

# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Psalms – A Sermon Series: Week 8, Psalm 27 June 9 – June 12, 2022

## LEADER NOTES

## Upcoming Dates to Know

June 6 - July 31: Summer Trimester July 31 & August 7: New Leader Trainings. Visit <u>coe22.com/newleader</u> to get started August 18-28: Fall Trimester Group Sign-ups

## 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**.

#### **Equipping Conversations**

Equipping Ministry teachers are available to come to your Disciple Group to teach a session on Apologetics, Interpreting Scripture, the Discipleship Journey Tool, World Religions, How to Create Your Testimony and more. Visit <u>coe22.com/leaderresources</u> and scroll to "Equipping Conversations" or <u>click HERE</u>.

### Group SENT Event June Partner Highlight – Sponsored By Grace (sponsoredbygrace.org)

Do you have a heart for making an eternal impact in the lives of the people God has placed around you? Are you willing to be a voice for "the least of these"? Join us in our very own community as we elevate the broken, engage the hearts of others and empower children and families that have been overlooked for generations. Come serve on the Northside or Arlington area of Jacksonville with a ministry that is strategically focused on serving children and families dealing with crime and poverty. Learn more at <u>coe22.com/localmission</u>.

### Discipleship Journey Workshop | June 25 at our San Pablo Campus

Come be equipped on how to be a disciple-making disciple. At this interactive workshop we will look at different Scriptures and walk through our discipleship journey triangle together! Register at <u>coe22.com/events</u>.

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

Sunday – Psalm 27 Monday – Psalm 44 Tuesday – Psalm 45 Wednesday – Psalm 54 Thursday – Psalm 47 Friday – Psalm 48 Saturday – Psalm 49

# LOOKING BACK WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE THIS PAST WEEK? (Check-in, encourage and pray.)

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

Psalms Week 8: One Thing

**The Point:** "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" – Psalm 27:1

SERMON TEXT: Psalm 27

## **Discussion Questions**

# DISCOVER

LEADERS: Ask someone to read Psalm 27 and use the questions as a guide for discussion.

- What does verse 1 make you think, feel and/or want to do differently? (There are many takeaways from this verse in our lives when we realize the context. In Psalm 27:1, we learn that David, while running for his life from King Saul and hiding in a dark cave, still believed that: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?")
- While King Saul was seeking to kill David, David was seeking the Lord (Psalm 27). In your darkest times, what do you seek for comfort and what is the one thing that you ask from the Lord? (Some people look for distractions when troubles are too great. Others may look for ways of overcoming the trouble on their own; "I got this." Jesus is the only true answer to the troubles of this world. Time with fellow believers, singing praises to the Lord and spending time reading and learning His Word are ways to grow close to Jesus. If we draw close to Him, He will draw close to us (James 4:8). Taking steps of obedience in the path toward God always gives birth to life even when we cannot see it in that moment. The opposite is also true. When we walk in sin, it always leads to death even if we cannot see the death in that moment.)
- What does David remind himself of to overcome fear in this psalm and how can we use those same things to overcome fear in our own lives? (Following Jesus is not a promise to an easier life; at times the opposite is true. In John 16:33, Jesus tells us that in the world we will face tribulations, but to take heart because He has overcome the world. Fear comes from a sense that we lack control. Our fears are about lack of control. Paul, David, and Jesus could be fearless because the God of the universe is both in control of all things and unchangingly good at the same time.)
- What does it mean for God to be our shelter, our tent, and our rock, and why does that matter? (In the day of trouble God will: Hide us in His shelter (light overcomes dark), conceals us in the cover of his tent (which is the local church and its people) and lift us high on a rock (the gospel). David wrote that his head would be lifted up. God had to do it... David couldn't do it on his own!)

# DEEPEN

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

**LEADERS:** Use the questions below as a guide for discussion.

- Did God bring you to himself through a blessing or a breaking? What does that tell us about our God?
- What is the most extreme thing God has asked you to do? Did you do it, and what happened?

# ACTION STEP

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

**Leader Read:** Perfect love casts out fear! Because our salvation and victory are found in God, we don't have to be afraid of anything that would come against us. We can replace fear with faith and worship God with confidence.

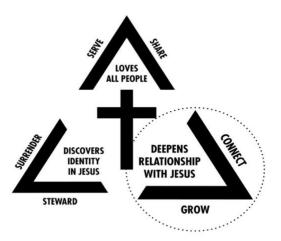
This Week: Experience confidence in the ONE true God by imprinting his word in our hearts and minds.

- "I will" find at least two Bible verses that tell me to "fear not" or "have no fear."
- "I will" begin to memorize those verses.

### Additional Resources:

- A Psalm a Day: Text "Psalms" to 441122 to join us as we read through the Psalms together.
- **Psalms Resources:** Visit <u>coe22.com/psalms</u> or download the Eleven22 App.
- **RightNow Media:** Find an unending supply of resources by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to <u>coe22.com/rightnowmedia</u> or text "RightNow" to 441122.

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