



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Life Defined - Week 2: Prodigal God  
January 19 - 22, 2023

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**LEADER NOTES: Spring trimester runs from 1/23 - 5/7**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – *What's your next step? Stay informed and connected to ALL the things God is doing in and through The Church of Eleven22 at [coe22.com/news](https://coe22.com/news).*

**NEW: NIGHT TO SHINE - February 10, 6-9pm, Prime Osborn Convention Center:** The Church of Eleven22 is proud to be one of the host churches collaborating for Jacksonville's Night to Shine. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love for people with special needs. Learn more about how you can volunteer and register at [nighttoshinejax.com](https://nighttoshinejax.com).

**STILL TIME TO SERVE: Disciple Groups signup weekends are 1/12/23 - 2/12/23: Pick at least one service for your entire disciple group to serve together.** This is a great opportunity to ask people to join your group. Come be a friendly face, offer a warm smile, and answer questions for people taking a next step of faith. Sign up your group to serve, show up 30 minutes before service and stay 20 minutes after. **Here are the links to sign up to serve at your campus:** [Arlington](#), [Baymeadows](#), [Fleming Island](#), [Jesup](#), [Mandarin](#), [Orange Park](#), [St. Johns](#), [San Pablo](#).

**Financial Peace University 2023** is a seven-week course designed to help you better steward the financial resources God has given you. FPU will be every Monday, from January 23 to March 6 from 6:30-8:30pm at our San Pablo, Arlington, Mandarin, Orange Park and Online campuses. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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

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**Share Wins, Praises and Prayers:** Where did you see God move this week?

**The Point:** Are you ready to "come to your senses" and come home to your heavenly Father?

**SERMON TEXT:** *Luke 15:11-32; 1 John 2:15-17; John 3:16-17*

## Discussion Questions

**DISCOVER** (If you use the video curriculum, play the first part before you discuss the discover questions.)

**LEADERS** – *Every week we're asking you to begin with these two questions. It's a great way to get the conversation started.*

- **What stood out to you from the sermon this week?**
- **What did God reveal to you in any of the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**

**DEEPEN** (If you use the video curriculum, play the second part before you discuss the deepen questions.)

Read *Luke 15:11-32*

- **One of the most important reasons we read the Bible is to learn more about who God is and about God's character. Share all the character traits of our Heavenly Father you see in The Prodigal Son parable. Hint: there are many.** *(God is loving, forgiving, willing to humiliate himself to save you. He loves you enough to allow you to fall down so your only option is to look up to Him, but He is willing to meet you where you are. God loves you enough to give you free will, but He always watching and waiting for YOU to turn to Him, and heaven celebrates when you return to him. The Father won't enable your sinful behavior. He desires a relationship with you, has compassion for you, is Grace-filled, and willing to beg you to repent and receive Him even when you don't fully understand Him. God is protective of you.)*
- **The rebellion of the younger son and the religion of the older son separated them from the love of the father. Is your rebellion or religion (or sometimes both) creating distance between you and Jesus, and how does that show up in your thoughts and behavior?** *(We need to be aware of our sin before we can repent and surrender it to Jesus. Rebellion always feels like fun and freedom at first, but only leads to bondage and death. The lure of sin will bait you down a road you never wanted to go down, cost you more than you can pay, keep you longer than you wanted to stay, and hurt you far worse than you ever dreamed, every single time. Religion can lead to pride, selfishness, self-righteousness, envy and a lack of compassion. The answer to both is repentance. Turn your back on sin and return to your loving, forgiving Father.)*
- **Jesus changes an old parable that ends with the rebellious son being stoned to one that ends with the son being forgiven, received back into the family and covered with kisses from his father. Have YOU experienced the kiss of the father? Can you articulate what that feels like and share it with the group?** *(Jesus took a story about an "honor killing" and turned it into a story of Grace and salvation through His love. We are not primarily servants to a master but sons and daughters to a Father. Sons and daughters work from a different motivation - relationship.)*

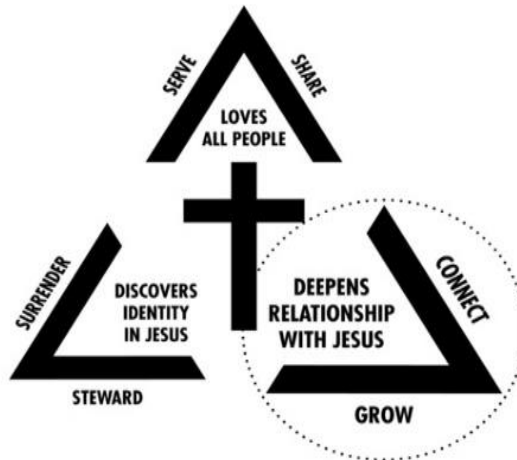
## ACTION STEP

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

1. Read *Luke 15:11-32* again and meditate on all the ways the parable shows God's love for YOU, specifically.
2. Journal how God's love makes you feel and respond as the Spirit leads you.

### Additional Resources:

- **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to [coe22.com/rightnowmedia](http://coe22.com/rightnowmedia) or text "RightNow" to 441122.  
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- Details on the 10:10 Life are available at [coe22.com/1010life](http://coe22.com/1010life).



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