



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 12: JULY 11 & 14

LEADER INFO:

New Leader Training starts in two weeks! Do you have someone in your group that is ready to lead? The Holy Spirit may be stirring in that person and your encouragement to take this step is exactly what they need!

*Send them to coe22.com/disciplegroups and click the "Ready to Lead" button.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Share Your Faith class – Join us for an interactive workshop to learn how to share your faith with others. We'll discuss how to identify our testimonies, clearly present the gospel, and ways to intentionally live out the Great Commission (taught in Matthew 28).

Saturday July 20 | 8:30am-12:00pm Baymeadows campus only! Cost is \$10 (childcare, breakfast, teaching materials)

Fleming Island Launch Party – Join us and bring your friends, neighbors, and disciple group for our launch party! Campus tours, inflatable games, food trucks and more. Saturday, August 10 3:00pm-5:00pm. Fleming Island Campus located at 4459 US Hwy 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003

NOTE: Worship services start Sunday August 11 at 9:00am and 11:22am.

MEMORY VERSE: *But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. - 1 Samuel 16:7*

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Monday- 1 Samuel 24:1-22

Tuesday - Matthew 16

Wednesday - Romans 12:9-21

Thursday - Hebrews 10:19-31

Friday - Psalm 94

Saturday - Nahum 1

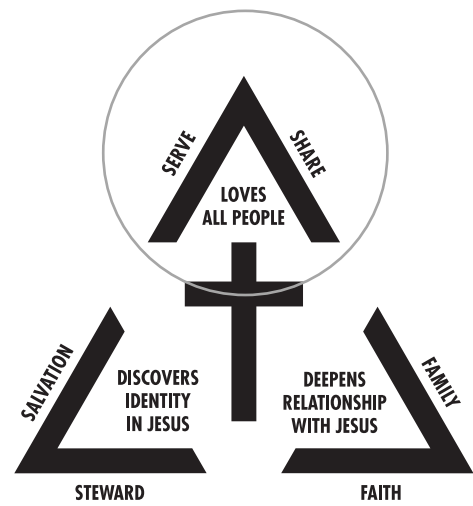


PROPHETS PRIESTS KINGS - WEEK 12: THE LORD JUDGE

THE POINT: HOW MUCH DO YOU TRUST GOD?

OPPORTUNITY DOES NOT EQUAL ANOINTING. YOU CANNOT GIVE ME WHAT THE LORD HAS NOT, AND YOU CANNOT KEEP ME FROM WHAT THE LORD HAS.

TEXTS: 1 SAMUEL 16:7 AND 24:1-22



David showed great restraint with Saul. Even though Saul regarded David as his enemy, David did not return the animosity. David trusted that God was ultimately in control and this allowed David to show love and respect to whom God had placed in authority. Is there someone in your life that treats you unfairly? How can you refuse to regard them as your enemy but show loving-kindness instead?

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read 1 Samuel 16:7 out loud.

This week is the last in our series on 1 Samuel. The book begins with an account of the childhood and life of the prophet Samuel. From there, we see the reign of King Saul and God's preparation of David to become the next king.

1. Reflecting back on the series, what is your takeaway from Prophets|Priests|Kings? (*Answer as you feel led*)
2. How can we "look on the heart" as the Lord does instead of looking at someone's outward appearance? (*While it's not our place to judge others, we can see God working in the lives of others through evidence of the fruit of the spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. This is an outward impression of the presence of God dwelling in someone's heart.*)

Have someone read 1 Samuel 24:1-22 out loud.

"In chapter 18, we saw Saul become jealous of David, become enraged and try to kill him by throwing spears at him. In chapter 19, we see the jealousy grow and Saul begins to tell his son Jonathan and his servants that he is going to kill David. But Jonathan convinces him not to kill David. That lasts just a couple of verses as David succeeds again and Saul becomes even more jealous and decides to try to kill him again. Saul throws a spear and misses, sends him off to die alone in battle, sends men to ambush David in his home as he sleeps, and chases David all over Israel trying to kill him. During this time, many people betray David, turn their back on him and make him an outcast. And for what? For following God and honorably serving King Saul. David throughout this whole time does nothing wrong, yet it seems that over and over again his world is crushed. But what is also apparent throughout is that God is with David, God has favor on David, and God is preparing David to be the greatest king Israel will ever have. Eventually David has to leave his home, leave the kingdom and leave his family...all alone. He doesn't stay alone forever. The last thing we see in chapter 23 is David with hundreds of other broken, cast off, cast out men, and Saul trying to kill David and all those with him."

Mandarin Campus Pastor Ben Phillips

3. How can we overcome evil with good? Can you think of an example where you were able to do this? (*David provides a perfect example of overcoming evil with good – it's through the love of God that we defeat evil*).

4. Is there a time that you took matters into your own hands instead of obeying God and waiting on His will? What happened? (*Think about King Saul and his actions that were against God's will – Not waiting as Samuel instructed him, kept the spoil of Agag for himself. Pastor Joby stated that "The only thing harder than obeying God and waiting on His will, is wishing that you had."*).
5. Reread verse 12. Do you trust God with your circumstances? What situation do you need to turn over to God? (*While David had the opportunity to take matters into his own hands, he let God take care of God's business. Recall, Obedience > Opportunity!*).

Reflect on this statement - "When God has an impossible task to accomplish, He finds an impossible person and crushes them. So leave room in your life for the crushing. In every great work of God, brokenness and failure are necessary." Chuck Swindoll

6. In what ways did David suffer during his preparation to be king? What was David's response? (*David waited tending sheep, was belittled by his brothers and relentlessly pursued by Saul. David's response was always to "turn the other cheek" and entrust himself to God. His suffering was really God preparing him to be king*).
7. In what way has God crushed you during your lifetime? (*Answers will vary. God always uses broken people to bring Him glory*).

ACTION STEP

David provides an example of quickly turning around and repenting when he sins. Where in your life do you need to repent? What are you waiting for?

