



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Gospel According to John: WEEK 17  
July 29 – August 1, 2021

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## LEADER NOTES

### **2 Weeks Away Coach & Leader Gathering | Monday August 16**

Come be encouraged, equipped and empowered by your campus discipleship minister to make disciples before the beginning of the fall trimester. **RSVP (yes or no) at [coe22.com/coachandleader](https://coe22.com/coachandleader).**

*\*Invite the person you can see leading a group one day to come with you!*

### **Share Are you raising up a new leader?**

Click your campus's link below to let us know who it is, so we can pray for you and them as you walk out the discipleship journey, together!

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Love God by loving one another!*

### **New Kid's Promotion Weekend | August 5-8**

On August 5 and 8, we are so excited for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to move to their new grade appropriate disciple groups! Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders can begin attending the middle school environment on Sunday, August 8 and Wednesday, August 11.

### **Special Needs Buddy Break | August 7 9AM-12PM | At our Arlington campus**

We have partnered with [Nathaniel's Hope Buddy Break](#) to provide a FREE RESPITE program for families with special needs 17 years of age and younger. Learn more at [coe22.com/specialneeds](https://coe22.com/specialneeds) or register your kid(s)

**HERE**. If you want to serve at Buddy Break, please email [buddybreak@coe22.com](mailto:buddybreak@coe22.com)

### **New Share Your Faith class | Saturday August 21 9AM-12PM**

Join us at this interactive workshop where you'll learn how to share your faith with others. In the workshop we'll discuss how to identify our testimonies, clearly present the gospel and other ways to intentionally live out the Great Commission as taught in Matthew 28. Learn more and register at [coe22.com/events](https://coe22.com/events).

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THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/1/readingplan](https://coe22.com/1/readingplan)

Sunday – John 11:1-44

Monday – John 4:23-30; John 5:25-29

Tuesday – Romans 6:1-14

Wednesday – Romans 8:10-11; 1 John 5:11-12; John 6:39-42

Thursday – 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17; Philippians 3:16-21

Friday – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Ephesians 4:22-24

Saturday – Romans 8:1-11

## **RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE:** *(Learn about, encourage and pray for one another.)*

- What is your deepest experience of grief? How did you get through it?

- How did you deepen your relationship with the Lord this past week?

## The Gospel According to John – Take Off Your Grave Clothes

**The Point:** You don't have to do the things that you used to do because you are not the person you used to be. The old you is dead. The new you is alive in Christ.

SERMON TEXTS: John 11:1-44

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### Discussion Questions

#### DISCOVER

Have someone read John 11:1-16

1. **Reread v5-6. How does Jesus show his love by, “staying two days longer”?** *(Jesus is the Author of creation and his faithful love and character never waiver, even in the midst of our pain, suffering and trials, he is there. The most loving thing isn't always to remove pain. Sometimes the most loving thing to do is to allow pain to be painful and grow in our faith through that pain, as Jesus reveals his power over our pain.)*
2. **What point is Jesus making in v9-10 when he talks about walking in the day versus walking in the night?** *(Walking in the day is a reference to walk in the light that Jesus gives. This means to walk in fellowship with him, to believe in him and obey his commands. Walking in night is to go through this life apart from him. That is to not believe in Jesus and his teachings with full obedience. Jesus is basically saying, “I am the ONE thing that should be driving everything in your life!”)*

Have someone read John 11:17-37

3. **How do Martha and Mary respond to Jesus' arrival? How do you respond in times of grief, pain and confusion?** *(Martha responds by going to meet Jesus and basically blaming him for not being there to save Lazarus. Mary doesn't go seek Jesus but does go to him once Martha tells her Jesus is calling for her. Many times, we respond in similar fashions: blaming God or ignoring God's presence. We must remember God is not distant in the midst of our pain. God is strong enough to shoulder our pain and is deeply, emotionally invested in his children.)*
4. **How does Jesus responded to Martha and Mary similarly, and also differently?** *(Jesus met each of them where they were in the moment and didn't approach them with a one size fits all approach to ministry. Jesus spoke hope and truth to Martha because he could see belief in her heart. With Mary, Jesus simply wept, meeting her pain with empathy and compassion. God can, and does, reveal different parts of himself simultaneously, to different people. Our God is a personal God that deeply knows/loves his children.)*

#### DEEPEN

Have someone read John 11:37-44

5. **Even if you don't fully understand, what would a life fully surrendered to the will of God look like for you right now?** *(Answers may vary.)*
6. **What are your grave clothes? What “old ways/things” still have you bound up, keeping you from living that fully surrendered life?** *(Answers may vary.)*

### ACTION STEPS

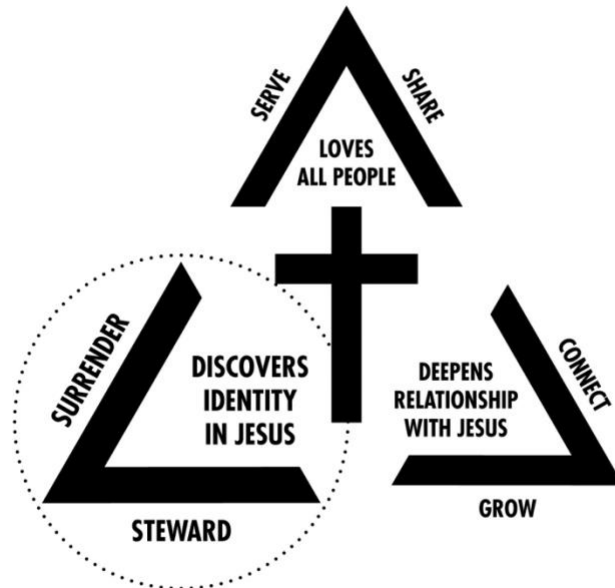
A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

You don't have to do the things that you used to do because you are not the person you used to be. The old you is dead. The new you is alive in Christ.

**This week spend time meditating on the truth that only Jesus gets to tell you who you are:**

- Your past, addiction, divorce, abortion, failed marriage doesn't define you
- Your relationship with Christ is the only defining characteristic that matters

1. **What grave clothes do you need to remove?**
2. **Who in this faith family can help you and what's stopping you from reaching out for help?**
3. **Pray!**



To download or print the discipleship journey tool and questions, click "HERE" next to the triangle on [coe22.com/resources](http://coe22.com/resources) or follow [this link](#) to download and share with others in your group.