



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

James - Week 6: No Partiality
July 13 - 16, 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.**

Who are you raising up to lead a new group in the fall trimester? Talk to them about it now. They can click here to fill out the new leader interest form.

Leader Podcast Now on Spotify: 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.*

Is God calling you to lead a new disciple group? We have new leader training on Sunday, 8/6 immediately after the 11:22 service at all campuses. **Click here to fill out the new leader interest form.** You will get a confirmation email with the link to register for this event at your campus.

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

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

The Point: Every man, woman and child is an image-bearer of our great and glorious God and deserve to be treated that way.

SERMON TEXT: *James 2:1-13; Matthew 18:1-6; 2 Sam 16:7; Mark 12:41-44*

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 2:1-13*. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Discover:** Pastor Britt used the dinner table he experienced growing up, what was your family dinner table like growing up?
- **Deepen:** If this dinner table were a picture of your life, who fills the seats? (2:1-4)
 - **(Action Step:** Take a moment and write down names. Be as honest as possible and share with your group. It's easy for us to allow favoritism to creep into our lives and attitudes without even noticing it. Think about how favoritism can influence your thinking and actions.
- **Discover:** According to *James 2:5*, by what perspective are we to view the "poor" in our world/church/family? *(What makes someone honored, or what makes someone discounted and overlooked?)*
- **Deepen:** When we size people up based on short, tall, bald, rich, poor, brown, black or white, large or small, why do you size them up the way that you do?
(You were taught to. Everyone is born a sinner in that they are born self-reliant instead of God-reliant, born to think of self-first instead of God first. But in regard to judging others based on how they look or our differences, that is tragically a learned behavior.)
- **Deepen:** How do we unlearn learned behavior? *(Possible Answer: we ask the Holy Spirit to reveal them to us. We do not know what we don't know. Jesus is the only one who can undo our biased and bad thinking and, therefore, behavior.)*
 - James says in verses 12-13, "Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment." (NIV)
- **Discover:** What does he mean by being judged by the law that gives freedom? *(The law of mercy/grace.)*
- **Deepen:** How can we practically apply this principle in our daily lives, especially when dealing with issues of favoritism and prejudice?

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

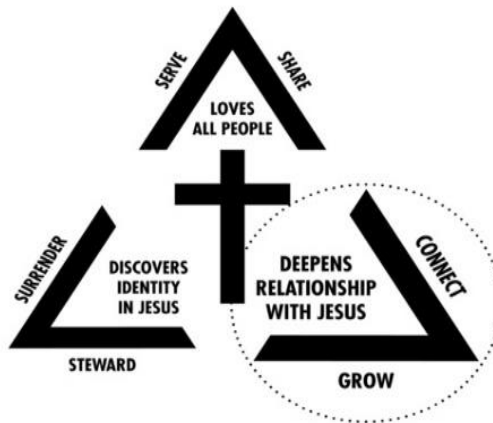
ACTION STEP

On your phone or a piece of paper, write down the name of your #onemores continue to pray for them. Invite them to your table for dinner this week.

Challenge: If you want to grow, mature, deepen, unlearn bad thinking, be challenged with new perspectives, have real meaningful exchanges, surround yourself in relationships beyond anything that feels reasonably comfortable with people who are different than you. This is for our sake and the sake of the gospel.

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.
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