

# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Upside Down Kingdom: Week 4 February 10 – February 13, 2022

### LEADER NOTES

# **Discipleship Journey Next Step Opportunities**

Leaders, encourage your group to take a next step on the discipleship journey?

**Serving:** Visit <u>coe22.com/serve</u> to find opportunities with Eleven22 and our local community partners.

**Membership:** Visit coe22.com/CovenantMembership to register and learn more.

Missions: Visit coe22.com/multiplication to learn more about short and long-term missions.

**Host a Deepen Night** for your group to learn more about World Religions, Understanding the Discipleship Journey Tool, Building Brotherhood (men only), Ambassadors for Christ at Home (men only). **Click <u>HERE</u>** to schedule a visit.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

# Elder-led Prayer | Tuesday March 1 at 6:30PM

Join us for a night of worship, prayer and reflection led by our elders. This is an intimate event for our church family to come together and hear from our elders as we prepare for the celebration of resurrection Sunday.

# Care Team Orientation | Monday February 28

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 <u>coe22.com/care</u>.

# 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 <a href="mailto:coe22.com/deepen">coe22.com/deepen</a>.

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

Sunday – Proverbs 5:15-17 Monday – 1 Corinthians 7:2-6 Tuesday – 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Wednesday – 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 Thursday – Matthew 25:14-30 Friday – Romans 12:3-8 Saturday – Luke 16:1-13

# 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 any of you ask another person what it's like to be on the side of you? What did you learn?

# Upside Down Kingdom – The Kingdom of God and Sex

**The Point:** You are not your own. You were bought with a price. So, glorify God with your body.

SERMON TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:9--20

# **Discussion Questions**

### DISCOVER

Have someone read 1 Corinthians 6:9-20 and then use the following questions as a guide:

- 1) Apostle Paul says that "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. What "things" meaning habits or appetites in your life are you indulging that aren't helpful to you? (The people of Corinth argued that we have stomachs that get hungry, so we eat food to satisfy that hunger, and sex is the same. We have bodies that want to have sex, so that's what we do; it's merely physical. You may not get to choose your desires, but you can choose how you respond to those desires. God says your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit within you, you are bought with a price.)
- 2) How is sexual sin different from every other sin according to these verses? How is the cross sufficient over all of it? (Most other sins are purely physical. But God says, "the two will become one flesh." Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Sexual sin always impacts more than the person engaging in it often sexual sin impacts generations. V. 11 says that in Christ, we are washed, sanctified, and justified by the Spirit of God. If God can breathe new life into his dead son, he can breathe new life in you and Jesus does not condemn you but gives you the hope of freedom.)

If you are a mixed group, please consider separating men and women to answer the following:

3) In what areas of your life are you flirting with sin instead of fleeing from it? What do you need to cut off? (1 Corinthians 6:12 points out that there is a difference between sinful desire verses a sinful practice. Though we do not get to choose our desires, we get to choose how we respond to our desires. When we choose to give in to our desires instead of God's word, our actions are reflecting that God is not Lord. Don't allow shame to keep you in darkness. The enemy doesn't get to tell you who you are.)

# DEEPEN

In light of what we have discovered through God's word and discussed above, let's go deeper and discuss how living out the Great Commission is a great way to fight against the temptations and desires of this world.

**LEADERS:** Have someone read Matthew 28:16--20 and <u>choose one or two</u> of the questions below to go deeper into your discussion.

- Do I use my time with me in mind or the Great Commission in mind?
- When is my sabbath? What do I do to make it a sabbath?
- What ways in my daily life do I waste time?
- What needs to change for me to be more intentional with my time to steward it for the Kingdom of God?
- What are some practical ways I can use my time to make disciples?

# **ACTION STEP**

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

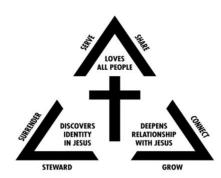
This Week: Consider the ways that you have been impacted by the world's perspective on sex or the ways you have been sinned against. (Examples: addiction, adultery, abuse, heartbreak, we can believe that we can be forgiven.)

- Read Ephesians 2:4-5
- Pray and ask God how He wants to heal, restore and redeem you in that area
- Listen for God's direction, then take a step of faith:
  - o Flee
  - o Confess & Repent
  - o Request Care <u>coe22.com/care</u>

# Additional Resources:

- Eleven22 Topical Resources: Learn more about Sexual Integrity at coe22.com/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 1122" to 41411.

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



Go to <u>coe22.com/resources</u> 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.