



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Preach: WEEK 5, Spiritual Life  
November 18 – November 21, 2021

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## LEADER NOTES

**This Week Communion in Disciple Groups** | Visit [coe22.com/leaderresources](https://coe22.com/leaderresources)

During this sermon series, we as a church will be celebrating communion in our disciple groups. Please check out the [communion guide](#) and [video](#) found on the leader resources page.

**Next Week Thanksgiving & Curriculum:** Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week there will NOT be a 722 service at any of our campuses; therefore, curriculum will be posted on **Sunday afternoon 11/28**. There will be **NO Video Clips** for curriculum next week.

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

### **SENT Event Love Your Neighbor – Sign Up to Serve Week**

We as a church family are joining efforts with our local partners to live life on mission this holiday season by serving those in need in our community. This week, we encourage you to visit [coe22.com/localoutreach](https://coe22.com/localoutreach) to check out all of the holiday serve opportunities and sign up to serve! Let's be a blessing to others and love our neighbors well! Email your questions to [localoutreach@coe22.com](mailto:localoutreach@coe22.com).

### **1825 Worship Night | Sunday December 5 at 7:00PM | Arlington Campus**

Worship nights are quarterly 1825 gatherings where 18-25 year-olds from all our campuses gather together to worship Jesus, to be encouraged and strengthened, and to be sent out to spread the gospel to our campuses, our city and the nations. Get connected and learn more at [coe22.com/1825](https://coe22.com/1825).

### **New 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](https://coe22.com/christmas).

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

Sunday – Psalm 119:1-88

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Tuesday – 2 Peter 2:1-22

Wednesday – Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday – Jude

Friday – 1 John 4:1-6

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

## RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- What is your current Bible reading plan and what are you learning?
- Where do you feel called to be a blessing to others this Christmas season?

## Preach! – Spiritual Life

**The Point:** You weren't set free *from* the fight. You were set free *for* the fight.

SERMON TEXT: James 1:14-18

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## Discussion Questions

### DISCOVER

Have someone read James 1:1

**1. Why is James writing to the “twelve tribes in the Dispersion” and why is this significant for us today?** *(Initially hearing “twelve tribes” you may think of Jacob’s twelve sons, which is true. James is most likely also referring to God’s people as a whole, as a way to present the fullness of God’s people. Jesus begins His ministry by choosing twelve disciples, clearly pointing back to the twelve tribes of Israel; again, showing that God’s plan includes ALL people due to the diversity found in Jesus’s selection of disciples. The Dispersion is reminding us that God’s people have been persecuted in the past, at times driven out of their homes and country, which we continue to see and experience today.)*

Have someone read James 1:2-18

**2. How are trials and troubling times an opportunity for joy?** *(Trials and troubles are not joyful, but they do play a vital part on our path to joy. Joy is like love in that true love is an action that can be a great sacrifice to ourselves no matter how we feel about it. Similarly, true joy is found when we “count,” or decide, that our trial is a source of joy, rather than allowing the trial to overcome us.)*

**3. What is the difference in being tested and being tempted? Where have you experienced both in your life?** *(God allows us to be tested in order to refine us, bring out impurities and produce a clearer image of Himself in his image bearers. Think of it as sanctification. Tempting is NOT from God, because tempting draws us away from God. Testing reveals more of Him in us.)*

**4. If you decided today, that for the rest of your life your only goal was to grow in holiness, what would need to change?** *(Answers may vary – remember “holiness” simply means to be set apart. If you don’t know where to start, start by asking God.)*

## DEEPEN

Eleven22 is focusing on the word **Relationship** from our vision statement during this year. Disciple groups offer one way to live out what it means to be a disciple through discovering an identity in Jesus as Lord; surrendering our entire lives to Him.

Have someone read 2 Timothy 2:21-27

5. **Do you know Satan's strategy against you? What tries to lure you away from Christ most often?** (Answers may vary.)

6. **Do you know what stirs your affections for Christ and do you have an accountability partner who can point you back to Him?** (Answers may vary.)

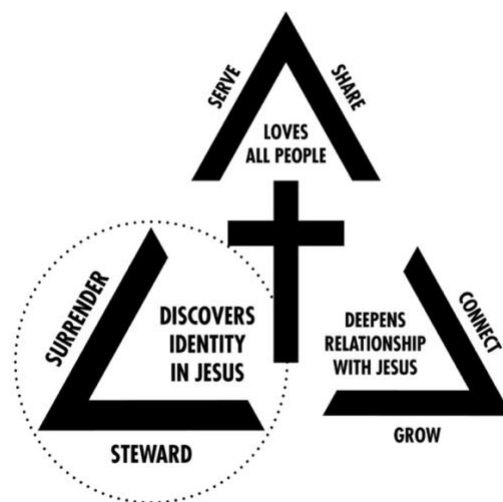
## ACTION STEPS

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

**Leader:** Tonight, we're going to return to the Father together and then celebrate by taking communion. Visit [coe22.com/leaderresources](http://coe22.com/leaderresources) and click the "documents" icon to find a Disciple Group Communion Guide. There is also a how-to video available on the above leader resources webpage, under the video icon.

**Take a Next Step:** Use the Communion Guide as a step-by-step guide for administering communion.

- Focus your time on the remembrance, presence and future things of Christ.
- Allow for plenty of time (at least 2-3 minutes) for the time of reflection:
  - What do you need to confess? Where do you need to repent?
  - Where do you need to remember the gospel in your life?
- Pray for the group OR partner up and pray for each other.



Go to [coe22.com/resources](http://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.