

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE The Next Thing - Week 1: Glory of God

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LEADER NOTES: **We removed the "on break" option from your group page.** When your group goes on break during the recommended time, it isn't listed on the map during the signup weekends. That means no one can join your group.

You are still encouraged to go on break between trimesters and simply click "did not meet" for attendance during those weeks. When people join your group while you're on break, please call and welcome them. Let them know when you will begin meeting again. If your group is going on break for a trimester or more, let your discipleship minister know and your group will be made "inactive" until you begin meeting again.

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>.

VISION NIGHT • 6pm - September 25 (San Pablo campus only) • October 2 (all campuses except St. Johns) • October 9 (all campuses except Jesup and St. Johns) Bring your disciple group as we gather together for an evening of worship, vision and prayer. You're welcome to come to all, but please prioritize one. Childcare is available for 0-5th grade.

Women's Encounter at Epworth By The Sea, October 14-16: Join us for a weekend away to unplug and deepen your relationship with Jesus. We will talk about the heart of Christ, expand our thinking about God and deepen our faith in Him. <u>Click here for more details and to register.</u>

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

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

The Point: The next thing I should do is the most God-glorifying thing I can do.

SERMON TEXT: 1 Corinthians 10:23–33; Philippians 1:9; Thessalonians 5:19-21; 1 John 4:1; Jeremiah 17:9; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 6:4; Revelation 21:23; Acts 12:23; Psalm: 16:11; 2 Chronicles 20:12; Romans 12:2

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

LEADERS – Remember: you don't have to cover every question each week. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide. 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 any of the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?

DEEPEN

Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

• How do you go about making big decisions? Are you more of a gut instinct person or a researcher weighing out pros/cons?

Read Philippians 1:9; Thessalonians 5:19-21; 1 John 4:1; Jeremiah 17:9; Isaiah 55:8-9

- What's the difference between making a decision out of comfort versus out of peace that comes from God? (When the world talks about peace, it typically means comfort and the absence of conflict. God may not be calling you to comfort. Jesus was not comfortable in the garden of Gethsemane when he was sweating blood, but He was following God the Father's will for His Glory. When we stand before God to do His calling, it may be very emotional, costly, and uncomfortable, but God's Word says He will give us grace and power through the Holy Spirit to act on what He is calling us to do.)
- Pastor Flynt said the next thing you should do is the most God-glorifying thing you can do. What is the Glory of God? (It's the manifest presence of God's holiness and the weight of all the attributes of God. It's power beyond measure. Isaiah 6:3, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" Rom 6:4, "Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of Father. Rev 21:23, "the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, & its lamp is the Lamb.")
- Read Romans 6:4; Revelation 21:23 Why should God's glory be the determining factor in our next thing? (There's nothing greater than the glory of God. It's what Jesus was all about. John 8:54 tells us, "If I glorify myself, God's glory is so powerful it can raise the dead & light eternity." Don't settle for living in your own power, live in the greatest power there is!)
- Share a time you made a decision on your own and a time you made a decision by leaning on God. What differences did you notice in the process, outcomes, and experiences?
- Instead of relying on your own intuition or logic, how do you discern where the Holy Spirit is leading you? (Go to the Bible. Pray and seek God, his guidance and wisdom on what will glorify Him. Then make your best guess on what to do and take action. Pray, guess and go!)

ACTION STEP

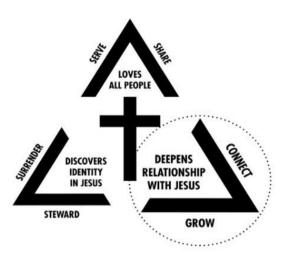
A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

- Before your group ends tonight, pair up and pray. Ask God the next thing He wants you to do for His Glory coming out of Saturated.
- Click here to read Gretchen's devotion on how to "Pray, Guess, and Go."

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.

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