



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 9: MARCH 8 & 11

LEADER INFO:

Please take attendance through your email reminders or your church community builder LEAD app.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hour of Prayer- Join us at your home campus every Wednesday during the Lent Season from 12-1 for an hour of prayer. We will also be fasting from food as a church body from sun up to sun down on Wednesdays.

Discover Sundays- It's our desire for you to know Jesus and be in community with His church. Discover Sundays are four Sundays a month for you to connect with all that God is doing here at The Church of Eleven22 and throughout the world. Visit coe22.com/deepen to register for a class.

Marriage Workshop - Join us for a marriage workshop for dinner and teachings on Godly marriage. Cost is \$50 per couple, which includes childcare, dinner and teaching material.

Friday, March 16 // 6:00-9:00pm at the San Pablo campus
Register at coe22.com/care

TEXTS: GENESIS 15:1-6, ROMANS 4:1-12

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

In week 9 of the Romans series Pastor Joby unpacked what it means to be credited righteousness by God and how this is only through faith and not by works. Through the life of Abraham we see this ordinary man's sin AND his steps of faith and all of it only magnifies God's faithfulness and gift of salvation to Abraham and to us.

THE POINT: FOLLOWING JESUS STARTS WITH THE FIRST STEP OF FAITH (NOT WORKS) AND IS FOLLOWED BY A LIFELONG JOURNEY OF ONE STEP AT A TIME.

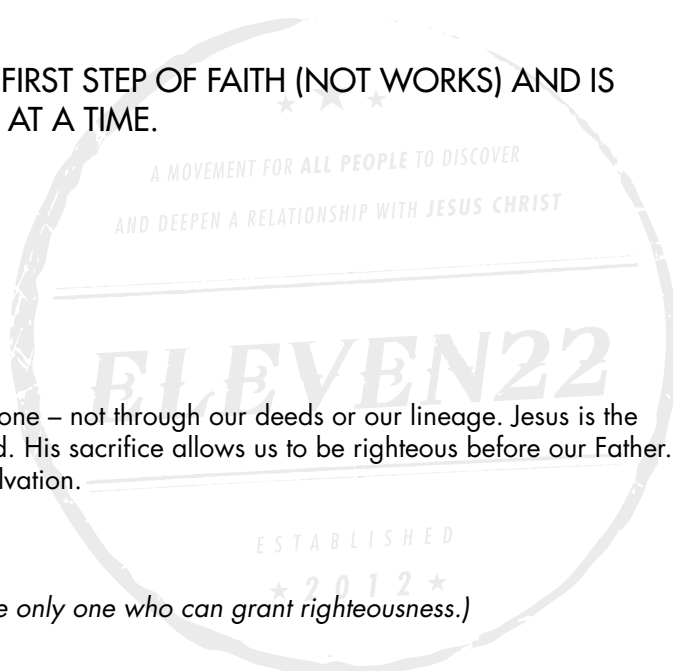
- WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Romans 4:1-12 out loud.

In Romans 4, Paul reminds us that our faith is through Christ alone – not through our deeds or our lineage. Jesus is the propitiation for our sins, and through His sacrifice, we are saved. His sacrifice allows us to be righteous before our Father. Our faith in Christ and Christ alone allows us to walk out our salvation.

1. What do these verses tell us about God's character?
(God went first on Abraham's and our behalf. He is the only one who can grant righteousness.)



Have someone read Genesis 15:1-6 out loud.

In Genesis 15 when Abraham's name was still Abram God made a covenant with him. This would start the journey of God producing nations from the offspring of Abram based on Abraham's faith, not his works. In Genesis 17 God would change Abram's name to Abraham meaning "father of many," and would give him instructions on the sign of the covenant which would be circumcision.

2. What is the significance of God crediting righteousness to Abraham BEFORE he was circumcised in Genesis 17?
(It was by faith alone that Abraham was credited as righteousness. The works of circumcision did not make Abraham righteous but rather was an outward symbol of the covenant God made with Abraham and God's people.)
3. Why is it important to understand that the Gospel is not "good people go to Heaven?"
(This belief instantly falls apart because you would then have to ask what is good enough? What standard of good is being used? The Bible says that only the righteous go to Heaven, which means God must credit that righteousness and that comes only through faith NOT WORKS. Jesus promised the thief on the cross that he would be with Him in paradise and the thief could do absolutely nothing to earn righteousness at that point. He was minutes from death and Jesus acknowledged his faith and welcomed him into His Kingdom.)

