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DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Gospel According to John: WEEK 22
August 26 – August 29, 2021

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

Disciple group coaches (or leaders wanting to serve as a coach) are invited to join the campus discipleship ministers at your retreat center for a time of equipping and fellowship. Go to coe22.com/coachandleader to RSVP Yes or No.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment – A church wide email will be sent in conjunction with next week's sermon. If you would like to take in advance of your group, please visit coe22.com/spiritualgifts

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.

Care Team Orientation | Monday Nights Starting September 20

Our Care team members pray for, walk beside and share faith with others. Orientation is an opportunity for you to learn how to become a member of the Care team. Class will take place at all Eleven22 campuses (except St. Johns). To learn more and register visit coe22.com/care.

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 15:1-17

Monday – Ephesians 3:17-19

Tuesday – 1 John 2:24-28; 2 John 1:9

Wednesday – Galatians 2:20; 5:22-23; Romans 8:9-10

Thursday – Psalm 62:1-8

Friday – Psalm 125:1-2

Saturday – Isaiah 5:1-6; 27:2-6

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- Are you struggling with anything right now? (**Leader:** stop and pray before moving on)

- What are you looking forward to this fall?

The Gospel According to John – Abide

The Point: Christ's invitation is not for you to DO more, but is for you to be near Him; for apart from Him, you can do nothing.

SERMON TEXTS: John 15:1-17

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

1. **Our pastors this weekend talked about discipleship, and Eleven22's desire to make disciple-making disciples. What is discipleship and how are you growing as a disciple who makes disciples?** *(To discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ is discipleship. Discipleship is all about our relationship with Jesus Christ. Not a program or class or spiritual discipline practiced, though those things may help in our discipleship, they are not discipleship in and of themselves. Discipleship is primarily about abiding in Christ.)*

Have someone read John 15:1-11

2. **What promise(s) does Jesus offer to all believers in these verses?** *(Identity comes before activity. Jesus is the vine and the source of everything for us as believers. The key to our lives as Christians is to abide in Jesus, to stay close to the source of everything. There is also a promise of being pruned. While pruning may hurt, it is God removing what is dead, wild, and has no place in His garden, so that more fruit may be produced in abundance.)*

3. **How has God pruned you in the past? Where is God pruning you right now and are you resting in the pruning or resisting it?** *(Answers may vary -- **Leaders:** Be ready to stop and pray at any point. Remember to resist, rest. Don't run, rest. Don't build up for yourself, rest.)*

4. **How are joy and obedience interconnected?** *(Joy is a person to know, not a feeling to chase. Abiding in Him and growing deeper into our relationship. Obedience begins with a relationship and grows out of trust. Joy is a product of trust and abiding in Christ.)*

DEEPEN

Eleven22 is focusing on the word **Relationship** from our vision statement during this year. Disciples deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through growing in our faith and connecting with the faith family.

Have someone read John 15:12-17

5. **How is faith, obedience and abiding in Jesus all connected?** *(Answers may vary.)*

6. **What does it mean to "love one another"? Where are you succeeding or struggling in this commandment?** *(Jesus is talking to his followers and friends. This doesn't mean we don't Love All People, but we assuredly must show love for others whom Jesus has called friends.)*

ACTION STEPS

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

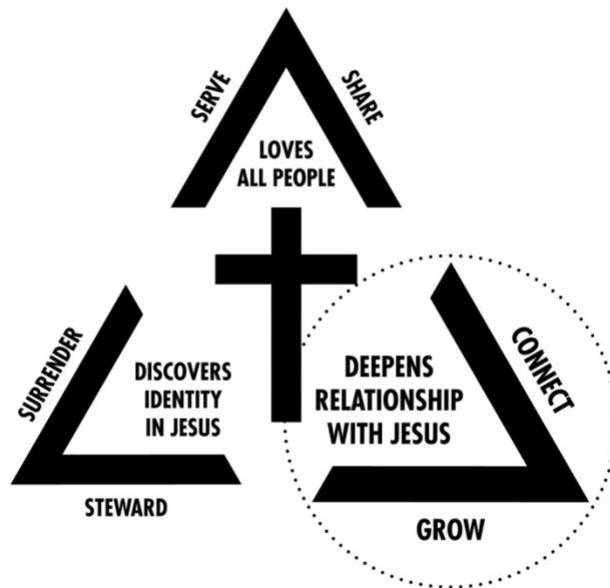
God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him. Knowing what stirs your affections for the Lord will help you abide more freely and deepen more readily.

This Week -- Abide in Jesus through combining a spiritual discipline with a spiritual pathway.

Consider the following lists of spiritual disciplines and spiritual pathways. Pick a discipline (either one that you currently practice or one that's new to you) and then pick a pathway. Let the practice and the pathway work together so that fruit may be produced.

Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer, fasting, Bible reading, confession, stewardship, gratitude and belonging to a local church

Spiritual Pathways (love God through): Naturalist (outdoors/creation), sensate (experiences through senses), traditional (communion/reciting prayers, etc.), ascetic (solitude/simplicity), caregiver (loving others/serving), enthusiast (celebrations) and intellectual (love God through thinking)



Go to coe22.com/resources and click "Download Tool" to download or print a discipleship journey tool with questions for you to ask yourself and others. Please share link and directions with others in your group.