



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM VIDEO CURRICULUM GUIDE

Malachi: WEEK 1
September 24-27, 2020

ONE Legacy Event

Through our journey on the ONE Initiative we continue to ask ourselves, "Is He the ONE thing that drives everything in our lives?" One way to do that is to think about our future and our legacy. Join us for a free event where we are bringing in experts, from Financial Planning Ministry (FPM) to talk about the benefits of creating a will and trust as well as estate planning. You will have the opportunity to meet with their team 1:1 and create a will and living trust at no cost to you.

October 24 | 10am in person at our San Pablo campus (lunch and childcare provided) or through a live webinar. Visit coe22.com/ONE for more information and to register.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discover Eleven22 | Monday October 5 at 6:30PM | All Campuses

Learn about ways to deepen your relationship with Jesus and get connected to the faith family. Learn more and register at coe22.com/events or email connections@coe22.com.

Serving Opportunities | Local Outreach Ministry | coe22.com/localoutreach

Your disciple group has the opportunity to safely bless folks in our community. Visit coe22.com/localoutreach to learn about the many opportunities to serve and donate to those in need. Find daily opportunities on Facebook - COE22 Local Outreach.

**MEMORY VERSE: "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."
– 1 Corinthians 13:13**

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Monday – Malachi 1:1-5
Tuesday – Ephesians 1:1-14
Wednesday – Ephesians 2
Thursday – Romans 8
Friday – Romans 9
Saturday – Genesis 35

Sent Focus - Week 38: Lucas and Morgan Duran started Roots for Life in 2019 as they prepare to be sent to central Africa. Please pray for them as they begin their support raising process and continue their preparation in language training, the Perspectives course and continuing to build their non-profit. The Durans will focus mainly on ministry to unreached people groups; join us in continuing to pray for these communities who have never heard the name of Jesus and for the workers who are serving among them! **Missionaries – Lucas & Morgan Duran – Roots for Life – Africa**

CONNECT AND CHECK-IN:

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

- How were you SENT this past week? Where did you follow God's lead?
 - Did you go to Beach Baptism? How did you experience God's love while there?
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Malachi - WEEK 1: Sovereign Election

THE POINT: God wants YOU to SURRENDER to the lordship of Christ NOW. I know this because He brought you here to hear this gospel.

SERMON TEXTS: Malachi 1:1-5, Romans 8:28-39, Romans 9

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

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Have someone read Malachi 1:1-5 and Romans 8:29-39 out loud.

1. From these verses, what can we learn about God, His promises and His blessings? *(First, God continues a promise originally made to Abraham through giving Isaac sons. God made Rebekah a promise that the older will serve the younger. Both Jacob and Esau sought immediate satisfaction. Jacob did this through stealing the birthright before God's timing and Esau did this in giving up his birthright only to satisfy his appetite).*
2. Malachi 1:2 says "I have always loved you." Do you fully trust in God's unconditional love for you? Why or why not? *(If you trust that God loves you and loves you enough to send His one and only Son for you, then you can believe God has always loved you and will always love you).*
3. How has God chosen to show His love and grace for you at different times in your life? *(Answers may vary).*
4. What is your immediate gut reaction to the beginning of Malachi 1:3, "but Esau I have hated?" Why are these words from God not outside of His character and nature? *(Answers will vary, but the hope is to point to the truth of sovereign election and that none of us deserve to be chosen or offered God's grace. Being chosen by God should be humbling and also give us security in His loving embrace).*

DEEPEN

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The following discussion questions will focus around Christian community, so let's all read it together.

Have someone read Romans 9:1-18, 30-33 out loud.

5. What do you struggle with regarding the doctrine of election? *(Answers may vary. It's helpful to recall Pastor Joby's analogy of the campus pastor's "bank robbery." The question shouldn't be "Why doesn't God elect everyone" but rather, "why does God elect anyone?")*
6. How are you living your life based on your faith in Jesus? How are you living your life based on works or things you do? *(Answers may vary).*

ACTION STEP

Pick one thing you can surrender/hand over to Jesus this week. If you know what that thing is, share it with the group now. If you don't know, seek the Lord this week and pray Psalm 139:23-24 back to Him. Ask Him to reveal what it is He wants you to surrender. Preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to yourself and trust that the gospel counted for you AND that thing you need to surrender.

