

The
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To

John

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Gospel According to John: WEEK 26
September 30 – October 3, 2021

LEADER NOTES

Share Your Faith – Tools & Resources | coe22.com/resources

Go to coe22.com/resources, then *Topical Resources*. Under the *Share Your Faith* icon is a list of resources from Eleven22 and other organizations, including: [Tips for Sharing Your Faith](#) and a [Testimony Writing Guide](#).

Important Weekly Attendance – Please take attendance every week. It helps us know who is being discipled. If your group does not meet, kindly let us know by selecting “Did Not Meet” on your group’s attendance page. This will prevent you from receiving a phone call on Monday. For a refresher go to coe22.com/leaderresources, click the “Videos” icon and then click “Take Attendance”. **If you need additional help:** ask your coach.

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

Next Weekend Easter in October | Next Weekend October 7 and 10 | #onemore Weekend

Join us as we celebrate the Risen King like it's Easter, in October! Pastor Joby will be preaching in John 19—20, John's account of Jesus's resurrection and the empty tomb. Invite your **#onemore** to hear a clear invitation to respond to the gospel!

New Women's Encounter | Friday November 5 – Sunday November 7 | Epworth by the Sea

What you believe about God impacts everything you do. All women, in all life stages, are invited to join us at our annual Women's Encounter to explore what it means to love God with your mind and apply theology in your everyday life. The weekend will be full of learning, connecting with other believers and unplugging from your normal routine to focus on God. Learn more and register at coe22.com/encounter

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

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

Sunday – John 18:12-19:37

Monday – John 3:16-21; Acts 16:30-33

Tuesday – Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 62:1-2; 3:8

Wednesday – Romans 6:23; Psalm 14:1-3; Romans 3:10-20

Thursday – Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Friday – 1 Peter 2:22-25; Revelation 3:15-22

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:1-10

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- What has been the best part of your last week?
- *Action Step Recap* – How did you pray for and extend an invitation to your #onemore?

The Gospel According to John – The Cross

The Point: The execution of God's Son was the execution of God's plan. Do you believe that when Jesus died on the cross that somehow it counted for you?

SERMON TEXTS: John 18:12—19:37

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Leaders Read: Over the course of three weeks, we want to share parts of our testimony (life before knowing Christ as Lord, how we meet Jesus and saved, and what life looks like now as a believer).

1. Last week we started by remembering what our lives were like before Christ. Today, let's start off through sharing how we met Christ and surrendered to Him as Lord. *(LEADERS: Use this time to Encourage EVERYONE in your group to share this part of their story.)*

Have someone read John 18:15-18, 25-27

2. What does it mean to deny Jesus? How do both unbelievers and believers still deny Jesus today? *(Answers may vary.)*

Have someone read John 18: 28-38

3. What is truth? Is there a difference between facts and truth? *(Truth is not a what, it's a Who! Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no one gets to the Father except through Him. The opposite of truth is a lie. The facts around our circumstances can lead us to do what is wrong; whether to preserve self, win the applause of man, or seek comfort.)*

4. Here we see religion (Jewish leaders) and government (Pilate) intersect. Does Jesus pose more of a threat to religion or government, and why? *(In both circumstances Jesus calls us to look up! Remember what Pastor Joby said: Jesus looks neither back conservatively, nor liberally forward. Paul reminds us to look up in Romans 13:1. We can trust God's sovereign hand in all circumstances. Religion can become hypocritical when rules trump our relationship with the Lord.)*

DEEPEN

Eleven22 is focusing on the word **Relationship** from our vision statement during this year. Disciple groups offer one way to live out what it means to be a disciple through discovering an identity in Jesus, deepening that relationship with Jesus and loving all people.

Have someone read John 19

5. **What thoughts did you have, or emotions did you feel, when Pastor Joby explained crucifixion? How can you use those thoughts/feelings to draw nearer to God this week?** (Answers may vary.)

6. Do you believe Jesus' words, "It is finished" counted for you? **What are you holding onto and need to surrender today?** (Answers may vary.)

ACTION STEPS

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

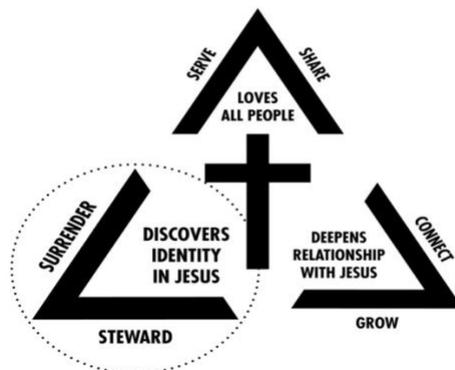
Leader: Read John Piper's words about sin below. *Email this quote out to your group as well.

"What is sin? It is the glory of God not honored. The holiness of God not revered. The greatness of God not admired. The power of God not praised. The truth of God not sought. The wisdom of God not esteemed. The beauty of God not treasured. The goodness of God not savored. The faithfulness of God not trusted. The commandments of God not obeyed. The justice of God not respected. The wrath of God not feared. The grace of God not cherished. The presence of God not prized. The person of God not loved. That is sin." -- **John Piper**

Take a Next Step: This week reread this quote two or three times and do the following:

- Pause on each underlined word and consider how this word describes God.
- Ask yourself if you see God this way, why or why not?
- Write your answers down.
- Ask God for help! Ask Him to reveal all parts of Himself to you so may see Him in all of his fullness.

Note: When we discover the truth of God's character and nature, it helps us to adore Him more deeply. Knowing these truths about God will guide us when we pray (remember the A.C.T.S. method to pray).



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.