

# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 2: JANUARY 10 & 13

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## LEADER INFO:

The Spring Semester officially begins January 21.

**Group Sign Ups** will be available before and after each service until January 27. Our **Disciple Group Kickoff Party** will be happening before and after services on January 17 and 20. If you would like to serve in this way and help sign people up for groups, please [sign up here](#).

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**NIGHT TO SHINE – February 8 from 6-9pm.** This is an unforgettable prom night experience centered on God's Love for people with special needs. There are many opportunities to volunteer at this event including glam squad, security, red carpet experience, chaperones and several others. Go to [nighttoshinejax.com](http://nighttoshinejax.com) to sign up!

Along with this event, Hope's Closet at San Pablo will host three days of private shopping events for the ladies headed to Night To Shine. The ladies are pampered, lavished with love and gifted a dress. You can serve at the Boutique as a personal shopper, hostess, or greeter on January 21, 28 and February 4. You can [sign up here](#).

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** - Financial Peace University is a 9-week class designed to teach practical, biblical steps to eliminate debt, manage resources, and ultimately allow God to be the ONE thing that drives your finances. Each week includes video teaching by Dave Ramsey, small group discussion, and individual application activities.

**Mondays starting February 11 // 7:00-8:30pm**  
Learn more and register at [coe22.com/classes](http://coe22.com/classes)

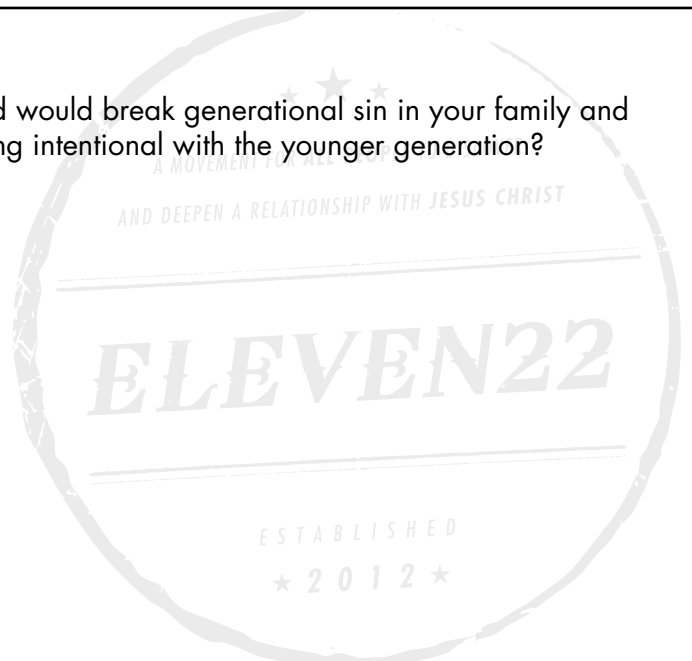
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## RECAP: 2 TIMOTHY WEEK 1

Last week we challenged you to pray specifically that God would break generational sin in your family and others you know. How did you take one step towards being intentional with the younger generation?

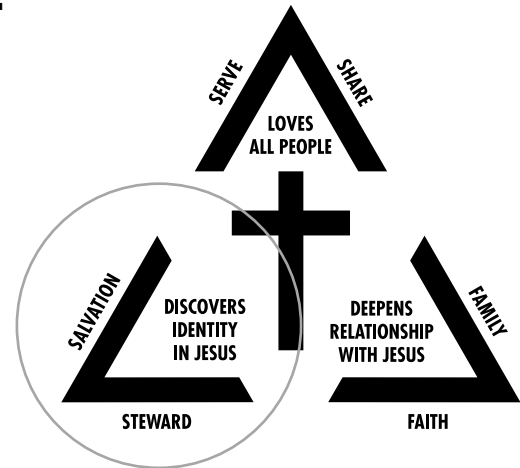
## THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Monday: 2 Timothy 1:7-18  
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 31:1-8  
Wednesday: Joshua 1:1-9  
Thursday: Romans 8:31-39  
Friday: Psalm 56  
Saturday: Matthew 10:16-33



## II TIMOTHY: MARKS OF THE FAITHFUL WEEK 2

**THE POINT:** FEAR IS PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES. FAITH IS PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN YOUR SOVEREIGN SAVIOR.



*As disciples, we are continually on a journey until Jesus calls us home or returns. This week's sermon points to discovering our identities in Jesus. Because of God's great love for us, we are no longer slaves to fear. Rather than finding our identity in our circumstances, we find our identity in our Savior.*

**TEXTS: MATTHEW 10:26-33, ROMANS 8:31-39,  
2 TIMOTHY 1:7-18**

## TEACHING & DIALOGUE

*Have someone read 2 Timothy 1:7-18 out loud.*

1. When we doubt or have fear in our present circumstances, where should we as believers turn? (The Holy Spirit dwelling in believers gives power, love and self-control (verse 7) so that we can turn from fear. The fear itself is not the problem, dwelling in it and letting it rule your heart and mind is what we must turn from.)
2. The Apostle Paul has been imprisoned for preaching the gospel and probable death is near when he writes this letter to Timothy. Why do we doubt or question God's plan when undesirable or hard things happen to "good people" or those who follow Jesus? (God is not a band-aid or quick fix to the easy life. When you take up your cross and follow Him, you do so with the comfort of knowing that circumstances, along with everything else including life, are fleeting and temporary. God alone is eternal, so that is where we place our hope and trust.)
3. Verse 8 says we are to "share in suffering for the gospel." What does this mean in your life? (How have you in the past dealt with the things that the world deems as undesirable for the sake of others knowing Christ? How are you currently dealing with it? If the answer is that you aren't, think about what in your life is holding you back.)

*Have someone read Romans 8:31-39 out loud.*

4. What aspect of God's character is revealed through this passage? Use verses 31-34 to help you answer. (God is both loving and sovereign as He had a plan all along: to give up His perfect Son, Jesus, for our sins. This is the gospel. Christ now goes to God on our behalf, which proves that His intervention on our behalf was effective: Him dying in our place was acceptable to God and worked!)
5. Verse 35 lists off many circumstances in which one could have fear: hard times, distress, persecution, starvation, homelessness, danger, death. What do you fear? (Actual or hypothetical, we all have fears on this side of heaven. We want to acknowledge them and share them with other believers so that we can train our hearts and minds to have an eternal perspective. What will matter in 1000 years from now?)

6. Verse 37 says, "In all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us." How should believers apply this verse to those fears?  
*(Because Jesus conquered sin and death when He went to the cross and arose three days later, those who put their trust in Him have hope that this life is not the end, or even our main focus. Because of God's love for us, we trust that circumstances are temporary and look ahead to the eternity we have been promised.)*

**Have someone read Matthew 10:26-33 out loud.**

7. How does the knowledge that God knows the number of hairs on your head and provides for even the small and insignificant creatures in His creation, shift your perspective on your present circumstances?  
*(When we take a step back from our one present situation, we can gain a bigger perspective of what is going on around us and throughout history; it becomes apparent that God has a grand plan at work and He is weaving it all together for our ultimate good and His glory.)*

### **ACTION STEP**

Prayerfully consider a fear(s) that you have and ask God to show you truth in His word that would shift those fears into trust in Him. Faith trumping fear in your life should show itself in your words and actions. What can you do differently so that others can see that living for Christ is marked by a changed life?

