



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Song of Solomon: WEEK 2 – The Woman
January 21-24, 2021

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 – 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.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Song of Solomon | Relate: a conversation about your love life | coe22.com/songofsolomon
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 on Mondays.**

Night to Shine | Friday February 12 | FSCJ South Campus

This year Night to Shine start with a drive thru red "car pit" experience for our guests, who will then go home and tune in for a live virtual prom. To serve in the "car pit" visit nighttoshinejax.com.

St. Johns Campus Interest Night | Sunday January 31 at 5:00PM | Creekside High School

Our St. Johns campus is launching March 28! If you are interested in getting involved, hearing the vision and praying for the campus, please join us for our upcoming interest night.

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

Sunday – Song of Solomon 1:1-2:15

Monday – Genesis 2:15-25

Tuesday – Ezekiel 16:1-14

Wednesday – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 4:9-12

Thursday – Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 139:13-15, 1 Peter 3:3-4

Friday – Psalms 18:2, 28:7, 91:1-16

Saturday – Matthew 5:3, 11:28-30, John 4:3-14, 7:37-39, Psalm 23:1-3

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- What was a "win" for you this week?
 - Where are you reading in the Bible and what is God showing you?
 - What did God reveal to you regarding the action step from last week? How is discipline being evidenced in your life?
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Song of Solomon – The Woman

The Point: Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30

SERMON TEXTS: Song of Solomon 1:1-2:15, Proverbs 31:10-31

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Ask someone from your group to read Proverbs 31:10-31 out loud.

1. Pastor Joby gave 4 characteristics of a Godly woman. How do these reflect Christ in a woman's nature? *(Found on page 17 of the Song of Solomon journal: Jesus is holy and surrendered to the will of His Father; Jesus did not seek to esteem Himself in the world's eyes but by the approval of His Father; He was more concerned about the Kingdom of God than His own desires; He made it His mission to serve others as He fulfilled the role God gave Him.)*

2. Women, how are you cultivating those characteristics in your own life? *(The world teaches beauty through sexuality or mere outward attributes, self-satisfaction rather than serving and considering others, feminism, over-bearing or domineering personality to get what you want out of life.)*

3. If you are a woman, do you know your weak areas among these godly characteristics? Why is it important that we are honest with ourselves regarding our vulnerabilities? Men, how can you offer support to a woman in her weak area? *(Answers will vary. Satan is certainly aware of our weaknesses and will certainly remind us. Confessing those weak areas allows us to bring them to the light, especially if it's with a close friend or spouse.)*

4. What is the message from the world that contradicts these characteristics of a Godly woman? *(The world teaches beauty through sexuality or mere outward attributes, self-satisfaction rather than serving and considering others, feminism, over-bearing or domineering personality to get what you want out of life.)*

DEEPEN

Reread Proverbs 31:10-31 and take turns reading.

5. Whether you are a man or a woman, how can you encourage women in your life to seek the Godly characteristics found in Proverbs 31? *(Start with love. Does the other person know you approach them out of love? Affirm the Godly characteristics you see them exemplify. Ask how you could best support them as they seek to grow as a Godly woman. As you speak, pay attention to your tone and body language so your words are not received as criticism or condemnation.)*

6. What do you need to change or surrender to God, in order for you to pursue the characteristics of a Godly man (page 7) or woman (page 17)? *(Answers will vary but may include repentance for where we are falling short, turning to Jesus as we pursue Him to transform us, concerted attention regarding our weak areas, focused attention on what we could do differently to cultivate growth in an area, time with Jesus in His Word, a mentor or accountability partner, etc.)*

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 – Women: Reflect and pray through the questions found on page 19 of your Song of Solomon journal. Ask God to speak to you during this time, and before you write any answers, sit in silence for a few minutes. Men: Reflect and pray through the question found on page 20. Ask God to give you opportunities to cultivate the characteristics found on page 17, and the courage to lead well through those opportunities. Also consider one or two things you can do each day to intentionally convey your gratitude for them.

