



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Psalms – A Sermon Series: Week 3
May 5 – May 8, 2022

LEADER NOTES

***No curriculum during Groups break – Returns on Friday June 3**

Upcoming Dates to Know

May 22: LAST New Leader Training for the summer (visit coe22.com/newleader)

May 26-June 5: Summer DG Sign-ups (ask your campus Discipleship Minister how to serve these weekends)

June 6-July 31: Summer Trimester

ANNOUNCEMENTS – WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

To stay connected to all that God is doing in and through The Church of Eleven22, visit coe22.com/news.

Beach Baptism | Sunday May 15 at Hannah Park

Join us at the beach on Sunday, May 15 as we celebrate with our brothers and sisters publicly proclaiming Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Visit coe22.com/beachbaptism for parking instructions and more.

Group SENT Event Month of May Partner Highlight – Hartfelt Ministries

Are you living life on mission? We invite you to join us as we serve on the mission field right here in our community! Hartfelt Ministries is a ministry on mission to honor God by enriching the lives of seniors. Visit coe22.com/localmission to view all serve opportunities and sign up to be sent as a disciple group.

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

Sunday – Psalm 14

Monday – Psalm 9

Tuesday – Psalm 12

Wednesday – Psalm 13

Thursday – Psalm 15

Friday – Psalm 11

Saturday – Psalm 10

LOOKING BACK

WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE THIS PAST WEEK: *(Check-in, encourage and pray.)*

- How were you obedient to God this past week? Have you been reading/listening to the Psalms?
- Where did you struggle this past week?

Psalms Week 3: The Lord Restores

The Point: “The Lord looks down from Heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They all have turned aside...” – Psalm 14:2-3; Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!” – Psalm 14:7

SERMON TEXT: Psalm 14; Romans 3:20-26; Genesis 32

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

LEADERS: Ask someone to read Psalm 14. Use the questions as a guide for discussion.

- **Verse 3 says that all of us have turned aside from God. How do we as believers live like there is no God?** *(Turning aside from God is turning your back on Him and turning towards the things this world says are important. Pastor Joby described living as if there is no God as “practical atheism,” regardless of what you say you believe or what the common beliefs are in the culture around you. It’s denying all that God is, every part of His character, and law.)*
- **In contrast to turning away from God, how do we as believers “seek after” God?** *(On our own, we don’t! Psalm 14 says that God seeks after us and we respond to His seeking. Jesus is the Even the desire to seek God is because of grace as a gift. If you want God, it’s because He wants you to find him. Despite our total depravity, he makes His grace irresistible.)*
- **How did Jacob/Israel’s life parallel Psalm 14?** *(All Jacob’s life, he does nothing but live up to his name as deceiver and manipulator to make much of himself at everyone else’s expense. Jacob is running for his life first from his brother than from his uncle, and even money and security is not secure. Jacob’s transformation took place when he was alone. When Jacob wrestles God, God pursues him still, relentlessly, in spite of being a liar and a cheat. After wrestling with God and being broken, Jacob finally admits and acknowledges his identity as conniving manipulator. Then God gave him a new name, a new identity and a new destiny).*
- **Where are you currently wrestling with God and may not recognize Him? What limp do you have that you now recognize as a blessing?** *(It’s crazy that God even let Jacob stay in the fight. It’s God’s mercy that He lets you fight with Him! His mercy in the wrestling is for our transformation. The ultimate foolishness and rebellion is denying God and thinking you can live without Him. All of us are guilty of this but God in His mercy sends us salvation. The busted hip, our brokenness, led to the blessing).*

DEEPEN

Let’s go deeper into God’s word and discuss how we can apply these truths to our lives!

LEADERS: Ask someone to read Romans 3:9-26 and use the questions below as a guide for discussion.

- How are these verses similar to Psalm 14? How are they different?
- What does it mean to cry out for salvation? Where do you need help in your relationships with God?
- How have you rebelled against, or denied, God and tried to live your life without Him?

ACTION STEP

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

Leader Read: God is on a relentless pursuit of our rebellious race through Jesus Christ. All of us are guilty of rebelling against God, BUT GOD in His mercy sends us salvation.

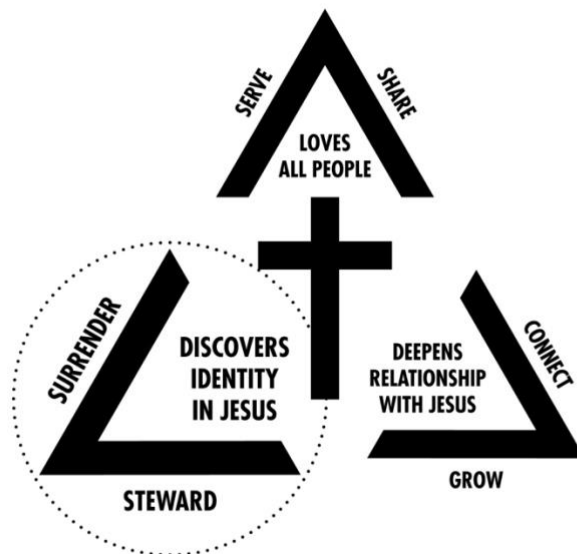
This Week: Commit to making a list of the broken things in your life that God has restored, is restoring or you hope He will restore. Then spend time praying through your list:

- **"I will"** THANK God for what He has already restored and where He is working to restore
- **"I will"** ASK God for restoration and redemption in areas He has not yet moved

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.
- **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.

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