



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Upside Down Kingdom: Week 2
January 27 – January 30, 2022

LEADER NOTES

Connect, Sent & Deepen Events

Each trimester disciple groups have an opportunity to go deeper with Jesus and each other. We encourage ALL groups to schedule a Connect Night, Sent Event or Deepen Night. Go to coe22.com/leaderresources and, open the resource guide flipbook to page 18 to learn more.

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!*

New Share Your Faith Workshop | Share Your Faith Resources

Learn how to share your faith and live out the Great Commission as taught in Matthew 28. Share Your Faith workshops are being held on February 5 and 6. Visit coe22.com/events for more details and to register. For additional resources on writing your testimony and sharing your faith, go to coe22.com/resources, select “Topical Resources” and then “Share Your Faith.”

New Care Team Orientation

The Church of Eleven22 has Care team members available for hospital visitations, 1:1 care and prayer to walk alongside people who are experiencing a time of crisis. To learn more and register for the next round of training, please visit coe22.com/care.

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 – Matthew 13:44; Luke 12:13-21

Monday – Luke 12:22-34

Tuesday – Matthew 25:14-30

Wednesday – Luke 6:36

Thursday – Matthew 20:1-16

Friday – John 13:1-17

Saturday – Mark 10:45

RELATIONAL CONNECT & ACTION STEP CHECK-IN:

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

- What did you learn through reading the Bible this week?
- Did you cut anything out of your media diet this past week?

Upside Down Kingdom – The Kingdom of God and Money

The Point: “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” – *Matthew 6:24*

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 6:19-34; 22:15-22; Luke 12:15-21; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Have someone read Matthew 6:19-24 & 1 Timothy 6:17-19

- **Where do you see two kingdoms at work when it comes to finances and resources in these verses? What are the differences between earthly treasures and heavenly ones?** *(Acquiring as much as we can makes it seem like we believe we will live forever, or this world is all that there is to eternity. Focusing on God's Kingdom means we believe there is more to this life than stuff. While having some stuff is important, it should not be the primary goal of our lives here on earth. Money makes a great tool and a terrible god. It's not about where your money is, it's about where your heart is.)*
- **How do the places and ways we spend money reveal what we worship? What does your bank account reveal about your priorities?** *(Where your treasure is, there your heart will be. When you've got some extra cash, what do you do with it?)*

Have someone read Matthew 6:25-34

- **Why do you think Jesus talks about money right before talking about anxiety?** *(Money is one of the few outside indicators of the heart. The way you handle your finances affects every area of your life. We know Jesus said that He will never leave us nor forsake us, and we can confidently say the Lord is my helper. Hebrews 13:5-6)*
- **What is Jesus telling us by comparing savers to birds and spenders to lilies?** *(Spenders can tend to use money for status and comfort and savers can tend to use money for security. Birds don't save but have everything they need; lilies don't spend but have everything they need.)*

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: Choose one or two of the questions below for your deepen discussion. Also, remind your group to keep an eye out for these questions across Eleven22 social media platforms this week!

- Where are you on the “giving spectrum”? (Pastor Joby shared four perspectives: 1. No giving 2. Giving to get 3. Giving for ROI (return on investment) 4. Giving as an act of worship)
- Do I believe my money belongs to me or God?
- How much of my money goes to making my life more comfortable versus to building the Kingdom of God?
- What excuses do I use to get out of being generous?
- What needs to change in my life for me to better steward the money God gives me?

ACTION STEP

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

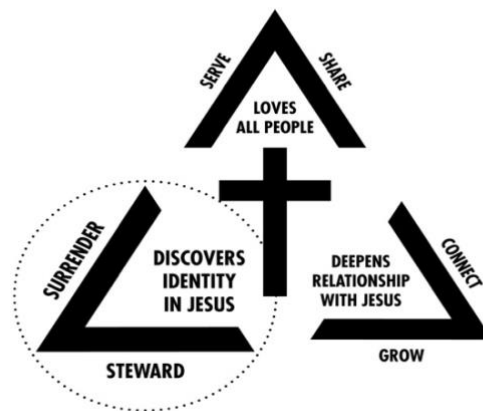
This Week: Take five minutes to complete the Spender, Saver or Steward Quiz from Pastor JD Greer at jdgrear.com/spender-saver-steward. Then consider the following:

- What is your spending personality and what does it tell you about your view of money?
- Are you struggling with your finances, spending and debt?
- What is ONE area of your spending that you can eliminate or reduce and invite God in to help?

Additional Resources:

- Topical Resources: Learn more about Generosity at coe22.com/resources.
- Financial Peace University + More Financial Tools: ramseysolutions.com.
- RightNow Media: Find generosity 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.)



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