



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Upside Down Kingdom: Week 1
January 20 – January 23, 2022

LEADER NOTES

Worship God through Life Together | Group Deepen Night

During this year of worship, we hope to see our disciple groups grow deeper in their knowledge of, and love for God. **Click [HERE](#)** to request an Equipping team member to visit your group. **Available topics** include Apologetics, Interpreting Scripture, World Religions and Understanding the Discipleship Journey Tool.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Love God by loving #onemore and one another!*

Baptism Classes | After Every Service in January

If you are interested in taking this next step and publicly declaring that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, please join us for a baptism class at your home campus. [Learn more at coe22.com/baptism](http://coe22.com/baptism).

Discover Eleven22 | After Every Service

God created us for community. We invite you to take a next step of faith by joining us for Discover Eleven22 to learn about ways to deepen your relationship with Jesus and get connected to the faith family. Learn more at coe22.com/discover.

New End of Year Giving Statements | coe22.com/give

We respond to the gospel by bringing our first and best because God gave His first and best in Jesus. If you are looking for your end of year generosity statement, or want to learn more about generosity at Eleven22 and how can join your church family in responding to the gospel, please visit coe22.com/give.

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

Sunday – Genesis 1:27-28, 2:15-3

Monday – Luke 4:16-21

Tuesday – Matthew 6:9-10, 28:16-20

Wednesday – Acts 1:1-3, 30-31; Revelation 21

Thursday – 1 John 1:5-10

Friday – Philippians 3:17-21

Saturday – John 3:1-36

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

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

- Where do you hope to discover or deepen your relationship with God through this group?
- How can we grow together as disciples through the spring trimester?

Upside Down Kingdom – Thy Kingdom Come

The Point: “Enemy-occupied territory---that is what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us to take part in a great campaign of sabotage” – C.S. Lewis.

SERMON TEXT: Genesis 1:1-2, 26-28, 31; 2:7,18; 3:1-7; 1 John 2:15-17; John 4:30-31, 17:14-18, 18:33-37; Luke 4:3-8; Ephesians 2:1-10, 6:12 ; Colossians 1:13-14, 2:6-15; 1 Peter 2:9-12; Revelation 21:1-17

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Have someone read Genesis 1:1-2, 26-28, 31, 2:15-18, 3:1-7

- **How does Genesis 1-3 reveal the emergence of two kingdoms?** *(God created a good place that was corrupted. Man was created to work and keep, to subdue and cultivate, and be fruitful and multiply. Sin enters the world and causes man to question the word of God, the worth of God, and the work of God. Pastor Joby shared that God allows this to maximize His own glory and because Love is worth the risk).*
- **How are the values and systems of this world different than the values and systems of God's kingdom?** *(The kingdom of the air wants us to put faith in broken people leading broken systems verses in the goodness and provision of God. We don't bow down to the donkey or the elephant but rather the Lion who is the lamb of God).*

Have someone read Luke 4:3-8 and Ephesians 2:1-10

- **Pastor Joby shared that Christians can respond to the tension with both kingdoms in 3 ways: by Fleeing, by Following, or by Fighting. What has God provided us to fight back against this sin-stained world?** *(Many Christian communities FLEE by creating copies of what's in the world that are exclusive and separate, and there are Christian communities that FOLLOW by taking what exists and call it good instead of aligning with God's word. We as Christians are called to fight and have tools in Ephesians 6, Colossians 2, 1 Peter 2. Through Christ Jesus' life, death and resurrection we are offered a change in citizenship and the opportunity to fight back. What we can't do is to try flee the world or follow it!)*

DEEPEN

In light of what we have discovered through God's word and discussed above, let's go deeper and discuss how God's word applies to us and our lives.

LEADERS: Have someone read 1 John 2:15-17 and 1 Peter 2:9-12 and then choose one or two of the questions below for your deepen discussion.

- What kingdom are you living for? The Kingdom of God or kingdom of self?
- When you experience conflicts or trials what do you reach for first to soothe you?
- What comforts do you need to lay down in order to deepen your relationship with Jesus?
- What comforts do you need to lay down in order to share the gospel with someone else?
- What does the way you spend your money tell you about who your allegiance is to?

***Leaders:** Tell your group to keep an eye out for these questions across Eleven22 social media platforms to engage with other believers around the world as well as in your group.

ACTION STEP

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

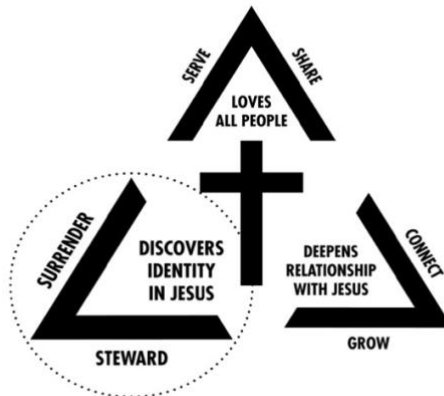
This Week: Consider what the Holy Spirit is prompting you to do as a response to the sermon.

- What kingdom are you living for?
- How is your media diet (TV, print, podcasts, social platforms) affecting your kingdom allegiance?
- What is ONE thing you can cut out and replace with God?

Additional Resources:

- **Topical Resources:** Learn more about spiritual disciplines including prayer at coe22.com/resources
- **RightNow Media:** Find Sabbath resources and more by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to coe22.com/rightnowmedia or text "RightNow 1122" to 41411

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



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