



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Upside Down Kingdom: Week 5  
February 17 – February 20, 2022

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## 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](https://coe22.com/serve) to find opportunities with Eleven22 and our local community partners.

**Membership:** Visit [coe22.com/CovenantMembership](https://coe22.com/CovenantMembership) to register and learn more.

**Missions:** Visit [coe22.com/multiplication](https://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 [HERE](#)** to schedule a visit.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

To stay connected to all that God is doing in and through The Church of Eleven22, visit [coe22.com/news](https://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 [coe22.com/care](https://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](https://coe22.com/deepen).

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THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/readingplan](https://coe22.com/readingplan)

Sunday – Mark 12:41-44

Monday – Colossians 3:23-24

Tuesday – 1 Peter 4:10-11

Wednesday – Romans 12:6-8; Daniel 1:17

Thursday – Philippians 4:4-13

Friday – Ecclesiastes 1

Saturday – Ecclesiastes 2

## 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 is one thing from this past week you want to celebrate God doing?

## Upside Down Kingdom – The Kingdom of God and Work

**The Point:** Don't compare. Don't complain. Don't cower in fear. But leverage everything that Your KING has given you for His Glory.

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 25:14--30

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## Discussion Questions

### DISCOVER

Have someone read Matthew 25:14--30 and then use the following questions as a guide:

- **How does this parable debunk this world's kingdom of fairness? What would change if everyone focused on what they have been given and NOT what others have been given?** *(God is sovereign, doing what he wants. Fairness is not a biblical value, but it is a promise. Fair would be for all of mankind to spend eternity in hell. The two-talent servant is to be commended because he leveraged what he was given without comparing himself to the five-talent servant.)*
- **Both the five talent and two talent servants received the same reward. What does this mean, and do you find freedom in that truth?** *(God holds us accountable to ourselves only and not anyone else. God is good and it would not be in His nature to hold us accountable for time, talent or treasure that he did not give us.)*
- **What drove the servant with one talent to hide the talent, rather than leverage it for his master?** *(Fear, slothfulness, laziness... He viewed his master as a "hard man," which can be the same. This servant lacked faith because the opposite of faith is not doubt but fear. Fear paralyzes but faith propels into action.)*
- **What is dangerous about playing the comparison game? How has the comparison game effected your life and walk with Jesus?** *(Comparison leads to pride or condemnation. Comparing ourselves or situation to anybody else is an affront to an almighty God. Comparison robs us from enjoying a gift from God.)*
- **How is your vocation and neighborhood a battlefield to win souls for God's Kingdom?** *(You can use your actions and attitudes to sway the hearts and minds of coworkers about what being a "Christian" looks like, effectually helping church-hurt people to find their way back to God, as well as inviting friends/coworkers to attend church with you. The fruitfulness is up to God.)*

### 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 Romans 12:3—8 & Colossians 3:23—24, then choose one or two of the questions below to go deeper into your discussion.

- Do I think I am wasting my life? Why or why not?
- How am I building my own kingdom instead of the Kingdom of God?
- What fear am I operating out of in my daily life?
- What time, talent and treasure do I need to bring back to God as an act of worship?

## ACTION STEP

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

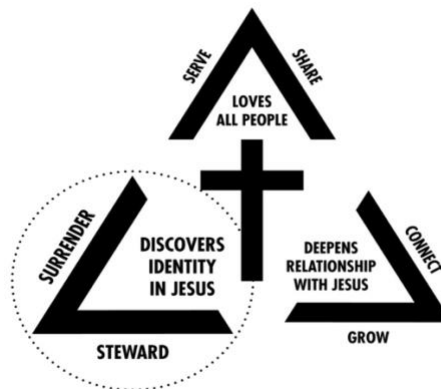
**This Week:** Take some time to reflect on your past, present and future; heart, soul, mind and strength.

- Begin your time in prayer. Ask God to help you answer the following questions, honestly and fully.
  1. Who has had the biggest influence on your life and why?
  2. How would you sum up your life's purpose?
  3. What are your core values?
  4. What would it look like to live your daily life based on those values?
  5. What is at stake if you don't?

Additional Resources:

- **Spiritual Giftings Assessment:** Visit [coe22.com/spiritualgifts](http://coe22.com/spiritualgifts) to take a free assessment.
- **Vocational Ministry:** Go to [coe22.com/hiring](http://coe22.com/hiring) for a list of Eleven22's open positions.
- **Eleven22 Topical Resources:** Learn more about *Spiritual Gifts* at [coe22.com/resources](http://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](http://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](http://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.