



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Song of Solomon: WEEK 1  
January 10-13, 2021

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## LEADER NOTES

**Disciple-making Disciples** – Who is the person you want to commit to in 2021? We want to focus on relational and intentional discipleship in 2021.

**Disciple Groups Channel on RightNow Media** – These are helpful resources as we start a new trimester in 2021. Here is a quick link or you can look for “Disciple Groups” on your RightNow Media homepage.

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Song of Solomon | Relate: a conversation about your love life | Online**

Join Pastor Joby and Gretchen Martin along with some special guests as they answer your questions every Monday throughout the series at 7:22PM. **Join us at [coe22.com/online](https://coe22.com/online) every Mondays**

### **Discover Eleven22 | January 25 at 6:30PM | Every Campus**

Join us for Discover Eleven22 to learn about ways deepen your relationship with Jesus and get connected to the faith family. **Learn more or join a class online at [coe22.com/discover](https://coe22.com/discover).**

### **Share Your Faith | Saturday January 23 at 9:00AM | Online**

This is an interactive workshop where you will learn how to share your faith with others. The workshop will teach how to identify our testimonies, clearly present the gospel and how to intentionally live out the Great Commission. **Learn more at [coe22.com/classes](https://coe22.com/classes).**

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## **THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:**

Sunday – Song of Solomon 1:1-2:15

Monday – 1 Corinthians 16:12-18

Tuesday – Genesis 2:1-9

Wednesday – Joshua 24:14-28

Thursday – Psalm 1

Friday – 1 Peter 2:1-12

Saturday – Proverbs 16

## RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- What has this last week been like for you? What has it stirred in your heart?
  - Where are you reading in the Bible and what is God showing you?
  - What are you praying for in 2021?
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## Song of Solomon – WEEK 1: The Man

**The Point:** Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.

SERMON TEXTS: Song of Solomon 1:1 – 2:15

### Discussion Questions

*(The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. It is OK if you don't cover every question).*

## DISCOVER

Song of Solomon Study Journal will be used for all ten weeks of curriculum. Grab a copy at your campus or find a digital copy at [coe22.com/songofsolomon](http://coe22.com/songofsolomon)

Have someone read Song of Solomon 1:1-2:15 out loud.

**1. In verse 1:9, Solomon proclaims how much he values the one he loves. Men, in what ways do show the woman you love how much you value her? Women, what are some of the ways that you feel valued by the men who love you?** *(Answers may vary, but this is a good list for men. Women feel valued when they are spoken kindly to, when they are pursued, etc.)*

**2. In verses 2:3-4, Pastor Joby points out that the godly man makes the woman he loves feel safe and is proud of her in public. Men, why do you think that these two attributes are im-portant to the woman you love? Women, why are these two characteristics important to you?** *(Answers will vary, but a woman must feel safe in order to express herself and grow in the relationship. Also, being proud of your wife in public is another expression of value.)*

## DEEPEN

Have everyone open their journal to the 15 Characteristics of a Godly Man.

**3. In our journal are the 15 characteristics of a godly man that Pastor Joby highlighted. How do these characteristics represent Jesus and His relationship with us?** *(Essentially, Jesus values us. He valued us enough to leave heaven and come to earth. He pursues us, constantly focusing on working in and through us. He showed the extent of his love by valuing us enough to die on the Cross in our place.)*

**4. If you are a man, which two or three of these characteristics are most challenging for you, and why? If you are a woman, which two or three characteristics mean the most to you, and why?** *(Answers may vary)*

**5. If you are a woman, what would be some of the ways you could encourage the man in your life to grow in these areas? If you are a man, from your perspective, how could the woman in your life encourage you to grow as a godly man?** *(This will include things like praying for him, verbally thanking him and appreciating him and forgiving him when he struggles.)*

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## ACTION STEP

**\*Leaders** – These next eleven weeks we will be focusing on the “For Reflection” questions in the Song of Solomon Journal. Please **stay connected** with your group throughout the week, gently reminding them to spend quiet time with the Lord reflecting on the questions.

**Group – Reflect and Pray:** Reflect and answer the journal questions in either the man or woman section. Also pray for one man in your life. He may be your spouse, your brother, your friend, your father, or your son. Commit to pray for him, every day for the next seven days, that he would specifically grow as a godly man.