

# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

If The Tomb is Empty: Week 3, Mount Carmel March 17 – March 20, 2022

# LEADER NOTES

### NEW Stay Connected | <u>coe22.com/leaderresources</u>

We would love to stay connected and help you disciple your group! Sign up <u>HERE</u> to receive text messages from our Disciple Groups ministry team about tools, resources and upcoming leader events!

**Discipleship Journey Workshop:** Do you want to get more equipped on how to be a disciple-making disciple? Join us for an interactive workshop on March 25 & 26. Register at coe22.com/discovergroups.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

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

### Fasting & Hour of Prayer | Wednesdays March 2 – April 14

As a church, during Lent we will fast from food on Wednesdays from sunup to sundown. All campuses will be open each Wednesday through Lent from 12-1pm for prayer.

#### Covenant Membership | All Campuses | March 27 at 1pm

If you're ready to move from attending to fully partnering in the mission, vision and values of Eleven22, then join us for a covenant membership class. Visit <u>coe22.com/covenantmembership</u> to learn more and register.

#### Life on Mission | Where is God Sending You?

God is sending YOU to multiply the gospel both in your day-to-day life and to the ends of the earth. We'd love to partner with you and walk alongside you in that journey! Tell us where God is sending you at <u>coe22.com/mission</u>.

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

Sunday – 1 King 18:17-39 Monday – Psalm 115:2-8 Tuesday – Psalm 95:1-6 Wednesday – John 4:23-24 Thursday – Joshua 24:14-15 Friday – Exodus 34:12-16 Saturday – Matthew 6:24; Isaiah 55:6-7

# RELATIONAL CONNECT & ACTION STEP CHECK-IN:

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE: (Learn about, encourage and pray for one another.)

- How did our group reflection on the Sabbath impact your personal relationship with God last week?
- Did you think through the "but God" moments in your life from the action step last week? If so, how was that experience?

Eleven22 - Week 3 If the Tomb is Empty – Mount Carmel – Why Are You Still Holding Onto That Idol?

**The Point:** A mustard seed size faith, in the infinitely powerful promise keeping God, is infinitely more powerful than putting all of your faith in temporary, promise-breaking idols.

SERMON TEXT: 1 Kings 18:1-39

# **Discussion Questions**

# DISCOVER

• As you listened to this week's sermon, what stood out to you? Did the Spirit of God trouble you in any specific way? (Answers may vary)

Have someone read 1 Kings 18:1, 16-39 and then use the questions as a guide for discussion.

- We see God turn off the rain in order to get Israel's attention. Where is he trying to get your attention, and what is the Holy Spirit "troubling" you about lately? (Answers may vary)
- Where do you turn when you face a drought (emptiness, loneliness, and loss) in an area of your life? How do these seasons reveal our idols? (When times got tough, King Ahab and the Israelites turned to the little "g" gods of the world instead of the God of the universe. Pastor Joby asked us to consider: what if God had to take care of the idolatry problem over three years to position his people to receive the blessing of rain?)
- Where do you find yourself prone to performing or pretending? (We "perform" when we try to earn God's approval and "pretend" by hiding our sin or acting like we have it all together. These are ways we try to hide idols. Like the sacrifice to idols from the Israelites, our idols too will require a "song and dance" for their approval and when that doesn't satisfy, we can mutilate parts of our lives to appease them.)

# DEEPEN

In light of what we have discovered through God's word and discussed above, let's go deeper and discuss how we can apply these truths to our lives!

LEADERS: Use one or more of the questions below to go deeper into your discussion.

Have someone read 1 Kings 19:1-15 and then use the questions as a guide for discussion

- After seeing an unbelievable miracle, Elijah returned to hide in fear and begged to die. Where in your life are you perhaps demonstrating miraculous faith externally, but experiencing overwhelming fear internally?
- What is the most impossible position you face? How might you turn this impossible situation into the biggest, boldest prayer of your life?

# ACTION STEP

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

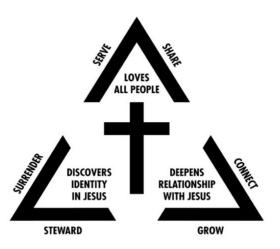
**This Week:** *Reflect* on areas of your life where you are prone to performing for approval and where you are cutting out what is healthy for you. During your prayer time as you fast for Lent this week, ask the Holy Spirit to *reveal* hidden idols in those places and opportunities to remove them from your life.

- Consider what miracle you are hoping for and what small step of obedience you can take today
- Write an "I will" statement about the step of obedience you will take

#### Additional Resources:

- Deepen With Pastor Joby Season 3: Join us as Pastor Joby and other special guests continue the conversation after each week's sermon. New podcast episodes drop every Monday. Learn more at <u>coe22.com/deepen</u>.
- **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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