



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

How to: Christmas - Week 1
December 3 - 6, 2020

LEADER NOTES

Upcoming dates to know. **December 12**, fall trimester concludes. **December 14**, New Leader Training. **January 11**, Coach and Leader Gathering, New Coach Training and New Leader Training

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Outreach | Love all people during this Christmas season

How might you and your disciple group choose to celebrate the birth of our Savior through being His hands and feet through serving with one of our local partners? Learn more and sign-up at coe22.com/localoutreach. Options include: Humble Harvest, Salvation Army and Sponsored by Grace

New Leader Trainings | December 14 at 6:00PM | All Campuses

Take the next step on your discipleship journey. If you're interested in leading a disciple group go to coe22.com/newleader to fill out the interest form and come to a training event.

How To: Christmas | Resource Guide | Link to Share

A practical guide to help you have your best Christmas ever! Available at coe22.com and the COE22 app. From coe22.com/sermons click on How To: Christmas, click week 1 and then "Series Resources."

MEMORY VERSE:All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness – 2 Timothy 3:16

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Sunday – 1 Timothy 6
Monday – Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday – Isaiah 49:8-26
Wednesday – Psalm 116
Thursday – James 1:26-27
Friday – James 2:14-26
Saturday – Psalm 68

Sent Focus - Week 49: After going on two short term mission trips in Central America, Sislyn discerned the call into ministry and mission through prayer and God speaking to her through her teammates and campus team. Please pray for Sislyn as she prepares for her mission, praying specifically for wisdom and confidence as she steps into this new journey.

Missionary – Sislyn Caruth-Williams – Manos de Fe – Panama

CONNECT AND CHECK-IN:

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE: (Use as needed for your group this week)

- How are you growing in your faith right now?
 - What is your favorite Christmas memory? Why is it your favorite?
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How To: Christmas - WEEK 1: Spend Wisely

The Point: God did not give you all that you have so that you could have all you want but so that others could have all they need.

SERMON TEXTS: 1 Timothy 6:2-19

Discussion Questions

(The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. It is ok if you don't cover every question).

DISCOVER

1. Pastor Joby mentioned a few things to celebrate as we culminate our two year discipleship journey called ONE. What has ONE meant to you, what do you want to celebrate God doing in your life through ONE? *(Ex. – surrendered your life to Jesus, sponsored a Compassion kid for first time, gave back first and best for first time, quit your job to pursue what God wants for you. Whether you have been at Eleven22 since the beginning of ONE or came for the first time last week, God has done something or stirred something that you have either surrendered to Him or feel God's calling you to surrender to Him).*

Have someone read 1 Timothy 6:1-10 out loud.

2. What false teachings do you expect to encounter this Christmas season and what do you expect to hear from them? *(Answers may vary. False teachers are anyone that are telling us and the world anything contrary to God's truth. False teachings can come from family, advertisements, radio, TV and more. They tell things from how to spend our money, how to buy presents, how to find happiness and to leave Jesus out of Christmas).*

3. What is Paul warning Timothy and us of when he writes "imagining that godliness is a means of gain? In what ways might you do this?" *(Worshiping the creation over creator. God is not a means to your end. If we think and act in a way that says, "God you owe me", then we have forgotten the truth of the gospel/we have forgotten who God is first and foremost as creator and sustainer of ALL things).*

4. What do you think about as you read God's truths and promises listed in v6-10? Specifically, what does the word contentment mean in God's eyes and how can it be found in his Son? *(Contentment - See Philippians 4:11-13. Godliness is knowing you are not perfect, but you are perfectly loved. Contentment is having rest for your soul rather than being worried about the opinions of others, your kid's happiness from presents, buying other people presents, hosting the best party, etc).*

DEEPEN

Have someone read 1 Timothy 6:11-19 out loud.

5. What traps come at you this time every year and how can you apply Paul's instructions to your life? (Basically v11-17. Paul instructs us to flee or run from sin and sinful patterns, but don't stop there. We must pursue the things of God. Paul also instructs us to remind ourselves of the gospel as we fight the good fight. Also don't be haughty, set hope in God not uncertainty of riches and ENJOY).

6. What does verse 18 say we are to do? What is one practical step you can take right now to spend more wisely this Christmas season? (Answers may vary. Please share that Eleven22 has created a practical guide for "How to Christmas" and it can be found at coe22.com/sermons).

ACTION STEP

Christ is King and He is the reason for this season. What is ONE thing you will do to spend more wisely this Christmas?

Here is a link to a practical guide for having your best Christmas ever. You can also find it on the COE22 app where they can follow the How To: Christmas – "Series Resources" tile.

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