



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Gospel According to John: WEEK 6, (Born)<sup>2</sup>  
May 13 – May 16, 2021

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## LEADER NOTES

### **Spring Cleaning**

The spring trimester groups has ended and it's a great time to review your roster and your group settings.

1. Follow up with the people you have not seen in a while, updating to an appropriate status where applicable. Go to [coe22.com/leaderresources](https://coe22.com/leaderresources) click on "Documents," then "[Steps for Pending Group Members](#)." We've created some email templates to help you communicate with people who haven't attended your group in a while.

2. Ensure your group meeting time, location and meeting method are accurate. If you need assistance in how to do this within the ROCK, go to [coe22.com/leaderresources](https://coe22.com/leaderresources), then click the video icon.

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

### **Short-Term Mission Trips | Domestically and Globally**

GO! on mission as a disciple group this summer. Find your trip at [coe22.com/shorttermmission](https://coe22.com/shorttermmission).

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

Serving with Eleven22 is a great first or next step on your discipleship journey. Serving is an opportunity to serve others, steward your time and talent, as well as connect with the faith family. **Text "Serve" to 441122.**

### **Interested in leading a disciple group?**

Ready to take a step on your discipleship journey? If leading a disciple group is that step, please let your campus Discipleship Minister know! Go to [coe22.com/newleader](https://coe22.com/newleader) and fill out an interest form.

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

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## THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/readingplan](https://coe22.com/readingplan)

Sunday – John 3:1-21

Monday – Matthew 7:21-23; Galatians 6:7-8; Ephesian 2:8-9

Tuesday – Acts 2:37-38, 10:42-48

Wednesday – 1 Peter 1:22-25; 1 Corinthians 15:50; Romans 8:9-11

Thursday – Romans 6:23; 10:8-13; Isaiah 28:16

Friday – Numbers 21:4-9; 1 John 5:6-13

Saturday – Romans 5:6-11; Luke 9:51-56; Romans 8:1, 32-36

## RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- So, how was your walk with Jesus this past week? What was challenging or encouraging?
- Let's talk summer plans. What would you enjoy doing as a group this summer?

# The Gospel According to John – (Born)<sup>2</sup>

**The Point:** God loved, so God gave. If you believe, then you receive eternal life.

SERMON TEXTS: John 3:1-21, Numbers 21:4-9

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## Discussion Questions

### DISCOVER

Have someone read John 3:1-17.

- 1. What do we learn about man (Nicodemus) and God from verses 1-4?** *(Nicodemus, a Pharisee who has spent his entire life striving for high moral character sensed something was missing. Nicodemus sought out Jesus, and he did it at night. He addressed Jesus as “Rabbi,” which is honoring but also a common mistake of man; to not see Jesus for who He fully is! Jesus lovingly received Nicodemus, meeting him right where he was. Jesus meets us right where we are too!)*
- 2. Why is the highly religious and educated Nicodemus challenged and confused by what Jesus is saying to him? Where do you see people challenged and confused by Jesus today?** *(Sinful people living in a fallen world desire to rely on their own understanding. Nicodemus has spent his entire life seeking the right answers and control of his own sin. We can see that play out here as Nicodemus seeks clarity in what Jesus is saying, rather than choosing to trust.)*
- 3. What is received from a person’s physical birth? What happens when a person is “born again”?** *(A physical birth provides the initiation of our lives. Some people are born into a healthier family than others, some born to no family at all. Our physical birth might give us an earthly family, but we are eternal orphans. We cannot be eternally saved or condemned based on the family we’re physically born into. Being “born again” means to be born from above, or from anew, thus giving us new life, Jesus’ life.)*
- 4. Reread verses 16-17. Why did God send Jesus into the world and what does that mean for ALL people? What has it meant for you?** *(Jesus was sent to provide eternal life to all those who believe in Him. Not just life after death, but a present life with an eternal outlook and focus. God didn’t send Jesus to condemn or judge, but to save. Jesus is everything God wants His world to know, in a Person.)*

### DEEPEN

Have someone read John 3:16-21.

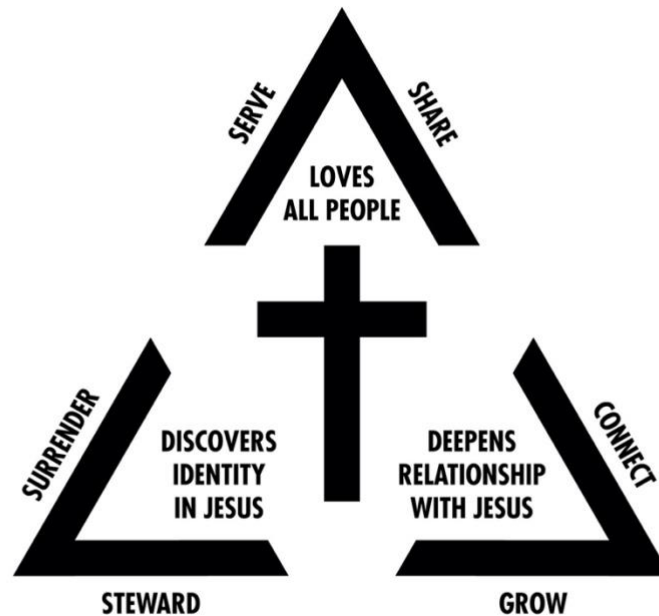
- 5. A disciple is someone who discovers their identity in Jesus and responds with surrender and stewardship. What part(s) of your life are you trying to control and need to surrender?** *(Answers may vary. John 3:20 – “All who do evil hate the light...” Control is one way to keep things in the dark.)*
- 6. Stewardship is using what God has given you, to do what God wants. Are you using your time, spiritual gifts, and resources well? Where do you have an opportunity to take a step of faith this week?** *(Answers may vary.)*

## ACTION STEPS

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

This week, let’s all focus on how a disciple discovers their identity in Jesus, through both surrender and stewardship. As you spend quiet time with God this week consider the following:

1. Ask God to show you areas you have yet to fully surrender to Him and areas of your time, spiritual gifts and resources that He would like to use for His glory.
2. Meditate on Scripture from this week's reading plan ([coe22.com/readingplan](http://coe22.com/readingplan)).
3. Text your disciple group with what God is showing you.



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