

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 11: JULY 4 & 7

LEADER INFO:

Who are you raising up? We are about halfway through the summer trimester. If you have not begun to equip the disciple you are raising up to send out in the fall, please take those steps now. *New Leader Trainings* start July 25!

Need guidance? Reach out to your coach, and refer to the Raise & Send doc handed out at the Leader & Coach Gathering this past April.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Serve Day – Saturday July 13th. We want to step out in faith together, as a group, to be the hands and feet of Jesus, in the Jacksonville community. Learn more Serve Day at coe22.com/localoutreach. Click on “Sign Up Here” button or share the link below with your group, which will take them to the sign-up form directly. There is a place to mark that your disciple group is serving together, and the name of the group.

Share Your Faith Class – Join us for an interactive worship experience to learn how to share our faith with others. We’ll discuss how to identify our testimonies, clearly present the gospel, and ways to intentionally live out the Great Commission, taught in Matthew 28. **Saturday July 20 | 8:30am-12:00pm** at the Baymeadows campus only! Cost is \$10 (*childcare, breakfast, teaching materials*)

Fleming Island Launch Party – Saturday, August 10th 3pm-5pm.

Campus tours, inflatable games, food trucks & more. Join us, and bring your friends, neighbors and disciple group. Services start Sunday August 11, at 9am & 11:22am.

Fleming Island Campus located at 4459

US Hwy 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003.

THIS WEEK’S READING PLAN:

Monday- 1 Samuel 18:6-16

Tuesday - James 3:13-18

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Thursday - Proverbs 16

Friday - Psalm 27

Saturday - Psalm 37

MEMORY VERSE: *But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. - 1 Samuel 16:7*



PROPHETS PRIESTS KINGS - WEEK 11: TOXIC RELATIONSHIPS

THE POINT: WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN SOMEONE HURLS A SPEAR AT YOU? YOU DUCK. YOU FORGIVE. AND YOU NEVER HURL IT BACK.

TEXTS: 1 SAMUEL 18:6-16

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read 1 Samuel 18:6-16 out loud.

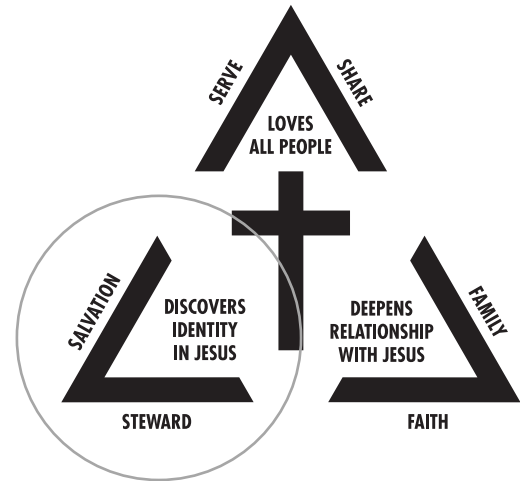
Last week, we saw God equipping David before David even knew he was to be used to face down Goliath. This week, we see God working in David's life to protect him from an incredibly dangerous thing – a murder attempt. God used all things (even Saul's jealousy) to protect his servant and move him away from Saul.

1. How have you experienced God being with you in storms and successes? (Answers will vary).
2. What insecurities do you have? How have these insecurities affected your life? (Answers will vary).
3. Where in your life do you need to believe more fully that God is with you? (Answers may vary).

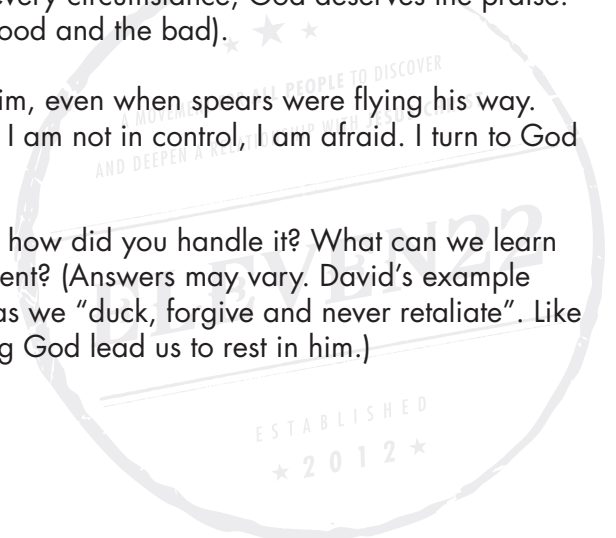
Have someone read 1 Samuel 18:12-16 out loud.

Scripture is both a map and a mirror. It is a mirror to check ourselves against God's perfect standard, repent and return to him. It is also a map for how we live our lives God's way, for his glory.

4. Mirror: Saul was afraid of David because "the Lord was with him". Do people see you differently because the Lord is with you? (Answers will vary).
5. Mirror: In both the storms and the successes, who gets the credit? Remember that God is big enough for our doubt and kind enough to break us of our pride. (In every circumstance, God deserves the praise. We trust He is a promise maker and keeper in both the good and the bad).
6. Map: David feared the Lord and trusted God to protect him, even when spears were flying his way. What causes you fear? How do you turn to God? (When I am not in control, I am afraid. I turn to God by listening to music that reminds me about him).
7. Have you had experience with a toxic relationship? If so, how did you handle it? What can we learn from David's example on how to respond to unjust treatment? (Answers may vary. David's example shows us that we are to trust God to work on our behalf as we "duck, forgive and never retaliate". Like David evading Saul's spears, we evade dangers by letting God lead us to rest in him.)



What part of your life are you trying to control? Saul was trying to control how people saw him and what they said about him. This led him to not trust God and try to spear David. David was in control of himself, and he simply sought to follow after God even in the tough times.



ACTION STEP

Practice your praise before the spears come sailing towards you.

David was a man who trusted God long before the spears came towards him. How can you follow his example? In whatever situation you find yourself in, ask God to give you faith like David and emulate him.

1. When David was scared, he prayed honest prayers. Pray to our loving father.
2. When David was joyful, he sang joyful songs. Sing and be a part of the body of the church weekly.

