

# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 2: MARCH 14 & 17

#### **LEADER INFO:**

As you may have seen in the Disciple Group Leader newsletter, our Coach and Leader training is right around the corner! We are pumped to see all of you amazing leaders and hear about what God is doing in your groups on April 29 at 7:00-8:30PM! Please RSVP here.

#### **GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### FLEMING ISLAND SERVE DAY - March 23, 9:00AM-12:00PM

Our newest campus, Fleming Island, is gearing up to launch soon! If you would like to help by serving at the Fleming Island Serve Day, you can sign up at <u>coe22.com/events</u>.

## HOUR OF PRAYER - Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm

During this Lent season, all campus worship centers will be open each Wednesday through April 17 from 12:00-1:00pm for prayer.

## FAMILY CAMP – Two opportunities: June 17-20 OR June 20-23

Family Camp is a unique opportunity for families of all generations and life stages to deepen their relationship with God and each other. Family includes anyone - moms, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles, siblings, teachers and coaches. Anyone who is playing a critical role in raising up our youth. **Learn more and sign up at coe22.com/familycamp**.

Memorizing Scripture is a practical and life-changing discipline. It stirs your affections for Jesus, fights against the enemy, and even changes your thoughts and attitude to focus on the gospel. Join us, and the kids of CoE22, as we collectively memorize Scripture during each of our sermon series. ONE church, ONE more, ONE more generation!

## **NEW VERSE!**

**MEMORY VERSE:** And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me. - Exodus 20:1-3

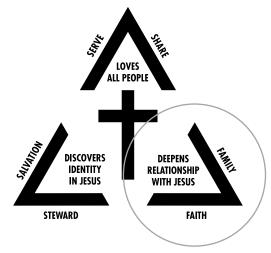
## THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Monday: Exodus 20 Tuedays: Romans 3:10-26 Wednesday: Galatians 2:16 Thursday: Deuteronomy 5:1-21 Friday: Matthew 5:17-20 Saturday: Romans 7:5-7

# **MOUNTAINS: WEEK 2**

**THE POINT:** MORAL LAW IS THE DIAGNOSIS THAT WE ARE SINNERS IN NEED OF A SAVIOR. JESUS IS THE CURE.

**TEXTS:** EXODUS 19:20-25, EXODUS 20:1-21, ROMANS 3



The Law is like an X-ray – it doesn't fix the problem, it just exposes it for what it really is. The only cure for our sin is the cross of Jesus Christ. As we continue on our journey of being disciple-making disciples, we will continuously become more aware of our need for Jesus because we are unable to fulfill the law ourselves.

# **TEACHING & DIALOGUE**

1. As part of this Lent season we've been called to a Tech Fast. How's it going for you? What have you found to be a good thing, that has turned to a distracting thing that is taking away from time with the Lord? (Share as you feel led)

#### Have someone read Exodus 19:20-25 out loud.

Soon after God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, He instructed Moses to gather these people at the foot of Mount Sinai. As the people waited at the bottom of the mountain trembling in fear, Moses met with the God of the universe on the top of Mount Sinai.

2. What is the significance of God's descending to, and meeting with, His people at Mount Sinai? (God makes a treaty called "The Mosaic Covenant" with His people at Mount Sinai. First, God reminds the people of Israel that He saved them from their oppressors & rescued them out of slavery. God's promise to Israel is that they will be His special treasure, a holy nation. God graciously instructed them how to live by giving them the 10 commandments. In doing so they would be the means by which other nations would learn of the living God. His descent to meet His people here gives us a greater appreciation for His merciful grace. The law demonstrates how great grace is. He meets us right where we are. Finally it's a picture of what is to come in Jesus coming out of heaven in order to fulfill the law.)

#### Have someone read Exodus 20:1-21 out loud.

In these verses God lays out the 10 commandments. Before God commanded anything of Israel, He reminded them what He had done for them – delivering them from slavery in Egypt. This foundation allowed the Israelites to see that because of who God is and what He did for them, He has the authority to tell them what to do and they have the obligation to obey Him.

3. How does God providing of the 10 commandments offer us a map and a mirror? (They are a map to guide us on how we are called to live, and a mirror to show us our inability to live up to the holiness of God. A mirror that reveals who we truly are, and the desperate need of a savior)

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- Group Activity Leaders, ask everyone in your group to follow along as you go through the 10 Commandments using your fingers.
   (1 One God, 2 cut out idols, 3 watch words / lords name in vain, 4 sabbath, 5 salute parents, 6 murder/shoot, 7 two people run off together, 8 pinky cut off stealing, 9 just kidding I lied, I have a pinky, 10 covet / gathering things with hands)
- 5. If the law is the diagnosis that we are all sinners in need of a Savior, the symptoms are our sin, and Jesus is the cure. What symptoms are struggling with the most, and is that struggle due to not seeing the commandments as a map, or as a mirror?

  (A map issue would be not seeing God's holiness; mirror would be seeing our own sinfulness and desperate need for Jesus)

#### Have someone read Romans 3:10-26 out loud.

In this passage, Paul wants to emphasize the complete inability for man to rescue himself and our total reliance on God to take care of the issue. The law can't save us from our sin and the penalty we deserve. It's useful for giving us the knowledge of sin, but it can't save us. Fortunately, as the scripture points out, God has a plan: salvation through Jesus Christ. We don't earn it; we receive it by grace through faith. Jesus died for redemption – to pay the price required to ransom sinners.

- 6. In what way is God both the just and the justifier? (God recognizes that something has to be done about the sin issue, and He takes care of the problem by sending Jesus to live a perfect life in the flesh and redeem us by taking on the full burden.)
- 7. How do you attempt to save yourself by doing good works? How do you try to earn your own righteousness?

  (Share as you feel led. Our good works are a result or desire to be obedient, not the other way around.)

## **ACTION STEP**

Pastor Joby pointed out this week that the law is not the prerequisite to know God but the follow through. He went on to say we don't need a moral improvement, a religious booster shot, or a fresh start. We need to be born again. We don't need to turn over a new leaf; we need a new life, Jesus' life.

This week reflect on these statements and the 10 Commandments. Just as we are called to respond every week at the end of the worship service, we too must respond by prayerful consideration of what we learned. What in your life do you need to give up and repent? Remember, this is heartfelt transformation that is a result of your faith and belief. Do you really trust (believe in) Him?

