



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Psalms – A Sermon Series: Week 19, Psalm 127
August 25 – August 28, 2022

LEADER NOTES

Upcoming Dates to Know

August 29 – December 11: Fall Trimester term

September 11: Orange Park campus launch

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.*

In preparation for Saturated (9/14 - 9/18) we are fasting. [Click here](#) to read through a resource Eleven22 has created to help your group understand the reason behind fasting and how to fast.

Saturated Baptisms: We are offering classes after every service until September 11 at all campuses. No registration needed.

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

Psalms - Week 19: The Lord Builds the House

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

The Point: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." (*Psalms 127:1*) "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (*Joshua 24:15b*)

SERMON TEXT: *Psalms 127; Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 2:41-52; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Ephesians 5*

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Have someone read Psalm 127.

LEADERS - Please explain this to your group: Every week we're asking you to start the discussion with these two questions. It's a great way to get the conversation started. Encourage your group members to think about these questions each week while they're listening to the sermon. It will help them stay engaged and prepare for group.

- **What stood out to you from the sermon and how can you apply that this week?**
- **What did God reveal to you in Psalm 127 this week, maybe for the first time?**

DEEPEN

LEADERS: *Ephesians 5* instructs us how to live and how to love our spouses. Take turns reading *Ephesians 5*.

- **What does it mean for the LORD to build the house? What do you need to do to surrender your house to the LORD?** (*Pastor Joby referenced Romans 10:9 & 13 and Joel 2, saying that Jesus is the Builder in this psalm. We need to ask Jesus to build our "house." If we don't invite Jesus to build everything in our lives, our struggles are in vain. King Solomon, the wisest and richest of Old Testament kings, even chosen to build God's Temple, failed to maintain right standing with God because he took his eyes off God.*)
- **The psalm compares children to arrows and Pastor Joby shared 4 elements of shooting an arrow - the warrior, the aim, the tension, and the sending. How do each of these elements translate to parenting children? What are some ways all of us can help disciple children in our sphere of influence?** (*Children are often terrible listeners but excellent imitators, so your actions preach a louder sermon than anything you say. The way you love and submit to your spouse is a huge reflection of God's love to your children. Regardless of the age of your children, you can always model what godly parenting looks like.*)

LEADERS: Have someone read *Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

- **At what target are you aiming your children? What are you doing to aim them? If you don't have children, how can you help aim children you have influence with?** (*Pastor Joby referenced the Shema, (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). That is what we are aiming our children towards. Luke 2:52 is the only verse referencing Jesus's life on earth from age 12 to 30, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." Jesus was loving God the Father with all.*)
- **When in your life have you felt the weariness of "anxious toil"? What does Jesus offer as the cure for anxious toil?** (*"...He gives to his beloved sleep." (Psalm 127:2) "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)*)

- Pastor Joby shared an Irish proverb that said for every mile of road there are two miles of ditch. On either side of our gifts in life is either the tendency to idolize and elevate them above their rightful place or the tendency to neglect them and not use them where you're called. Which ditch do you find yourself in most frequently and in what area of your life?

ACTION STEP

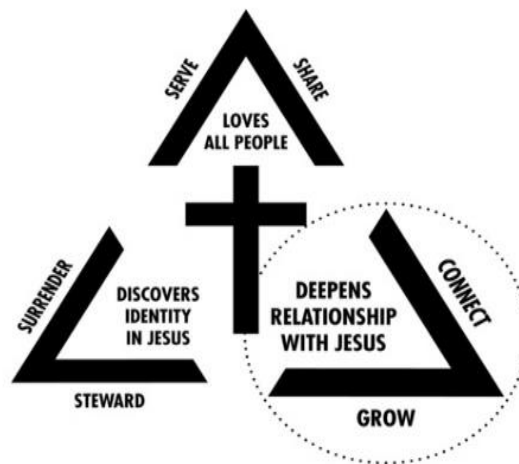
A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

- As a church, we are preparing for Saturated by fasting from food from sunset on Tuesdays until sunset on Wednesdays from August 24 – September 14. Everyone medically able is invited to participate. [Click here](#) to read through a resource Eleven22 has created to help your group understand the reason behind fasting and how to fast.
- Text SATURATED to 44122 to receive the daily devotional via email, "Prepare Your Heart."

Additional Resources:

- **A Psalm a Day:** Text "Psalms" to 441122 to join us as we read through the Psalms together.
- **Psalms Resources:** Visit coe22.com/psalms or download the Eleven22 App.
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