



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Life Defined - Week 3: Religious Tradition
January 26 - 29, 2023

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

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.*

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.

NEW: Senior adult interest night February 6 • 7pm San Pablo campus • Auditorium A • Join us for desserts, coffee and a quick conversation about senior adult ministry as a part of the Abundant Life.

Foster care interest night February 13 • 6:30pm San Pablo campus and Online • [Register here to attend](#).

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](#).

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

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

The Point: Religion kills. It's a trick. It convinces people that they are saved by their good works and self-righteousness.

SERMON TEXT: *1 John 2:15-17; Ezekiel 28:17; Isaiah 14:12-15; Proverbs 16:18; Genesis 3:5; James 4:16; James 4:6; Psalm 10:4; Romans 2:8; and Proverbs 16:18; Col 3:12; James 4:10; 1 Cor 1:31, 4:7; James 5:16*

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 1 John 2:15-17

- **Everyone's life is "defined" by something. What do you say defines your life? What would your close friends say defines your life?** *(How you define your life gives you a certain understanding, life purpose and definition of success. Do you define your life by your job, title, income, marital status, children, sexuality or possessions? If you primarily define your life by the world's systems, values and standards, it's loveless and all you will ever have are desires, unmet cravings, lusts and an appetite for more. Jesus commands us, "Do not love the world or the things in the world...")*
- **What is the "pride of life" and why is it something God hates and directly opposes?** *(Pastor Flynt said, "Pride is a soul issue that leads you to project false or inflated versions of yourself in order to gain a sense of value or worth, which is what you really believe it takes to be accepted." According to scripture, pride is the root of all sin and makes us like Satan. Pride is evil. Pride kills your relationships, your joy, and ultimately, you. Pride will keep you from seeking Jesus and lead you to rejecting God. Scriptures on this include Ezekiel 28:17; Isaiah 14:12-15; Proverbs 16:18; Genesis 3:5; James 4:16; James 4:6; Psalm 10:4; Romans 2:8; and Proverbs 16:18.)*
- **How does God help you reject defining your life by "the world and the things in this world"?** *(This is the invitation: reject defining your life by "the world and the things in this world" and define your life by the love of God in Jesus. In John 6:28-29, the disciples asked Jesus: "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." Doing the will of God is code for believing in the love of God in Jesus - the Gospel! It's defining your life by the good news of God's love and not by the world. 1 John 2:17 says, "...whoever (all) does the will of God abides forever (abundant, eternal life)." How good is God that he would give you things to help you reject pride: Humility (Col 3:12; James 4:10), Gratitude (1 Cor 1:31, 4:7), Confession (James 5:16), Prayer and Worship.)*

ACTION STEP

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

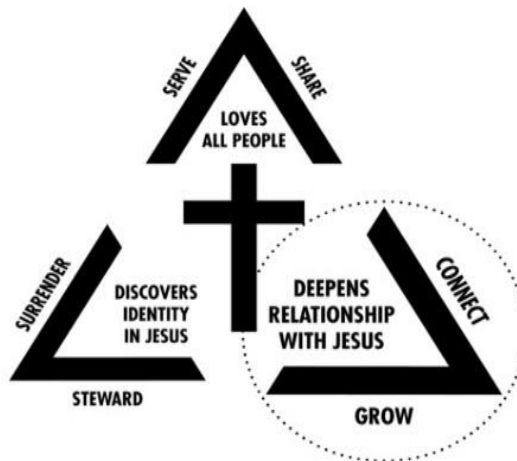
Write down how you currently define your life the way the world does. On the other side of the paper write down one or two ways you can redefine your life by the love of God in Jesus.

Additional Resources:

- **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to coe22.com/rightnowmedia or text "RightNow" to 441122.

(Note: You'll need to login or create an account to view RightNow Media content.)

- Details on the 10:10 Life are available at coe22.com/1010life.



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