



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Advent: WEEK 1 - Compassion
December 2 – December 5, 2021

LEADER NOTES

Save the Date Coach & Leader Gathering | Saturday January 15, 2022

Go to coe22.com/coachandleader to RSVP yes or no.

End of Fall Trimester – With our fall trimester officially ending on December 12, we're asking ALL group leaders to take a few minutes to: give us your feedback and recommit for the spring trimester.

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

Christmas Party | Sunday December 12 | 6:00pm-8:00pm at All Campuses

We are gathering together for a Christmas Party! There will be food, coffee and live music. Come to your home campus as a family or bring a friend and celebrate Advent and the Christmas season with us.

Learn more at coe22.com/christmas.

Discover Eleven22 | After Every Christmas Eve Service on December 23 & 24

God created us for community. We invite you to take a next step of faith by joining us for Discover Eleven22 to learn about ways to deepen your relationship with Jesus and get connected to the faith family. Learn more at coe22.com/discover.

New Christmas Week Worship Services | coe22.com/christmas | #Onemore Opportunity

Thursday December 23 – Christmas Eve service at 7:22pm (except Jesup)

Friday December 24 – Christmas Eve service at 3:30pm (except Jesup), 5:22pm and 7:22pm (except Jesup)

Sunday December 26 – Special ONLINE ONLY Services (no in person services) coe22.com/online.

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

Sunday – Psalm 103

Monday – Romans 10

Tuesday – 1 Timothy 6

Wednesday – Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Thursday – Isaiah 49:8-26

Friday – Psalm 116

Saturday – James 1:26-27

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- What is your biggest prayer or hope for this Christmas season?
- How was your prayer time this past week? What is God showing you through that time?

Advent – Compassion

The Point: God's purpose is to be known, to be praised and to be enjoyed among the nations.

SERMON TEXT: Psalm 67; Revelation 12:7--11

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Have someone read Psalm 67

1. Pastor Britt shared this week that Psalm 67 points to the purpose of God: to be known, to be praised, and to be enjoyed among the nations. In what ways does God make himself known, and how is God's purpose to be praised and enjoyed playing out in your life?

(God is gracious for making himself known to us. God blesses in a variety of ways, but anything we have that is good is a blessing from above. God's shining face is like a smiling face, which is God showing us His favor and a reminder He is never disappointed in us!)

2. How does God invite us to participate in His purpose (to be known, praised, and enjoyed) among the nations or around the block? *(All of us are participants in bringing God glory because God is saving us, calling us, and inviting us both in making Him known AND by knowing Him intimately with a face-to-face closeness.)*

3. Which story about Compassion child sponsorship stood out to you and why? *(God wants to be known and we want what He wants. Pastor Britt shared that abject poverty over time plays out as a loss of hope. Compassion creates opportunities to spread the Gospel and the hope of Jesus around the world.)*

DEEPEN

Eleven22 is focusing on the word **Relationship** from our vision statement during this year. Pastor Britt said, "having Compassion Kids is more than sponsorship, it's about a **relationship** with a child." Sponsoring a child is one way for disciples to participate in the Great Commission, through providing hope where there is none!

Have someone read Matthew 28:18-20

4. Week 1 of the Advent season is focused on Hope and Compassion. How does sponsoring a compassion child help God be known and advance the Great Commission? *(Answers may vary.)*

5. All of us bring God glory by Knowing Him, Praising Him, and Enjoying Him. Which of these three opportunities to bring God glory do you want to focus on most during Advent season?

(Answers may vary.)

ACTION STEPS

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

Leader: During this Advent season, we are going to commit to enjoying God because God wants us to be glad, not sad. We get to be glad because God has given us the greatest gift we've ever received, by giving us Himself.

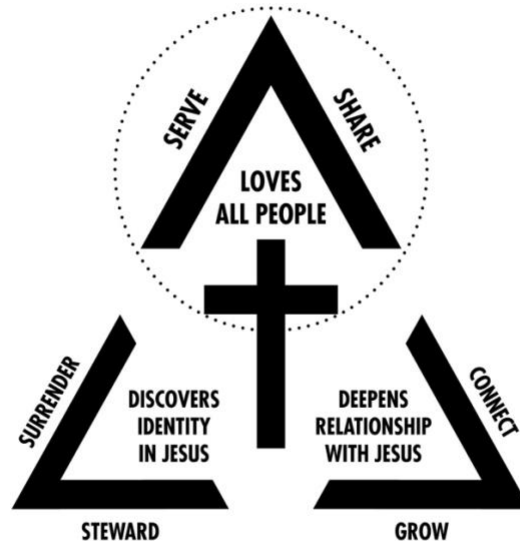
This Week: Find a quiet place to pray through the following:

- How do I currently *Know, Praise and Enjoy* God?
- Where have I missed an opportunity to *Know, Praise and Enjoy* God?
- Where is God calling you to *Know, Praise and Enjoy* more deeply?

Take a Next Step: Choose one opportunity God put on your heart to either *Know, Praise or Enjoy* him more deeply. Text your answer to someone in your group, as ONE step you will take towards Jesus this week.

Additional Resources:

- **COE22 Advent Calendar:** coe22.com/christmas
- **Sponsor a Compassion Child:** Text "Sponsor" to 83393 and compassion will send you the information on the child chosen for you to sponsor. This is especially helpful for those of us who have trouble choosing among all the cards on the tables.



Go to coe22.com/resources and click "Download Tool" to download or print a discipleship journey tool with questions for you to ask yourself and others. Please share link and directions with others in your group.