



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

James - Week 5: Compassion
July 6 - 9, 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. **Coach and Leader gathering at all campuses: 8/21.**

Leader Podcast Now on Spotify: This week we have Disciple Groups Coach and Leader Johnny McLaughlin on the process of raising up new leaders from your group. 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.*

Summer Serve Week • July 10-16 • We are all called to live life on mission and there are many ways that we can serve on the mission field right here in our own city. Visit coe22.com/localmission to view all summer serve week opportunities and sign up to serve.

Know Your Faith Workshop • July 15 • 9am-12pm • San Pablo Campus • Come to this interactive workshop and learn about the foundations of the Christian faith. We will look at essential Christian doctrine and engage in discussion about how to be a disciple of Christ. The cost is \$15 for in person workshops. [Click here to register.](#)

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

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

The Point: God did not give you all you have so you could have all you want, but so others could have all they need.

SERMON TEXT: *James 1:27; Matthew 7:21-23, Matthew 25*

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 1:27. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Discover:** What do you think about when you hear the word “religion”? *(James talks about two kinds of religion. There is “religion” that is worthless, impure and defiled. It’s all talk and no action and thinks the power is in our works, not the Gospel. It’s where the “love of God” stops with me instead of flowing through me and where status is the most important marker. There is also religion that is worthwhile, pure and undefiled. It’s salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone, where faith always produces fruit/action.)*
Deepen: In James, we are challenged to be “doers of the Word.” How have you been a doer of the Word this past week? Were you able to sponsor a child through Compassion International? If you already sponsor a child, tell your group a little about him or her and how God has blessed you over the years through that relationship. *(Even if you cannot give monetarily right now, consider where serving with your gifts of time and talent can make you a doer of the Word. Check out coe22.com/serve for more details.)*
- **Discover:** In the Bible, the word “visit” means to care for, show up for, redeem, raise up and give life. What orphans and widows has God placed in your life to visit? *(Visiting is more than just stopping by to chat and drop off food. Visiting orphans and widows means to look after, to take care of and to provide for with the implication of continuous responsibility.)*
Deepen: How is “visiting widows and orphans” a reflection of what Jesus did for us? *(Jesus came to earth and showed up for us, he loves us, cares for us, died for us, redeemed us, brought us from death to life and makes us righteous in the eyes of God.)*

Take turns reading **Matthew 25**.

- **Discover:** What about the character and nature of God stands out to you in Matthew 25? *(There are three parables in this chapter: the parable of the virgins - don’t miss the party, the parable of the talents - don’t waste your life, and the final judgment - Christ separating those who know Him from those who don’t. Some of the things we see include God’s love, how much He cares for the least of these, His perfect judgement, how He loves to give us good gifts and how He wants us to join Him in eternity.)*
- **Deepen:** Consider the examples of faith in the parables and where those play out in your life. Share how you’ve experienced being run over by the grace train (the love of Jesus). How has that changed your life? *(The love of Jesus leads you to love and serve Him and others. Works are not the root of your faith, but they should be the fruit of your faith. People who have met Jesus take action to build His kingdom in the world. God’s love flowing through us is the greatest evidence of God’s love in us.)*

- **ACTION STEP**

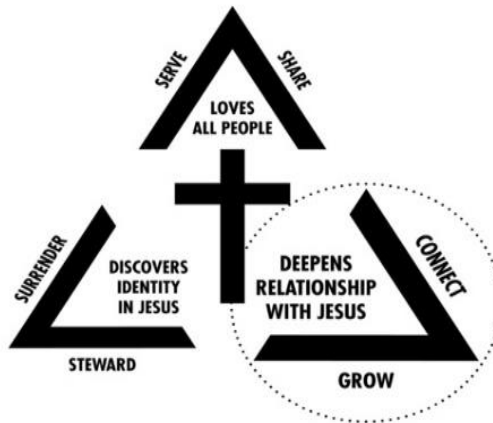
A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

Write your Compassion child(ren) a letter. If you do not have a Compassion child, consider changing a child's life by becoming their sponsor.

Go to www.compassion.com to become a sponsor or to write your child a letter. To write a letter click on "Get Involved" and then "Write Your Child."

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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