

The
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DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Gospel According to John: WEEK 21
August 26 – August 29, 2021

LEADER NOTES

Coaches Retreat | Saturday October 2 at The Retreat Center | 8:30AM-2:00PM

Come be encouraged and empowered to equip the saints through your role as a coach while enjoying your retreat center and deepening your relationships with your fellow coaches. The day starts with a continental breakfast, followed by a devotional time, coaching discussions and time to participate in activities at The Retreat Center. Lunch provided too! Go to coe22.com/leaderresources and scroll to events to register.

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

Child Dedication Class and Dinner | Friday October 15 at 5:30pm

If you're a parent and interested in having your child dedicated during service, join us for a dinner on Friday, October 15 from 5:30-8pm at our Arlington or Mandarin campus to learn more about what it really means for parents and the church to partner in raising up your child in the gospel. In-service dedications will be October 28 and 31. Learn more and register your child(ren) at coe22.com/kids.

New Special Needs Buddy Break | Saturday September 4 | Hosted at Mandarin 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. Parents/Guardians, come drop your kids off for gospel-centered, therapeutic lessons and activities and go enjoy some much-needed time alone. Siblings 17 and under are welcome to participate with us too! Learn more at coe22.com/specialneeds.

Saturated | September 15 – September 19 | Worship both Online and at our Campuses

Saturated is our annual event when we anticipate the manifest presence of God to bring revival in our lives individually and as a church body. We want to create an environment for you to draw close to Jesus, abide in Him and experience revival. Learn more and find our Saturated schedule at coe22.com/saturated.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Sunday – John 14:1-30

Monday – Acts 4:12; Isaiah 35:8-10

Tuesday – John 10:9; 11:25-26

Wednesday – 1 John 5:10-12, 20

Thursday – Matthew 11:27-28

Friday – Hebrews 8:7-13

Saturday – Hebrews 9:1-15

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- What is the best thing that happened to you over the last week or month?
- Are you participating in the Daniel Fast? If not, is there another thing you could fast from?

The Gospel According to John – The Way

The Point: “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.” – Jesus (John 14:6)

SERMON TEXTS: John 14:1--30

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Have someone read John 14:1-14

1. Imagine you have been invited to the greatest party the world has ever known, but you're not sure where to go. What would you do and why? *(Some may choose to look for clues in the invitation. Others may search the internet for answers. You might try asking around to see if others are going to the party. The only way to guarantee you find what you are looking for is go to the One who invited you. Jesus's life, death and resurrection is the invitation to the party...eternal life.)*

2. In John 14:6, Jesus says, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life...” What does each one of Jesus's statements about who He is mean? *(Jesus is everything God wants the world to know in a person! Jesus is the Word of God, which means Jesus is the truth, see John 1:1-5. Jesus is the only way. All other human inventions to attain a right standing before God should be rejected as fruitless endeavors. Jesus is the creator and sustainer of life, see Colossians 1:15-20. Jesus offers both eternity in Heaven and a life focused on the eternal while we are still here on earth.)*

3. Reread verses 13,14. What does it mean to ask for something in Jesus's name? What doesn't it mean? What are you asking for right now? *(Our prayers and requests should reflect who Jesus is and his character. Asking for something in Jesus's name means we are focused on what would glorify Jesus the most. Praying in Jesus's name should hopefully give you courage to pray boldly and patiently.)*

Have someone read John 14:15-38

4. What promises does Jesus offer in these verses? How might these verses help you fight against a troubled heart? *(Knowing and loving Jesus gives us His Helper, the Spirit of God that lives inside every believer. The Spirit helps teach us new things every time we open the Bible, the Spirit helps us pray, and helps us to be comforted in times of distress.)*

DEEPEN

*Eleven22 is focusing on the word **Relationship** from our vision statement during this year. Disciple groups are one way to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through growing in our faith and connecting with the faith family.*

Have someone read Acts 2:42-47

5. How do you prioritize prayer and time in the Word? How would you like to grow in both this fall? *(Answers may vary.)*

6. Let's brainstorm ways we can live out these verses from Acts 2. How can we help each other be more like Jesus? And how can we create a safe place to be vulnerable and honest with what is really going on in our lives? (*Answers may vary.*)

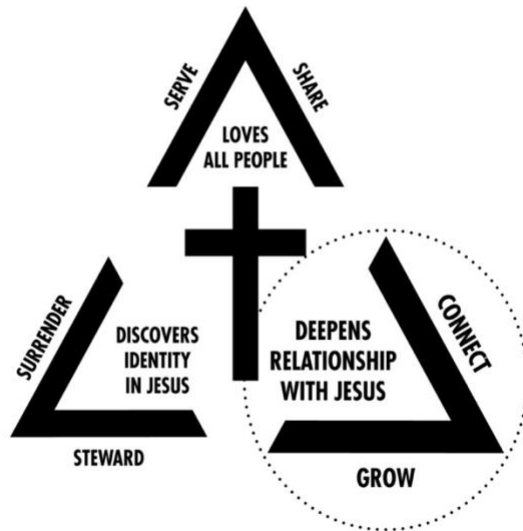
ACTION STEPS

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

Leader: Go to coe22.com/resources and scroll to the discipleship journey box. Select "Download Tool" and send out to your group. If you cannot download before the group, share the link and steps with your group.

Everyone: Print a copy of the discipleship journey tool to keep in your Bible. As you spend time with the Lord this week, prayerfully ask him to show you where he wants you to take YOUR next step as a disciple.

All: Be ready to share where the Lord is calling you to take a step of faith next week.



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