

The  
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# John

## DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Gospel According to John: WEEK 23  
September 9 – September 12, 2021

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### 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](https://coe22.com/coachandleader) to RSVP Yes or No.

**Spiritual Gifts Assessment** – A church wide email was sent in conjunction with this week's sermon. How to access: [coe22.com/spiritualgifts](https://coe22.com/spiritualgifts) and the COE22 app.

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

#### **New Share Your Faith class | Saturday September 25, 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).

#### **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](https://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](https://coe22.com/saturated).

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

Sunday – John 15:18-16:33

Monday – John 14:15-17, 25-27

Tuesday – Ezekiel 36:27; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

Wednesday – 1 John 5:6-10

Thursday – Psalm 139:7-12

Friday – Philippians 4:4-7; Romans 8:26-27

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 3:17; Acts 2:33

### RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE: (*Action Step Follow-up: share, encourage and pray.*)

- What are the spiritual disciplines you regularly practice and how are they deepening your faith?
- What spiritual pathways did you combine with a discipline last week? What did you learn?

## The Gospel According to John – The Helper

**The Point:** The spirit of God in you is greater than the circumstances around you. This world has trouble. God offers peace that transcends understanding.

SERMON TEXTS: John 15:18-16:33

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### Discussion Questions

#### DISCOVER

Have someone read John 15:18-27

1. **What does this world love and why? Why does this world hate the truth of the gospel?** *(This cultural worldview we live in is antithetical to the gospel...we love because God first loved us through Jesus. We know that every person is made in the image of God. The world believes there is no God, humans are accidental primates, everyone gets to define their own morality and even though there is no “truth” we cry out for our individual rights. These two different worlds CANNOT coexist without conflict.)*
2. **Where are you going with the flow of this world?** *(Leaders, ask follow-up questions to dig deeper. It is easy for us to trust the systems and structures of this world because they surround us.)*
3. **How is EVERY believer called to bear witness to the gospel and fight against the flow of this world?** *(We are called, and Spirit empowered, to LOVE the people of this world and fight against the systems of this world. Not the other way around. Jesus is demanding believers to stand out in this world! GOOD NEWS...God doesn't want us to do this alone and sends His Spirit to help us.)*

Have someone read John 16:1-15

4. **What does Jesus want us to know from these verses?** *(The Spirit in us is greater than Jesus beside us. The Holy Spirit: empowers us to share our faith, teaches us, brings peace, convicts us of sin, righteousness and judgement, guides us in truth and leads us to worship.)*

#### 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 16:25-33

5. **How does Jesus offer both peace and joy to us in these verses?** *(Jesus gives a quick summary of the gospel in verse 28. The gospel is God's plan for image bearers to receive His Spirit, which brings peace and joy with him.)*
6. **What is “true peace”? Where are you looking for peace in your life right now?** *(True peace is NOT found in the absence of trouble, but in the presence of Jesus. Jesus says in verse 33, in this world we will find trouble. Peace in a trouble-free life is not promised. Jesus offers us “true peace” when he says, “take heart I have overcome the world.”)*

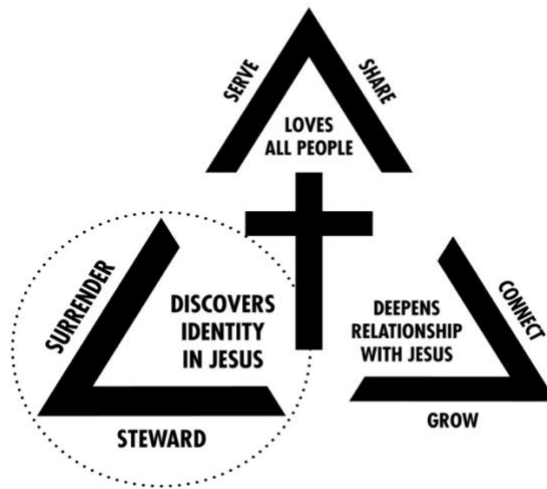
### ACTION STEPS

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

Discovering our identity in Jesus means we surrender to Him as Lord (Who's we are!), while also discovering who He created us to be (who we are). We get to glorify God when we steward ALL that God has given us in Christ Jesus.

**This Week – Discover how you have been gifted by the Spirit of God:** Take the Spiritual Gifts assessment emailed to you this week. The assessment can also be found at [coe22.com/spiritualgifts](http://coe22.com/spiritualgifts) or on the COE22 app.

**Take a Spiritual Gifts Next Step:** After taking the assessment, visit [coe22.com/resources](http://coe22.com/resources) and click the “Spiritual Gifts” icon to find a copy of Eleven22’s Spiritual Gifts Guide. Read this resource to better understand how God has gifted you, so that you may glorify God, stewarding well what God has given to you through his Spirit.



*Go to [coe22.com/resources](http://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.*