

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Gospel According to John: WEEK 28
October 14 – October 17, 2021

LEADER NOTES

Coming Up Communion in Disciple Groups | Visit coe22.com/leaderresources

During our next sermon series, we as a church will be celebrating communion in our disciple groups. Please start preparing now by checking out the [communion guide](#) and [video](#) found on the leader resources page.

Share Your Faith Resources –For additional resources on writing your testimony and sharing your faith, go to coe22.com/resources, select “Topical Resources” and then “Share Your Faith.”

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

New ONE Legacy | Saturday November 6 starting at 10am

One way to continue to make Christ the one thing that drives everything is to think about the legacy that we are leaving behind for our families. Join us for a free event where we'll talk about the benefits of creating a will and trust, as well as estate planning, regardless of your financial state. Learn more and register at coe22.com/classes.

Women's Encounter | Friday November 5 – Saturday November 6

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.

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

Sunday – John 21:1-25

Monday – Ezekiel 11:19-20; 36:25-27; Lamentations 3:22-24

Tuesday – John 10:27-30; 5:21-24

Wednesday – Psalm 1:1-6; John 7:37-39; 20:21-22

Thursday – 2 Corinthians 4:16-17; Romans 6:1-11; Isaiah 43:18-19

Friday – Matthew 10:32-39; 16:24-26; John 12:20-26

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; John 14:15-24

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- What are you planning to do for Halloween?
- If you could be any animal in the world, what would it be?

The Gospel According to John – Follow Me

The Point: When Jesus says, “follow me,” He isn't offering a second chance at life. He is offering a NEW life...His life.

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Leaders Read: This past weekend was the culmination of our 28-week study of the Gospel According to John. Before we dive into John 21...

1. How has our study of the Gospel According to John impacted your relationship with Jesus? *(Answer may vary. Leaders: Encourage everyone in your group to share one thing God's Spirit has revealed to them through this sermon series. Let's exalt Christ through celebrating what He has taught us.)*

Have someone read John 21:1-8

2. Have you ever wanted to give up on Jesus? What happened and what did God teach you? *(Answers may vary – we see Peter, and several other disciples, decide to go back to their “old life” as fishermen. In a sense they walked away from ministry. Jesus met them where they were and called to them.)*

3. What tempts you to return to your old lifestyle? Why are you tempted to return? *(Temptation comes in three buckets: lust of eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life.)*

Have someone read John 21:9-14

4. What does it look like to live in a REAL relationship with Jesus? Does your life resemble what's happening in these verses? *(While we may not be able to expect Jesus to make us breakfast tomorrow morning, we can expect Jesus to be faithful and present. Jesus wants his disciples to recognize He is present, relax in his presence, and enjoy his company in all situations. This is how we get to declare that God is the one thing driving everything in our lives.)*

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 21:15-19

5. What is God revealing to you in your personal time with Him? *(Peter is spending time with Jesus, and while we may not be able to physically sit next to Jesus, He is with us.)*

6. Where is Jesus saying, “follow me” and inviting you to take a step of faith right now? *(Answers may vary.)*

ACTION STEPS

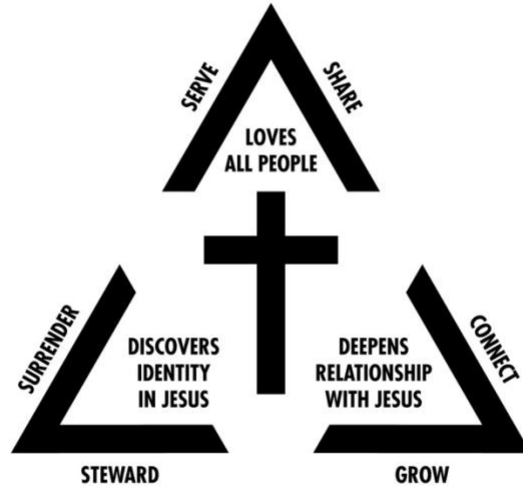
A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

Leader Read: John 20:30--31 and “The Point” from page 160 of your John Journal.

Say: The question is, do you believe? Do you believe that Jesus is not inviting you to a second chance with the hopes you will get it right this time? No, Jesus is inviting you to follow Him into a whole new life! Where is Jesus calling to you, saying, “Follow Me?”

Take a Next Step: During your quiet time this week, read Psalm 1:1-6 and Mark 8:34-35, then consider the following: To live a blessed life we must follow Jesus. Jesus says following him requires denying ourselves and taking up our cross before we follow Him.

- **Deny Self:** What is the sin that is trying to kill you? Where are you tempted to return to your old self?
- **Take up your cross:** Preach the gospel to yourself. Remind yourself of your testimony and what Christ has already done.
- **Follow Jesus:** Where do you need to follow Jesus this week?



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