God knew the depths of Abraham's faith AND his sin and still He pursued him. The same is true for us individually and collectively. God doesn't love a future version of us. He doesn't require us to clean up our act but offers His beautiful salvation to all people. This truth should compel us to continue to take steps of faith.

4. What is your next step of faith?
(surrender, baptism, generosity, sharing your faith?)

Charles Spurgeon wrote, "The most important daily habit we can possess is to remind ourselves of the gospel."

The Gospel is not, "You're bad; try harder." The Gospel is that we were dead in our sin, and God, rich in mercy, sent His son Jesus to die on the cross to not only pay a debt we could never pay but to give us His righteousness. Daily we should remind ourselves that we did nothing to earn this gift of salvation. We did not earn it through good works, and it was not passed down to us through our family tree.

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

As we continue to remind ourselves of the Gospel we are reminded that the Gospel is not about us. We are compelled to live a life on mission as we share this priceless good news with others.

What is "Missions"?

Simply put, it describes God's reconciling work through us. Missions is about being obedient to God's leadings in sharing your faith with those who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. This includes opportunities locally and globally.

1. What comes to mind when you hear about going on a Mission Trip?
2. If you have been on a CoE22 Mission Trip, share a few sentences about the experience.

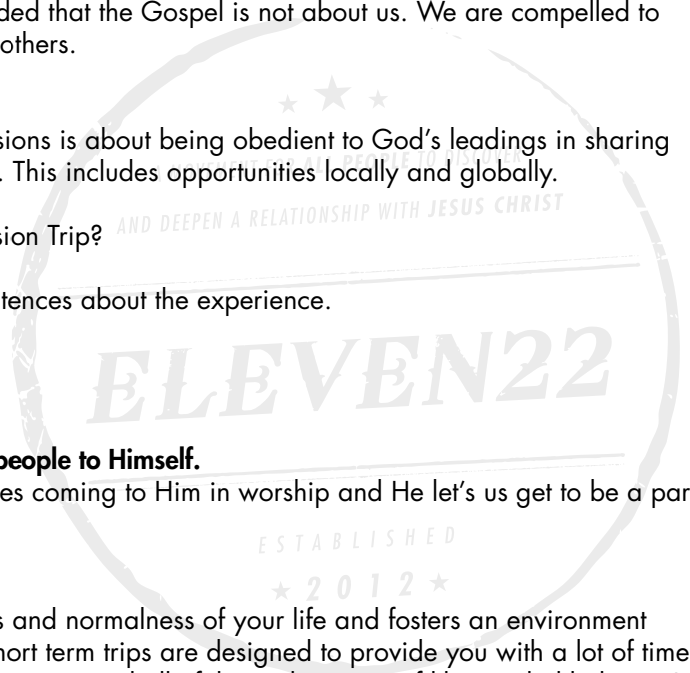
Why go on a Mission Trip with CoE22?

1. For the glory of God and His global purpose of reconciling people to Himself.

Since the beginning of time, He has been interested in all peoples coming to Him in worship and He let's us get to be a part of that!

2. For deepening your personal relationship with Christ.

Short term mission trips allow you to get away from the business and normalness of your life and fosters an environment that urges and allows you engross yourself in time with Jesus. Short term trips are designed to provide you with a lot of time reading the Word, sharing your faith, worshipping in a cultural context and all of this with a team of like-minded believers!

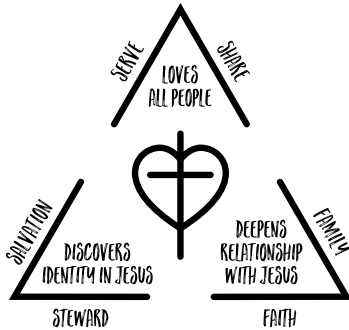


3. For the furthering of our partners' ministry objectives to plant churches and disciple the local people.

Our partners are invested for the long-haul in the discipleship of their people. We have an opportunity to help them in their discipleship journey and to love on those who have dedicated their lives to ministry overseas!

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP

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A disciple is someone who...



Whether you have been on a mission trip before or are just compelled to hear more about living a life on mission take a step of faith and attend the **Global Mission Reunion Night**:

Who: Anyone who has ever been on a Short-Term Mission Trip with Eleven22 OR anyone who wants to hear where God is taking us globally in 2018 and beyond.

When: Friday, April 6th. 6:30-8:30

Where: Baymeadows Campus

Join us as Pastor Adam Flynt shares the heart of the multiplication ministry of Eleven22. As we reflect on the ways God stirred our affections on mission, let us respond through worship for who He is and how we get to be a part of His global purpose.

