



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Gospel According to John: WEEK 7, Humility
May 20 – May 23, 2021

LEADER NOTES

Spring Cleaning - *Love God by loving #onemore!*

It's a great time to review your roster and your group settings, making room for one more person.

Discipleship Journey Next Steps - *Love God by loving one another!*

Use the summer trimester to encourage members of your group to take a step on their discipleship journey. If you're not sure where to start, visit (and share) coe22.com/resources and watch Pastor Joby's video.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Love God by loving one another!*

The Gospel According to John Resources | coe22.com/john

Resources around specific weeks of the Gospel According to John series are available. We just added a few resources to help all of us dive deeper into living a life marked by humility.

Short-Term Mission Trips | Domestically and Globally

GO! on mission as a disciple group this summer. Find your trip at coe22.com/shorttermmission.

Serving with Eleven22 | coe22.com/serve | A Great First or Next Step

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.
Serving is an opportunity to serve others, steward your time and talent, as well as connect with the faith family.
Text "Serve" to 441122 or go to coe22.com/serve.

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

Sunday – John 3:22-36

Monday – Matthew 3:1-12; Proverbs 22:4

Tuesday – 1 Corinthians 3:5-8; John 3:11

Wednesday – Luke 17:11-19; 14:11

Thursday – Philippians 2:1-11; 19-30

Friday – Mark 10:35-45; Zephaniah 2:3

Saturday – Exodus 32:1-14; Numbers 12:1-15

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- What are you reading and learning in the Bible?

The Gospel According to John – Humility

The Point: God is for you, it's just not all about you. True life is found when you realize that you

are not the center of the universe, but instead you center your life on Christ.

SERMON TEXTS: John 3:22-36

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Have someone read John 3:22-36.

- 1. Why are John's disciples concerned with Jesus baptizing nearby? How does John handle his disciples' reaction to Jesus?** (*Competition and comparison create kingdom problems. John responds with a kingdom mindset, not a worldly or culturally driven one. We can be servants in the kingdom but, like John's disciples, miss the fact that God's kingdom is about God and not about how awesome we are for serving.*)
- 2. What is dangerous about playing the comparison game?** (*Comparison kills because it's an affront to God and is always a lose-lose situation. Comparison leads to either pride or condemnation. A kingdom mindset means our eyes are on Jesus, first. Secondly, a kingdom mindset focuses on the blessings we've been given from above and not on what we don't have.*)
- 3. In what ways do you make everything about yourself instead of Jesus?** (*John gives an illustration of a wedding where Jesus is the groom, and we are his groomsman, or friend. This illustration reminds us that when we make our life, our service, our disciple group about us and not about Jesus, we are no better than the groomsman hitting on the bride.*)
- 4. How are John's words from verse 30, "He must increase, but I must decrease," impacting your life? Where are you growing in reliance in Christ and where do you need to decrease reliance in self?** (*John uses the word "must," meaning there is urgency behind his statement. This challenges our egos and self-focus by calling us to a humble focus. God is lavishing His love upon us. Our focus should be on being a son or daughter of the most High King.*)

DEEPEN

Have someone read Philippians 2:1-11.

- 5. A disciple is someone who loves all people and responds through sharing and serving. Who are you currently serving and how is it stretching you?** (*Answers may vary.*)
- 6. What is your first reaction to sharing the gospel and your faith? How does humility play a part in sharing the gospel and where do you have a chance to step towards Jesus?** (*Answers may vary.*)

ACTION STEPS

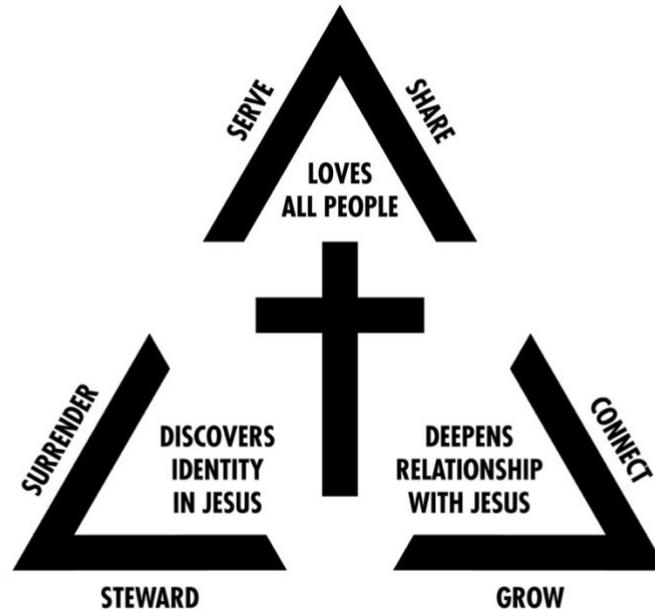
A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

Go to coe22.com/john, scroll to the resources section and click on "Wk 07 – Humility." Pick one of the tools and dive deeper into living a life marked by humility.

Take Your Next Step

- If serving is your next step, text **"Serve" to 441122** – Serving others helps us demonstrate God's love for all people and connect the faith family.

2. If sharing the gospel and your testimony with someone is your next step, spend time alone with God this week. As you pray, ask God for the opportunity to share with a specific person, praying for them by name, asking God to prepare that person's heart ahead of your conversation.



To download or print the discipleship journey tool and questions, click "HERE" next to the triangle on coe22.com/resources or follow [this link](#) to download and share with others in your group.