



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Upside Down Kingdom: Week 3
February 3 – February 6, 2022

LEADER NOTES

Discipleship Journey Next Step Opportunities

Where is your group taking their next step on their discipleship journey? Leaders, as you get to know the people God has placed in your group, pray for them to take their next step in discipleship. Visit coe22.com/serve to find opportunities with Eleven22, both at weekend worship services and throughout the week.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Share Your Faith Workshop on February 5 and 6 & Share Your Faith Resources

Learn how to share your faith and live out the Great Commission as taught in Matthew 28. 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.”

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 about receiving care, or to learn about becoming a caregiver and register for the next training series, please visit coe22.com/care.

Deepen With Pastor Joby: Season 3

Join us during The Upside Down Kingdom series as Pastor Joby and other special guests continue the conversation after each week’s sermon. New podcast episodes drop every Monday. Learn more at coe22.com/deepen.

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

Sunday – Colossians 1:15-20

Monday – John 21:15-19

Tuesday – Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday – Philippians 2:1-18

Thursday – Ephesians 5:1-20

Friday – Exodus 20:8-11

Saturday – Psalm 90:12; Colossians 4:5

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?
- What did God show you about your finances this past week?

Upside Down Kingdom – The Kingdom of God and Power

The Point: If you want to be great, if you want to be first, then humble yourself like Jesus and serve.

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 20:17-28

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

- **What stood out to you most in Pastor Britt's stories about his dad?** *(Pastor Joby shared that Billy Britt's life was a reflection of true greatness in God's kingdom because of his focus on four areas: 1. Posture & proximity to Jesus - we are to be submitted to the Lordship of Christ and not ourselves. 2. Suffering - Jesus promised his disciples they would be persecuted, and they would have trouble. 3. Submission towards authority - Jesus submitted to the Father. Believers are to count others as more significant than themselves. 4. Service to others.)*

Have someone read Matthew 20:17-28 and then use the following questions as a guide:

- **What do these verses teach us about God's Kingdom and a Gospel-centered identity verses a life of performing and pretending?** *(The disciples heard the Gospel and immediately set it aside to pursue their own titles. Seeking an identity outside of the gospel leads to exhaustion and disappointment! It is your posture and proximity to Jesus that determines your greatness, not your position of power. The reality is that the pretending and the performing are over once you believe in the Gospel.)*
- **What is Godly authority? What's your relationship like with people in authority?** *(Submission is the opportunity to do what the Bible says. If you want to be great, if you want to be first, then humble yourself like Jesus and serve. Everyone wants to be a servant until they get treated like one. If service is beneath you, then leadership is beyond you. The way you leave this season of life will dictate how you enter the next season. Everyone in authority above you needs two things: Belief that God placed them there on purpose and that they have what it takes; and belief that you are on their team.)*

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 to go deeper into your discussion. Also, remind your group that if serving with Eleven22 or one of our local partners is their next step to visit coe22.com/serve.

- Do I live as a servant to God or myself?
- Who is God calling me to serve?
- What excuses do I use to get out of serving?
- How can I change my heart posture from pride to humility?
- How can I lay down my pride and choose to serve someone today?

ACTION STEP

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

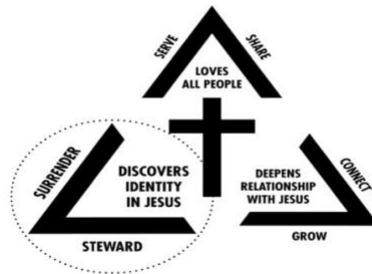
This Week: Take time this week to better understand what happens when you walk into a room; does peace walk in with you or does fear follow you?

- Start by asking God for humility and courage to ask this question
- Ask God to show you the people you need to ask
- Find 1—2 people that God put on your heart to ask: “What is it like being on the other side of me?”
 - Be quiet and listen
 - Thank them for their honesty

Additional Resources:

- **Serve:** Sign up to serve others at Eleven22 and in our communities at coe22.com/serve
- **Care:** 2 Corinthians 1 says that God comforts us so that we may be a comfort for others
 - Visit coe22.com/care if you want a caregiver to reach out to you
 - If you're on the other side of suffering, and your next step is to join the Care team, visit coe22.com/care
- **RightNow Media:** Find an unending supply of resources 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.