

# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Rescue Mission - Week 1: Rescued From Human Tradition December 1 - 4, 2022

LEADER NOTES: **NEW** - **Coach and Leader Gathering on 1/14/23 from 8:30am – 12pm.** All campuses will meet at San Pablo. We're excited for you to join your discipleship ministers, fellow coaches and leaders to celebrate what God has done, and what He is going to do to us and through us this year. We will have a continental breakfast, worship, pray, be equipped during breakout sessions and fellowship together. Childcare is available. <u>Please RSVP</u> whether you are able to attend or not.

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 <u>coe22.com/news</u>.

Serve Opportunities: Join us as we love and serve our community this Christmas season. Check out the opportunities at <u>coe22.com/localmission</u> and COE22 Local Mission Ministry Facebook page.

NEW – Your group can be a "care community" for a foster family. Be a part of the 10:10 Life's foster care initiative. Email <u>cayela.moody@coe22.com</u> for more information.

**Hope's Closet Coat Donations:** Donate new or gently used coats for children and adults to either Hope's Closet location during the month of December. The coats will be donated to foster families and ministry partners in the community. There will be a bin at the drive through and front walk in. We will be accepting donations beginning December 1.

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

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

**The Point:** No matter who you are, what you have done, or where you have been, salvation is offered to anyone who would trust Jesus.

SERMON TEXT: Acts 16; James 1:27; Luke 18:9-14

## **Discussion Questions**

### DISCOVER

**LEADERS** – Every week we're asking you to start the discussion 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

Read Acts 16

• Jesus saved Lydia from "success" and the jailer from "failure." Share a time when God saved you from success or failure.

Read Luke 18:9-14

- Jesus reaches out to marginalized people in these scriptures (a woman, a slave and a gentile). Who is He putting on your heart to reach out to this week, and what are some of the ways Jesus wants to use you to reach them?
- Discuss how you respond when people ask you, "Why do bad things happen to 'good' people?" (Pastor Joby pointed out that there was only one truly "good" person – Jesus. Here are five reasons you can share for why bad things happen to 'good' people: 1. Your sin; 2. Others' sin against you; 3. Demonic attack; 4. Collateral damage from a fallen world; 5. God's discipline.)

## ACTION STEP

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

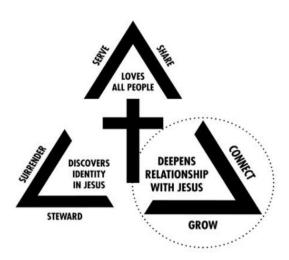
Lydia opened her home and God used it to start the church of Philippi. Pray and ask God what resource He's asking you to share this week for His purposes. **Then do whatever he tells you to do.** 

#### Additional Resources:

• **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.

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

• Details on the 10:10 Life are available at <u>coe22.com/1010life</u>.



Go to <u>coe22.com/resources</u> and click "Download Tool" to download or print a discipleship journey tool with questions for you to ask yourself and others. Please share the link and directions with others in your group.