



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

James - Week 2: Trials
June 15-18, 2023

LEADER NOTES: **Summer trimester:** 6/5-7/30, **Fall trimester:** 8/28-12/10 **New Leader Trainings:** 8/6, 12/10 in person and 8/7, 12/18 on Zoom.

Leader Podcast Now on Spotify: This week is part 2 with Arlington Discipleship Minister, Evan Pritchett, on Culture and the Invitation/Challenge Matrix. You can listen to the [new episode here](#). You can listen to every episode of [Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less on Spotify](#).

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 coe22.com/news.*

School Supply Drive: Now through 7/1•These supplies will be distributed to both our local ministry partners that fight to end childhood poverty and Eleven22 foster care families before school starts in the fall. Supplies can be dropped off at either Hope's Closet® location or in the Eleven22 Kids lobby at all campuses in the marked bins. For more information and a list of supplies needed, [click here](#).

Bible Basics•6/23 and 6/24•Orange Park•San Pablo•Online•Learn why you can trust the Bible and how to study it. The cost is \$10 for online workshops and \$15 for in-person workshops. [Click here to register](#).

Serve at Hope's Closet•Every Wednesday night in June from 6-8pm. Serve your community, give back, glorify God and love others! No experience is required, light refreshments will be provided, closed-toed/back shoes are required and ALL are welcome! [Click HERE to sign up serve](#).

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

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

The Point: Following Jesus is so much more than right and wrong; it is life or death.

SERMON TEXT: *James 1:12-18; 2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Corinthians 9:25-27; 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20; 1 Peter 5:4; Romans 5:6-8, 6:23; Revelation 2:10, 4:10-11*

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There's 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 1:12-18*. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Faith in Jesus produces faithfulness to Jesus.**
Discover: Share a time you've seen this in your life or the life of someone you're close to.
Deepen: What is the greatest hinderance to faithfulness in your life?
- **Pastor Britt preached, "Temptation increases as responsibility decreases."**
Discover: Explain that and share how you have experienced it in your life.
Deepen: "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one." (James 1:13) How does this truth help you when you face temptation? How do you "remain steadfast under trial"?
- **Our culture defines sin in many ways, and often quite differently than God does.**
Discover: **What is sin?** (*Sin is our rebellion against God. Sin is a state of being. It is powerful force coded into our DNA. It is alive, it is aggressive, it is deceptive, and it is impossible to cure in and of our own efforts. It is a deep rejection of God's ultimate good and God's glorious rule. Sin is the non-supremacy of God who was made manifest in the person of Jesus Christ.*)
Deepen: **James 1:15 says, "...sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."** Where in your life do you need to take your sin more seriously? (*It can be hard to be totally honest about your sin. Do you need to invite a close friend in your group to breakfast so you can talk with them about the sin you're struggling with? See the action step this week for help with confessing your sin to God.*)

ACTION STEP

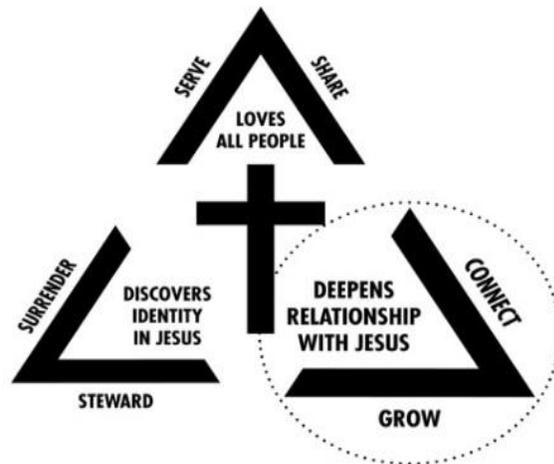
A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

Confessing is simply telling the truth. When you tell God the truth about your sin you are acknowledging that you need Him and that you trust Him. Confess sin in your life by writing it down and going to the altar this week to pray.

If you are new to confession, pray this simple prayer: Lord, I confess my _____. This sin is trying to kill me, and I need Your help. Please forgive me of my sin against You. Help me to believe what You have said about Yourself and about me. Give me the strength to turn away from my sin and trust You. Amen.

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.



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