

# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Anything is Possible - Week 3: Tear Off the Roof April 20-23, 2023

LEADER NOTES: Spring trimester: 1/23 - 5/7, Summer trimester: 6/5 - 7/30, Fall trimester: 8/28 - 12/10

**New Leader Training:** It's time to ask that person you've been raising up to become a disciple group leader, launch a group and make room for one more. New Leader trainings are on 4/30 at all campuses and 5/8 on Zoom. Have them <u>click here to fill out the new leader interest form</u>.

**Leader Podcast Now on Spotify: You can now listen to** <u>Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less on Spotify</u>. Follow it and you won't miss an episode. This week it's Jesup Discipleship Minister Jesse DeClue on how to encourage honesty and transparency in your group and how to help your group members respond without judging or trying to fix. You can also listen to the new episode here.

**Equipping Ministry Teachers:** Available to come to your Disciple Group to teach a session on apologetics, interpreting scripture, world religions, and more. <u>Click here to register</u>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – What's your next step? Stay informed and connected to ALL the things God is doing in and through The Church of Eleven22 at <u>coe22.com/news</u>.

Share Your Faith Workshop: April 28 and 29 - Fleming Island & Orange Park campuses and online via **Zoom.** We'll discuss how to identify our testimonies, clearly present the gospel and other ways to intentionally live out the Great Commission. The cost is \$10 for online workshops and \$15 for in person workshops. <u>Click here to register</u>.

**Baptism classes** are happening after every service at all campuses. **Beach Baptism** is on 5/21. <u>Click here to serve at beach baptism</u>. Maybe your group can serve together.

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

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: One of the best ways to DEEPEN your relationship with Jesus is to help others DISCOVER theirs.

**SERMON TEXT:** *Mark* 2:1-12; *John* 9:2-3; *Ezekiel* 36:26; *John* 15:13-16

# **Discussion Questions**

**LEADERS:** You have the option, based on your group and where God is leading your discussion, to select Discover and/or Deepen questions below. There's no pressure to get through all these questions during your time, but we suggest prayerfully planning your choices. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with their answers. We hope the answers in the curriculum are a helpful starting point for you. They are not the only answers.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week?
- Read Mark 2:1-12. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?

These questions come, in part, from the study guide to Pastor Joby's book: Anything Is Possible

- The paralytic was desperate. There will come a day where you find yourself paralyzed by fear or doubt or a financial situation or a health crisis or a relational problem.
   Discover: Share a time when you were desperate, completely without hope. How did you respond?
   What was the result? (It might help to contrast turning to Jesus when you're desperate to trying to handle it on your own.)
  - Deepen: When you are desperate, do you have four friends who will carry you to Jesus? Write down their names right now. If you don't have friends like that, what can you do to find them and be a godly friend to others? (Pray for Jesus to bring you some godly friends. Be open to relationships that go beyond just being buddies. Share your faith, your story and a cup of coffee. Pray for them and invite them to church.)
- Jesus's first word to the paralytic was, "Son."

  Discover: Why? How is this reflected in John 9:2-3? (At that time, it was believed handicaps were punishment from God. The man was an outcast and had been called many names. But Jesus challenged all that, loved him and forgave his sins, pointing to God's redemptive purpose.)

  Deepen: How would addressing the paralytic as "son" have affected his identity?
- The four friends each held ropes attached to the corners of the paralytic's mat. Corner Number Four is for God to do what God does. Read *Ezekiel 36:26*.

  Discover: Why is this the crucial corner that makes the other corners have any value? (Only God can save us by grace, through faith, in Christ. Without that, none of the other corners matter.)

  Deepen: Read John 15:13-16. In what way is Jesus different from all the religious leaders throughout history? (While we were still sinners, Jesus lived the perfect life and laid his life down for us. All other religions require their followers to earn their way to God. But Jesus comes to us, loves us, saves us and calls us friends when we don't deserve it and can do nothing to earn it.)

# **ACTION STEP**

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

The four friends each held ropes attached to the corners of the paralytic's mat. Corner One is sharing your faith. Corner Two is serving the local church.

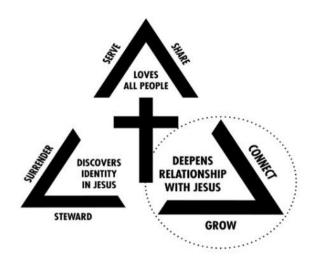
- Take some time to write out your testimony, your story with Jesus. Pray that God will give you an
  opportunity to share your faith this week. Report back to group next week what happened.
- If you aren't currently serving, go to www.coe22.com/serve and sign up.

### Additional 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" to 441122.

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

• Details on the 10:10 Life are available at coe22.com/1010life.



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 the link and directions with others in your group.