



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Philippians - Week 4: Shine Like Lights
February 23 - 26, 2023

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



NEW Disciple Group Survey: We're excited to hear what God is doing to and through you and your disciple groups and how we can make them even better. Please ask everyone in your group, including the leaders, to **scan the QR code with their phone right now and fill out the anonymous survey.** (If you have new members in your group, they don't need to do this.)

NEW EPISODE EACH WEEK: [Click here for Episode 3 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.

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.*

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 are now available Monday through Saturday until Easter. [Click here to have them delivered to your email.](#)

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

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

SERMON TEXT: *Philippians 2:1-18, John 8:12; Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 12:2; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Samuel 16:7*

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: Have someone recite the verse from last week.

- 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.)

These questions and answers are based on guest Pastor H.B. Charles Jr.'s sermon. Read *Philippians 2:1-18*

- In **Philippians 2:2** Paul writes of Christian unity: **“...complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.”** The enemy wants believers divided. **How do we practice unity?** (Pastor Charles gave three ways: 1) *Humble yourself.* 2) *Consider others.* 3) *Follow Christ. Spiritual change does not happen by **introspection**. It happens by prayerful meditation on the divine nature, obedient life, humble service, atoning death, and glorious resurrection of the Christ.*)
- **Philippians 2:12-13:** **“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”** Pastor Charles said Paul talks about the Christian life not being **UPS and DOWNS** but **INS and OUTS**. In this season of Lent, what is **God working in you, and how is He leading you to work out your salvation?** (Salvation is a gift we receive. We do not work for, on or up our salvation. We work out our salvation. How? Verse 13: “For it is God who works in you.” God is at work in you personally, perpetually, and powerfully. And God is doing this “For his good pleasure.” God loves you. Pastor Charles said that the way to truly change is to put your focus on Jesus Christ. 1 Samuel 16:7).
- **Philippians 2:15** says, **“that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.”** Pastor HB said that it is not our job to shout at the darkness, but to shine as lights. Share how you have seen or experienced other believers shining like lights in your life.
- Our memory verse says, **“Do all things without grumbling or disputing.”** Why are we called to that and how is that possible? (If anyone had a reason to grumble, it was Paul, who was writing this message from prison, but he doesn't. Even if, on the outside, we are doing the “right things,” it's important that our attitudes match our actions. You can't be what the Lord has called you to be if your relationships with Him and other believers are not right. We must focus on Jesus and be united in Him.)

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.

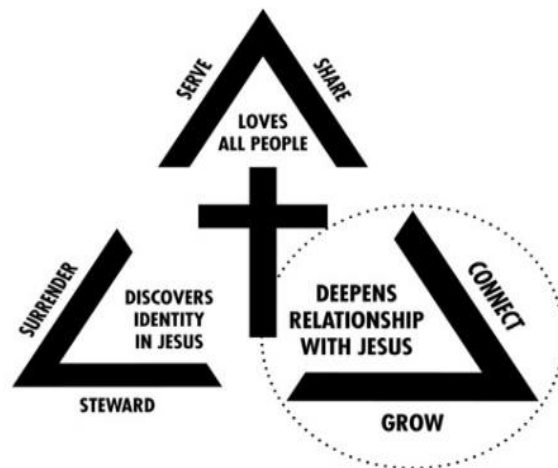
You can make each week's memorization verse the wallpaper on your phone: Go to the E22 app. Click on "Philippians" at the very top. Click, "Memory Verse Wallpaper." Click "Wk 4 Memory Verse." Save the photo and then add it as your wallpaper.

Click here for a short video with some tips on memorizing scripture and go to coe22.com/resources for more.

1. This week memorize *Philippians 2:14*, "Do all things without grumbling or disputing."
2. Pray about and pay attention to what triggers your grumbling or complaining, and pray about how to respond to that differently.

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.



Go to coe22.com/resources and click "Download Tool" to download or print a discipleship journey tool with questions for you to ask yourself and others. Please share the link and directions with others in your group.