



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

James - Week 10: How to Win a Fight/Forgiveness
August 10 - 13, 2023

LEADER NOTES: Fall trimester: 8/28-12/10 **New Leader Trainings:** 12/10 in person and 12/18 on Zoom. **Coach and Leader gathering on 8/21 (except for Baymeadows).** [Click here to RSVP.](#)

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Elder-Led Prayer•August 15•6:30pm•Fleming Island•Jesup•San Pablo•Online: Saturated season kicks off with a night of worship and Word, led by our elders. This is an intimate event for our church family to come together, hear from our elders and prepare for Saturated 2023. Childcare will be available for 0-5th grade.

Disciple Groups Signup Weekends•August•17-27•All Campuses•All Worship Services: Fall groups begin August 28. Signups are an opportunity to help others find a group. You and your group are encouraged to serve before and after worship services. Contact your campus Discipleship Minister for more details and to serve.

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

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

The Point: The reason you fight is because you don't get what you want. The real problem is what you really want can only be found in Christ.

SERMON TEXT: *James 4:1-3, 5:19-20; Matthew 18:15-35*

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There is no pressure to get through all the questions; we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **Read James 4:1-3. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Discover:** Think back to your last couple of arguments to answer James's question: "What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?" (James 4:2 says, "You desire and do not have..." What did you want and didn't get?)
Deepen: Share a fight you've had and how you were able to resolve it.
- **James 4:3 says, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."**
Discover: How do you ask God wrongly and rightly? (The Psalms show you can bring everything to God, even your anger, fear and doubts. God wants your honest, authentic prayers. However, James says the wrong way to ask God is to make it all about you and your hedonistic desires. The right way to ask God is "thy will be done.")
Deepen: Do you ask God and pray to Him with the same intensity as you fight? How can you? (You can follow the example Jesus gave us in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed so intensely he sweated blood. He asked for what He wanted, but he also prayed, "...Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Mark 14:36. Jesus tells us to continue to pray, ask and knock. The answer may be yes, no, not yet, or even something else. We have faith that He knows what's best and that only He meets our deepest desires. No human or thing can.)
- **Read James 5:19-20**
Discover: What keeps you from forgiving others easily?
Deepen: Why are you called to forgive and/or reconcile with others? (Jesus commands you to forgive because He forgave you. It requires nothing from the person you're forgiving. Go to coe22.com/forgive for more. Reconciliation requires both people to forgive and repent. You can forgive someone without reconciling. Sometimes, that's the right choice.)

ACTION STEP

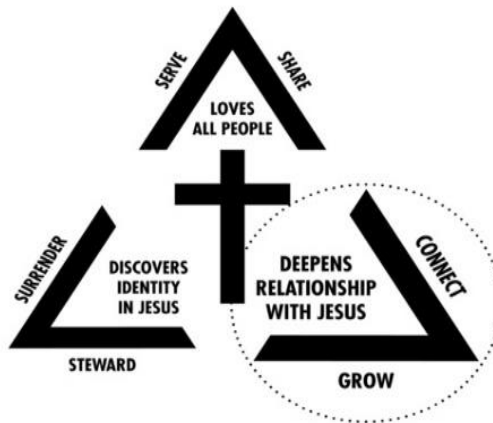
A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

Answer the following questions and ask God to help you cancel the debt.

1. Identify who has hurt you (it could be someone else, or it could be yourself).
2. Identify what they have taken from you. What feelings do you associate with their action?
3. What is keeping you from forgiving as Jesus has forgiven you?
4. What is your next step to cancel the debt?

Pray: God, thank you for lavishing Your love and forgiveness onto me through Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for giving me Your Holy Spirit to comfort me and guide me. Please help me live out of the overflow of Your gospel love and extend love and forgiveness to those who have wronged me. Help me cancel the debt and live in freedom. Amen.

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