



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Philippians - Week 6: By Grace Through Faith  
March 9 - 12, 2023

---

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

**Equipping Ministry Teachers:** Available to come to your Disciple Group to teach a session on apologetics, interpreting scripture, world religions, ways to create your testimony and how to disciple your family. [Click here for more and to register.](#)

**Discover and Deepen questions:** Some themes of the sermon result in more than one question and they are now labeled “discover” or “deepen.” Discover questions are more entry level questions that people can answer no matter where they are on their discipleship journey. Deepen questions allow the conversation to go deeper. To avoid confusion in your group, please take each question one at a time.

**New episode each week:** [Click here for Episode 5](#) of your podcast, “*Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less.*”

---

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

**Special Needs Interest Night • March 23 • 6-7pm • San Pablo campus (Auditorium C)** Come join us if you are interested in serving in our special needs ministry. Hear about Eleven22 Kids and Eleven22 Student ministry and what’s rolling out for adults with special needs, both within our Eleven22 church life and at Hope’s Closet. [Click here to register.](#)

**NEW Women’s IF:Gathering • San Pablo Campus (Auditorium A) • 3/25 9am-5pm • \$10** • Come join other ladies and dive into how we can live IF we believe God is who He says He is. This event is an on-demand replay with a live host and live worship. No childcare provided. [Click to register.](#)



SCAN ME

**Disciple Group Survey:** If they haven’t already, 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.) 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.

THIS WEEK’S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/readingplan](http://coe22.com/readingplan)

---

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

**The Point:** The only paperwork that matters on the day of judgment is not your resume, but Christ’s invitation.

**SERMON TEXT:** *Philippians 3:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:20-26; Romans 9 and 10*

## Discussion Questions

**LEADERS** – Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with their answers. 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 memory 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?

Read *Philippians 3:1-11*

- In *Philippian 3:2*, Paul calls out the “enemies of the Gospel” who believed more than Christ was required for salvation. Pastor Joby pointed out there are two parts of the Gospel (recall Pastor Joby’s banking example). *Discover: Discuss them. Deepen: Are there times you don’t believe the WHOLE Gospel? Share when and why. (Your salvation is not about you. It’s through Jesus, PERIOD. Jesus plus anything, ruins everything. You must repent of your wretchedness, résumé, religiosity and self-righteousness. The essence of sin is man substituting himself for God. The essence of salvation is God, through Jesus, substituting himself for man. The half Gospel is Christ’s sacrifice washes away your sins. The whole gospel is, in addition to that, Jesus’s righteousness is credited to you. Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.)*
- *Philippians 3:3* says, “For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.” Pastor Joby said church folk like us can start to put confidence in our own actions - our “Christian scorecard,” résumé, religious activities and good works. *Discover: What is on your Christian scorecard that leads to confidence in the flesh? Deepen: In Philippians 3:9 Paul says, “and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.” How does this righteousness, that comes through faith, differ from the righteousness we may try to earn? (Your actions can be worship or offensive depending on your motivation. We can do good works because we are overwhelmed by the grace of Jesus and we want to follow and obey him, or we can do good works that God sees as filthy rags because we’re trying to earn our way to God’s grace. Grace isn’t anti-effort, but it is anti-earning.)*
- *Philippians 3:7-8* says, “But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...” Imagine knowing Jesus like that. It can be difficult to explain how we know that we know Jesus without describing religious activity. Try to describe how you know Him, personally. *(One way to explain it is it’s the difference between internal experience and external evidence. When you have experienced the fruit of the Spirit internally – the love, joy, and peace of Jesus – you know Him. Only then can that experience overflow into external activity that glorifies 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.

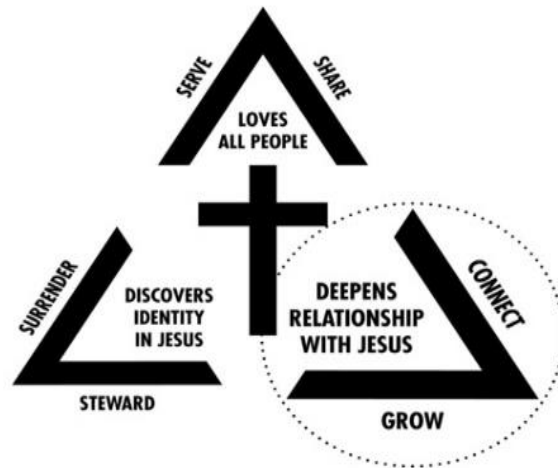
**You can make each week's memorization verse the wallpaper on your phone:** Go to the E22 app. Click on "Philippians" at the very top. Click, "Memory Verse Wallpaper." Click "Wk 6 Memory Verse." Save the photo and then add it as your wallpaper.

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 3:8***, "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ."

### 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).



Go to [coe22.com/resources](http://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.