



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Philippians - Week 1: Grace and Peace
February 2 - 5, 2023

LEADER NOTES: Spring trimester runs from 1/23 - 5/7

As a church, we are memorizing scripture during this sermon series. More details are in the Action Step this week. Please make sure to go over the Action Step with your group.

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.*

NIGHT TO SHINE - February 10 • 6-9pm • Prime Osborn Convention Center: The Church of Eleven22 is proud to be one of the host churches collaborating for Jacksonville's Night to Shine. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love for people with special needs. Learn more about how you can volunteer and register at nighttoshinejax.com.

Senior adult interest night February 6 • 7pm San Pablo campus • Auditorium A • Join us for desserts, coffee and a quick conversation about senior adult ministry as a part of the Abundant Life.

Foster care interest night February 13 • 6:30pm San Pablo campus and Online • [Register here to attend.](#)

STILL TIME TO SERVE: Disciple Groups signup weekends are 1/12/23 - 2/12/23: **Pick at least one service for your entire disciple group to serve together.** This is a great opportunity to ask people to join your group. Come be a friendly face, offer a warm smile, and answer questions for people taking a next step of faith. Sign up your group to serve, show up 30 minutes before service and stay 20 minutes after. **Here are the links to sign up to serve at your campus:** [Arlington](#), [Baymeadows](#), [Fleming Island](#), [Jesup](#), [Mandarin](#), [Orange Park](#), [St. Johns](#), [San Pablo](#).

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

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

The Point: You don't get peace without grace and you don't get God the Father without knowing Jesus as Lord.

SERMON TEXT: *Philippians 1:1-2; Acts 9:1–19; Acts 5:29-32; Acts 5:34; Acts 9:21*

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER (If you use the video curriculum, play the first part before you discuss the discover questions.)

LEADERS – *Every week we're asking you to begin with these two questions. It's a great way to get the conversation started.*

- **What stood out to you from the sermon this week?**
- **What did God reveal to you in any of the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**

DEEPEN (If you use the video curriculum, play the second part before you discuss the deepen questions.)

Read *Philippians 1:1-2*

- **Paul went from being a Pharisee persecuting and killing Christians to declaring himself a slave to Jesus. How would you explain what happened to Paul?** *(Paul (at the time, Saul) met Jesus on the road to Damascus. See Acts 9:1–19. Paul changed when he met Jesus. His identity went from being based in his successes or failures to being based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You **are** defined by scars, just not yours.)*
- **Philippians starts with the greeting: “Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus...” What does the word “servants” mean in this context and how are you a servant of Jesus?** *(In this context, servants meant doulas – helpers. Paul is saying, I am no longer a slave to sin and fear. I’m no longer defined by my previous titles: Pharisee, scholar, lawyer, successful. I’m no longer what I have done: murderer, religious terrorist. I am now a bond servant of Christ Jesus -- only Jesus tells me who I am. Like a bondservant who chooses to stay with a master after he’s freed, Paul shares that we are servants to Christ out of joy because He has paid a debt that we couldn’t pay for ourselves and set us free.)*
- **After Paul encountered Jesus, what other steps of obedience did Paul take before he wrote the book of Philippians? What is God calling you to do in the 10:10 Life and you have no idea what hangs in the balance?** *(Paul was discipled “for some days” in Damascus and “immediately” preached Jesus as the Son of God in the synagogues. He then goes to Arabia for unknown amount of time learning and preaching. He joins the disciples in Jerusalem and, several years after his conversion, he goes on his first mission trip. The results of that trip didn’t seem to result in much at the time - not enough godly men for a synagogue. But Paul was used by Christ to do great things! Pastor Joby says, If you have been runover by the grace train you are in Christ. He is your identity. This flows through you to others, your city and beyond. Just like Paul, you have no idea what hangs in the balance with your next step of obedience.)*

ACTION STEP

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

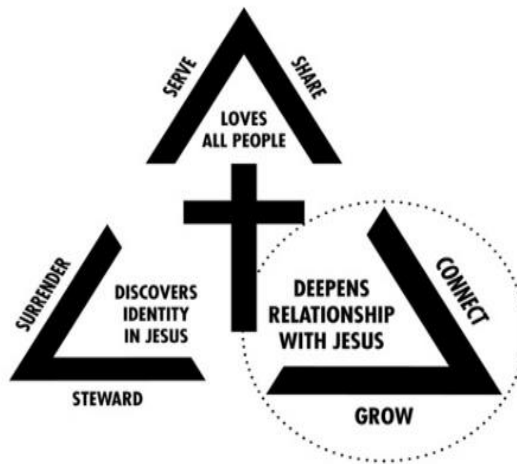
As a church, we are memorizing scripture over the next nine weeks. Memorizing Scripture renews and guards our mind, strengthens our faith and prepares us for spiritual battle. We memorize God's Word to fix the verse in our minds so that the Holy Spirit will recall it whenever needed.

We have created tools to help you. [Click here for a short video](#) with some tips and go to coe22.com/resources for more.

This week's memory verse: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
Philippians 1:2

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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