

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Rescue Mission - Week 5: Rescued Through Suffering December 29, 2022 – January 1, 2023

LEADER NOTES: **Disciple Groups signup weekends are 1/12/23 - 2/12/23:** 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 at your campus: <u>Arlington, Baymeadows, Fleming Island, Jesup, Mandarin, Orange Park, St. Johns, San Pablo.</u>

Coach and Leader Gathering on 1/14/23 from 8am – 12pm. All campuses will meet at San Pablo. We will have a continental breakfast, worship, pray, be equipped during breakout sessions and fellowship together. Childcare is available. <u>Please RSVP whether you are able to attend or not</u>.

Optional disciple group break until 1/23/23. No on-campus childcare is provided during the break.

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>.

Financial Peace University 2023 is a seven-week course designed to help you better steward the financial resources God has given you. FPU will be every Monday, from January 23 to March 6 from 6:30-8:30pm at our San Pablo, Arlington, Mandarin, Orange Park and Online campuses. <u>Click here for more information and to register.</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.

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

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

The Point: Jesus not only rescues us from, but rescues us in and through, our suffering.

SERMON TEXT: John 11:1–44; Jeremiah 31:3; 1 John 4:7-8; Hebrews 13:8; Romans 8:28; Revelation 21:4; 1 Peter 5:10-11

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

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

Read John 11:1-44

• How do you know Jesus loves you, regardless of your suffering and circumstances? (What Jesus did on the cross shows His unending, unconditional love for you and His resurrection proves He faithfully keeps all His promises. The Old Testament foretold, and the New Testament recorded, the deep suffering of Jesus Christ. Do you sometimes compare your suffering to the suffering of Jesus or others? Your suffering is real. Don't compare it or diminish it. Know that Jesus is always with you in your suffering and meets you where you are.)

Read Romans 8:28; Revelation 21:4; 1 Peter 5:10-11

- What is the purpose of your suffering? (No matter where suffering comes from you, someone else, Satan, our broken world, God, you can always know where it is going. If you are a follower of Jesus, He is not punishing you in your suffering, but shaping you to be more like Him. If you're in Christ, it's ultimately for the Glory of God and for your good. Jesus is graciously working for your good in your suffering. Your suffering is not meaningless.)
- When Lazarus came out of the grave, he needed the support of community around him to take off his grave clothes and help him walk into new life. What grave clothes are you still wearing from before Jesus rescued you? How can your disciple group help you take those off and walk in the freedom of your new life?

ACTION STEP

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

- 1. Pastor Flynt explained how Jesus is gives you a community to help you walk in new life. If you are currently suffering, share that with your disciple group and allow them to practically support you in your suffering.
- 2. Listen to what the rest of your group is sharing and use what God has given you to practically support them this week.

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.