



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Gospel According to John
April 15-18, 2021

LEADER NOTES

Register Now Coach and Leader Gathering – Monday May 10 at All Campuses

We get to gather together, celebrate what God is doing in our groups, and grow as disciple-making disciples! If you have a new leader you are raising up, please register both yourself and them **HERE**.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beach Baptism is Sunday May 16 | Baptism Classes Ongoing

In preparation for our annual Beach Baptism event on May 16, we are hosting classes from April 1-May 16 at every campus, after every service! Visit **coe22.com/baptism** to learn more (*including classes for kids*).

Group Serve Opp Serve Day | Disciple Groups Sent Event | Saturday April 24

Deepen your relationships with people in your disciple group while being sent on into the communities of northeast Florida. On Saturday April 24, we are calling all disciple groups to serve together and invite your family and friends to join you. Visit **coe22.com/localoutreach** to find a COVID-safe serve opportunity.

Interested in Leading a Disciple Group? New Leader Trainings Coming in May

If you are considering taking a step on your discipleship journey and leading a disciple group is that step, please let your campus Discipleship Minister know! Go to **coe22.com/newleader**.

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

Sunday – John 1:19-34

Monday – Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-18

Tuesday – Luke 3:1-20; Isaiah 40:3-5

Wednesday – Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 16:13-16

Thursday – Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5; Acts 1-6

Friday – Isaiah 42:1-4; 53:7; 61:1-3; Acts 13:25

Saturday – Revelation 5:1-14

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- Are you comfortable sharing your testimony? What did you learn by sharing it in group last week?
 - What was something new you learned from the Book of John last week?
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The Gospel According to John – Behold The Lamb

The Point: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29
Do you know Him?

SERMON TEXTS: John 1:19-34

Discussion Questions

Let's discover how God's Word is always showing us His goodness, and our great need for Him!
Have someone read John 1:19-23 out loud.

DISCOVER

1. John the Baptizer is sent to prepare the way for the Lord by getting the people ready. How is John preparing the people? Who is someone you would be excited to meet and how would you get ready? *(Answers will vary. John is quoting Isaiah 40:3 when he says, “voice crying in the wilderness.” Generally, the more important the visitor, the more time and effort we take on getting ready for the visit. By answering the way that he did, John wants us to realize that THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON of all was coming – Jesus, the Son of God.)*

2. What did you learn about John through these verses or through the sermon? Why did Jewish leadership have a concern with what John was saying and doing? *(John the Baptizer, in his day, was a huge deal. He had scores of disciples and thousands hung on his words. John was beginning to show just how special Jesus is. Even though John was, famous, with thousands of followers, he was nothing when compared to the Eternal Son of God.)*

Ask someone to read John 1:24-34 out loud.

3. John states “I baptize with water, but He (Jesus) will baptize with the Holy Spirit.” What is baptism? What is similar and different between being baptized with water and being bap-tized with the Holy Spirit? *(Both baptisms are performed by others. Both baptisms are, in a sense, cleansing and demonstrate dying to self and being raised to new life in Christ. The primary difference is that the baptism by water is external and the baptism by the Holy Spirit is internal. Leaders – a good follow up would be to ask who has been baptized and encourage any believers in the group to take that step of faith.)*

4. Looking at verse 29, what is the significance of what John says, and how do these words still impact you today? *(John didn't say, help the world, encourage people or be a life coach, but to “take away the sins of the world.” Sin is the thing that keeps us away from God. Sin mars and destroys. Sin is at the heart of all self-centeredness. Jesus didn't primarily come to teach or do miracles or even start a new religion. As Matthew tells us in his Gospel, Jesus came to save His people from their sin.)*

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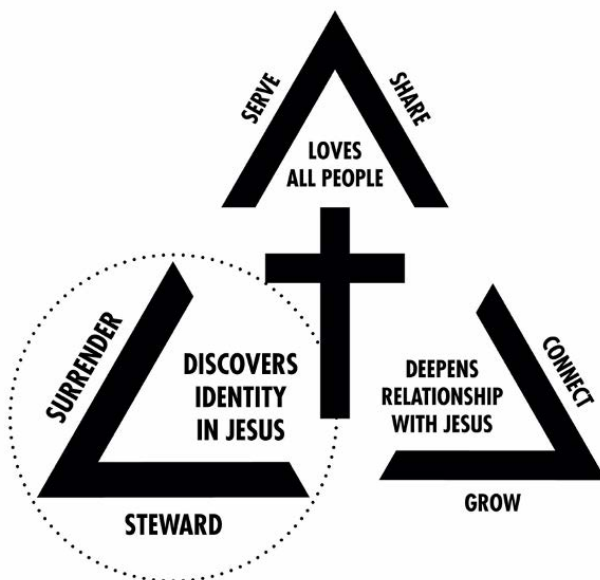
Ask one person to read John 1:12-18 out loud.

5. Knowing that Jesus came to take away sin, what led you to first realize that you were a sinner? What were your thoughts and feelings when you first realized you were forgiven? *(Answers will vary.)*

6. In verse 31, John the Baptizer tells us his purpose – John has come so that Jesus might be revealed to Israel. When we say we want someone to be revealed, what do we mean? In keeping with this, what are some of the descriptions of Jesus that John wants us to know? *(When someone is revealed, that means that we know exactly who they are. John wants us, as much as possible, to know who Jesus is. That's why John uses terms like the Lamb of God, or Son of God, or the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, or the One who the Spirit descended and remained upon. These are all clues for us so that we will understand Jesus' identity as the One who has come from God to save us from our sins.)*

ACTION STEP

Have you taken the next step and got baptized? If not, Beach Baptism is coming up! Baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality, and something that Jesus commanded. If you have been baptized, consider coming serving, and celebrating at Beach Baptism. Learn more at coe22.com/baptism.



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.