



## DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Philippians - Week 3: To Live Is Christ  
February 16 - 19, 2023

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

**NEW:** Click here for Episode 2 of your podcast, "*Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less.*" The purpose of the podcast is to Encourage, Equip and Empower you to lead your Disciple Group well.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:** As a church, we are memorizing scripture during this sermon series. Please make sure to go over the Action Step with your group each week and review last week's verse as well.

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**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](https://coe22.com/news).*

**Fasting & hour of prayer • Wednesdays • February 22-April 5** • As a church, during Lent we will fast from food on Wednesdays from sunup to sundown. All campuses will be open each Wednesday through Lent from 12pm-1pm for prayer.

**Lent devotional by Gretchen Martin** - Devos will be available starting February 22, Monday through Saturday until Easter. [Click here to have them delivered to your email.](#)

**Anti-Human Trafficking Interest Night • February 27 • 7pm • San Pablo campus (Auditorium A)**  
Our ministry partner, Her Song will be speaking on what human trafficking is (both locally and globally), risk factors and signs to look for. We will also have a Q&A session and handouts with ways to volunteer. [Click here to register.](#)

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/readingplan](https://coe22.com/readingplan)

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

**The Point:** Is your life characterized by faith, freedom and gospel focus that transcends your circumstances? Or do you feel like a victim of your circumstances? When eternity is your aim, the temporary will lose its influence over you.

**SERMON TEXT:** *Philippians 1:12-30*

## 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.*

**Action Step check-in:** As a church, we are memorizing scripture during this sermon series. Have someone recite the verse from last week, *Philippians 1:6*.

- **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 1:12-30*

- **Fill in the blank for what you see as your best life (not with the church answer). To live is \_\_\_\_\_.** What would have to change in your life to be as free as Paul when he wrote, “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” *Philippians 1:21* (To live is Christ is counter intuitive to everything you've been taught by our culture. If you want normal: broke, lonely, depressed, then do life like everyone else. If you want an abundant life, then you will have to do life in a totally different way. This is also part of “progressive sanctification.” You may not be where you want to be, but, if you're in Christ, you're way different than you used to be.)
- **How would you contrast the freedom Paul experienced with how various freedoms are defined by our culture?**
- **Paul prayed for his jailors (enemies) and was sharing the gospel while he was locked in prison. Discuss how you are, or how you can, specifically, love your current “enemies” (your “enemies” can even be anyone you find unpleasant, irritating or unlovable).** (It's hard to hate someone you are truly praying for. Jesus calls us to love our enemies. Can you think of a time you prayed for an “enemy” and God changed your heart towards that person?)
- **Paul describes how his enemies are preaching with wrong intent and trying to hurt him. Yet he says, “What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance...” Paul chooses joy and rejoicing. How, specifically, do you choose joy and to rejoice even in difficult circumstances?** (To choose joy, do you review your gratitude list, read the Bible, preach the gospel to yourself, pray, listen to worship music, or something else? Pastor Joby pointed out that joy is a choice. If Christ is in you, joy is in you. You get to willfully decide to rejoice! Joy is a lifestyle, not a feeling. It's rooted in Jesus, not circumstance. Understanding what you're a part of is so much bigger than the part you get to play.)

## ACTION STEP

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

As a church, we are memorizing Scripture during this series.

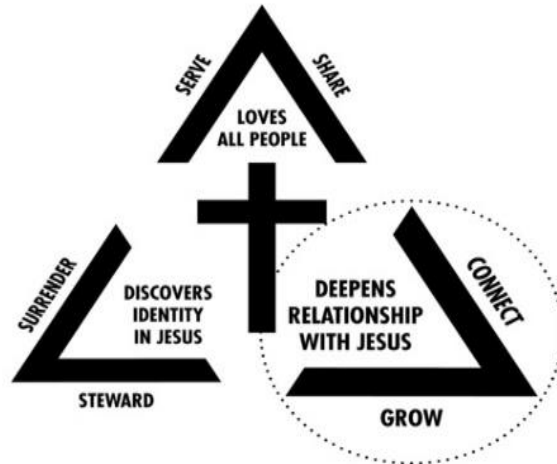
**You can make each week's memorization verse the wallpaper on your phone:** Go to the E22 app. Click on "Philippians" at the very top. Click, "Memory Verse Wallpaper." Click "Wk 3 Memory Verse." Save the photo and then add it as your wallpaper.

[Click here for a short video](#) with some tips on memorizing scripture and go to [coe22.com/resources](http://coe22.com/resources) for more.

**This week memorize *Philippians 1:21*, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."**

#### Additional Resources:

- **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to [coe22.com/rightnowmedia](http://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](http://coe22.com/1010life).



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