



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Advent: WEEK 2, Mercy
December 9 – December 12, 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!**

New Leader Training | Sundays December 19 & January 2 at 1PM

Where is God calling you to take a next step of faith? If you're ready to take that next step by leading a disciple group, please save the above dates on your calendar and fill out the New Leader Interest Form found at coe22.com/newleader.

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 – James 2:14-26

Monday – Psalm 68

Tuesday – Genesis 1-2:3

Wednesday – Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday – Hebrews 4:1-13

Friday – Psalm 46

Saturday – Psalm 4

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- What are you reading in the Bible and what are you learning?

Advent – Mercy

The Point: The mercy of God gives time for the grace of God to bring about the salvation of God to ALL who believe.

SERMON TEXT: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Have someone read 1 Timothy 1:12--16

1. **What's the relationship between Judgment and Mercy?** *(Pastor Stone focused on 4 words, the first two were judgment and mercy. Judgment is receiving what we deserve for our sin, mercy is withholding what we deserve. Mercy withholds judgment but it does not eliminate it. God's just character demands payment for sin, which is why Jesus came to earth as a baby... to save sinners.)*
2. **What is the relationship between Grace and Belief?** *(Grace is receiving what we don't deserve and belief – the Greek pisteuo – is to consider something to be so true that it's deserving of our full trust.)*
3. **How has the birth of Jesus resolved the tension between God's holiness and man's sinfulness?** *(Every one of us will be judged by God one day. If God is righteous, then sin must be paid for, otherwise God would not be a righteous Judge. Jesus resolves the tension of God's judgment of imperfect people by allowing us to use His life as our evidence.)*
4. **How has Jesus's birth revealed God's Mercy and Grace, while providing an avenue for Belief?** *(The mercy of God gives time for the grace of God to bring about the salvation of God. God's plan for salvation has always been Jesus. His birth is the pouring out of God's grace upon us.)*

DEEPEN

Week 2 of Advent is about Mercy, the beauty of judgment withheld from us to be laid on Jesus, whose whimpers as a baby would lead to His guttural cries on the cross, dying for our sins. Pastor Stone reminded us the Bible is largely a story of mercy and God's unrelenting pursuit of an undeserving people.

Have someone read Romans 3:23, 6:23 & 8:1

5. **How have you experienced God's mercy and grace?** *(Answers may vary. Every breath that we take is a delay of God's judgment and is an act of mercy to allow time for the salvation of God to be revealed in us and in others).*

6. **How can you offer the mercy and grace that you have received, to others this holiday season?** (*The story of God's mercy toward you may be the catalyst to reveal God's grace to those around you. Consider sharing your testimony with the person God is laying on your heart right now.*)

ACTION STEPS

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

Leader Read: Believers have received God's mercy so that those around us can see God's saving power through the work of Jesus in our lives, to be a catalyst to reveal God's grace to others.

This Week: Share your experience with grace and mercy with one person.

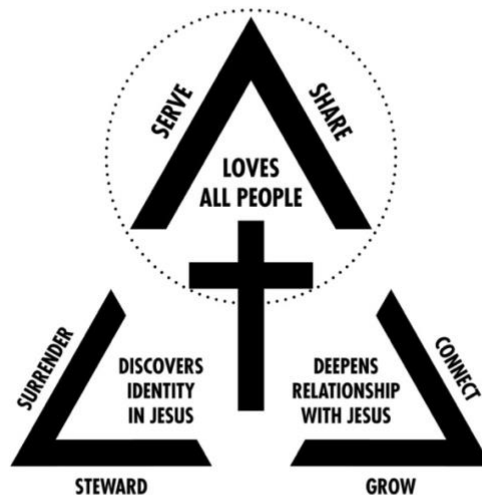
Take a Next Step: Find a quiet place this week to pray through the following:

- Who is God placing on my heart to share the gospel?
- How does God want me to share the gospel? (Invitation to church, share your testimony, share a cup of coffee)
- Ask God for the opportunity to share the gospel with ALL the people God placed on your heart.

**After praying through this, write out the names God placed on your heart, how you will share the gospel with each person and then start making calls or sending texts.*

Additional Resources:

- **Share Testimony:** [Tips for Sharing Your Faith & Testimony Writing Tools](#)
- **Share Invitation:** Find a list of Eleven22 Christmas Eve services at coe22.com/christmas



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.