

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Gospel According to John April 29 - May 2, 2021

LEADER NOTES

Responses Needed Spring Trimester Feedback

Tell us how your group is doing, who you are raising up, and if your group is meeting this summer HERE

Last chance to register 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 a disciple-making disciples! If you have a new leader you are raising up, please register both yourself and you **HERE**.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Short-Term Mission Trips | Domestically and Globally

Our God is a sending God, and we are His sent people. Because of this, we have created numerous opportunities for you to engage in the Great Commission. GO! on mission as a disciple group this summer. Find your trip at **coe22.com/shorttermmission**.

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. New Leader Training Events are 5/10, 5/23 and 6/2 (online option)

THIS WEEK S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Sunday – John 2:1-12 Monday – 2 Kings 5:1-16 Tuesday – Luke 9:1-17 Wednesday – Luke 10:1-12 Thursday – 2 Kings 4:1-7 Friday – Exodus 14:31; John 7:31 Saturday – Ezekial 36:25-28; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18; Revelation 21:5

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE: (Learn about, encourage and pray for one another)

- How did you take step toward your #onemore this past week?
- What would you enjoy doing as group this summer?

The Gospel According to John – Water to Wine

The Point: God takes what is filthy and doesn't just make it better; He makes it into a new creation. Have you been made new?

SERMON TEXTS: John 2:1-12, 2 Kings 5:1-16

Discussion Questions Have someone read John 2:1-12

DISCOVER

1. What do you think about when you think about God? What does Jesus want us to know about His life and ministry through these verses? (Through these verses Jesus wants us to know how he is going to approach His life and His ministry. Jesus was at a wedding, which means He was invited and had influence with other people. Jesus was hanging out with sinners, but it was for their salvation and not his entertainment. Are you being influenced or doing the influencing?)

2. In verse **4**, Jesus says, "My hour has not yet come." What is His hour, and what does that have to do with a wedding? (Jesus' hour is the hour of His death, His resurrection, His ascension to heaven and promise to return one day to make all things new. The Bible begins with a wedding in Genesis and ends with a wedding, the marriage sup-per of the Lamb in Revelation 19:6-10.)

3. Why does Jesus use signs to teach people about the glory of God? (Jesus is pointing to something greater. Sometimes His signs are signs of compassion. Jesus' signs transform things that are nasty and unclean, making a new creation.)

4. What can be learned from Mary's request of Jesus? How do you approach your conversations with Jesus? (Mary's first response to a problem is to go to Jesus. She made her request known to Him and then trusted Je-sus to do as he pleased. Our conversations our not one sided. Sometimes our conversations with Jesus need to be more about being still and silent and listening for Him.)

DEEPEN

Ask one person to read 2 Kings 5:1-16 out loud.

5. How does action demonstrate faith more than inaction does? Why is it important for us to obey, even when we don't understand God's method or plan? (The opposite of faith is not doubt. The opposite of faith is fear. The old saying goes, "frozen in fear." Fear paralyzes, while faith propels into action. Faith says, Lord, I trust you and I'm taking a step toward you out of that trust.)

6. In John 2:5, Mary says, "Do whatever he tells you." In 2 Kings 5 we see a couple of steps taken by Naaman. What is God asking you to do right now? What is your next step of obedience? (Answers may vary. God may be speaking indirectly to you through a godly relationship. Discipleship is taking the next step of obedience! It could be in healing from an affliction or addiction. It could be to start worshipping God in a new and different way. Or maybe God is asking you to be fully obedient in an area you have neglected and not fully stewarded your time, talent, or treasure well!)

ACTION STEP

Identify Your Next Step. A disciple loves all people, discovers their identity in Jesus and seeks to deepen their relationship with Jesus and the faith family. Where is Jesus telling you to take a step on your disciple-ship journey?

Upcoming Next Step Opportunities:

<u>Share Your Faith</u> May 22 – Learn more at **coe22.com/classes** <u>Beach Baptism</u> May 16 – Learn more at **coe22.com/beachbaptism** Disciple Group New Leader Training – May 10 & May 23 – Get started at **coe22.com/newleader**

Go to **coe22.com/resources** to watch a video of Pastor Joby teach on the discipleship journey tool and print out a copy of the tool to keep in your Bible. **Leaders:** follow **this link** to download and share with oth-ers in your group.

