



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Upside Down Kingdom: Week 6
February 24 – February 27, 2022

LEADER NOTES

Discipleship Journey Next Step Opportunities

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

Serving: Visit coe22.com/serve 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), and Ambassadors for Christ at Home (men only). **Click [HERE](#)** 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.

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.

Easter & Lent at Eleven22 | coe22.com/easter

Traditionally, Lent serves as a way to commemorate Jesus's 40 days of fasting and temptation in the desert. While Lent is not commanded in Scripture, it is a personal and communal way to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the resurrection. Visit coe22.com/easter to learn more and find resources.

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 – 1 Timothy 6:6-12

Monday – Job 36:11; Romans 12:2

Tuesday – Proverbs 30:7-9

Wednesday – Hebrews 13:5

Thursday – Luke 12:15

Friday – Matthew 6:19-21

Saturday – Haggai 1:5-6

RELATIONAL CONNECT & ACTION STEP CHECK-IN:

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

- What would you do for the Kingdom of God if you knew you couldn't fail?
- What did you learn about yourself through the self-authoring activity?

Upside Down Kingdom – The Kingdom of God and Satisfaction

The Point: Jesus is the secret to solid, satisfying contentment.

“Be happy in him, O my heart, and in nothing but God for whatever a man trusts in, from that he expects happiness.” – Arthur G. Bennett, *The Valley of the Vision*

SERMON TEXT: Ecclesiastes 1-2; Philippians 4:4-13

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

As a group take turns reading through Ecclesiastes 1:1-14 & 2:1-11

- **Which “pacifiers” does Solomon identify and experience in these verses?** *(Whether it's smarts, sex, stuff, status, etc., there is nothing new under the sun. You're not the first person to be tempted in the way that you are, and most Christians don't even realize that they're being tricked. The Body of Christ and His Word are resources to help us identify and avoid the pacifiers.)*
- **Which of the pacifiers above are you most at risk of being “lulled to sleep by,” and how can we recognize these counterfeit comforts of the enemy?** *(Pastor Joby started this week by saying King Solomon set out on a satisfaction quest and wrote about in Ecclesiastes. The things of this world can only offer a temporary and counterfeit cotton candy contentment.)*

Have someone read Philippians 4:4-13 and then use the following question as a guide:

- **What's the difference between the contentment and comfort that Paul shares in Philippians and the comforts that Solomon pursues in Ecclesiastes?** *(Both Paul and Solomon knew the Lord, but Solomon built his life around himself, and it lent to a “vexed” and unfulfilled life in every area where God was not at the center. The enemy wants to distract you from your calling to serve others and turn inward for satisfaction instead. Even in prison, Paul was able to experience true contentment in Christ.)*

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: Have someone read 1 Timothy 6:6-12 then choose one or two of the questions below to go deeper into your discussion.

- Am I content in the Lord?
- In whom, or what, do I seek to find peace that is not Jesus? Why?
- What temporary things do I put too much energy towards?
- What selfishness do I need to repent of?
- What can I change in my life for me to deepen my trust in the Lord?
- What do my prayers consist of? Is the emphasis only on me asking for things?

ACTION STEP

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

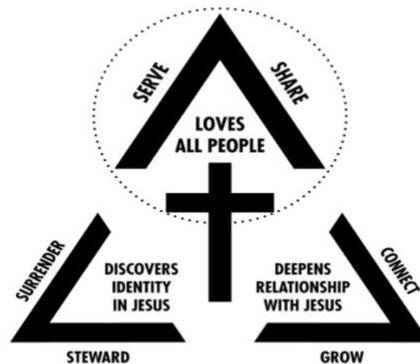
This Week: Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you are spending time/energy seeking counterfeit contentment and how you can spend that time differently during Lent (starts Wednesday, March 2). Consider the following ideas on how you might replace the counterfeit contentment with Jesus:

- What have you been putting off that God is calling you to do?
- What talent have you buried and need to dig up and dedicate to Jesus?
- Create opportunities for satisfaction through community: Throw a party, host a dinner or any other way to enjoy life with the people God has placed in your life (Ecclesiastes 2:24—25).

Additional Resources:

- **Serve with Eleven22:** Visit coe22.com/serve to find a list of opportunities to serve at the local church (weekends & weekdays) and alongside our community partners.
- **Eleven22 Topical Resources:** Learn more about *Spiritual Gifts* and more at coe22.com/resources.
- **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.