, the goal is to complete the action step during your Disciple Group so everyone has the opportunity to share.

As we come to a close on our 34-week study of the book of Romans, it's important to look back and reflect on all God has done! As we have been going through Romans, two things have been happening: Paul has been giving us a picture of God's grand work and movement in the world and God has been moving and working in our very own church. We have seen 1078+ salvations and 468+ baptisms since we started our study of Romans! God is so good and we are so thankful for everything He is doing in this movement.

As we look back on all that God has done, flip through your Romans Study Journal. What has been your favorite part of the last 34 weeks? What have you seen God do in your life or in the life of others through our study of Romans? What's the biggest thing that you've learned through this Romans study?