

# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 1: AUGUST 8 & 11

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## LEADER INFO:

**Remember:** Groups have an optional break now through 9/15. You will notice a lighter curriculum during this time. Also, no *audio commentary* will be recorded during the break.

**Raising Up:** Is there someone in your group that has been stepping up during group time? Have you spoken with them about leading a disciple group of their own? Fill out this [recommendation form](#) to help them take their next step.

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Special Needs Ministry

Through the ONE Initiative, we are putting focused attention on families with children who have special needs. In order to better support children with special needs in our kids ministry, we have started a classroom buddy program. If you are interested in sharing the gospel as a buddy, please visit [coe22.com/specialneeds](http://coe22.com/specialneeds).

### Local Outreach

Start looking now for your fall opportunities to serve as a group locally with ONE of our partners. [coe22.com/localoutreach](http://coe22.com/localoutreach) for more info.

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**MEMORY VERSE:** "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"  
**John 11:25-26**

## THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

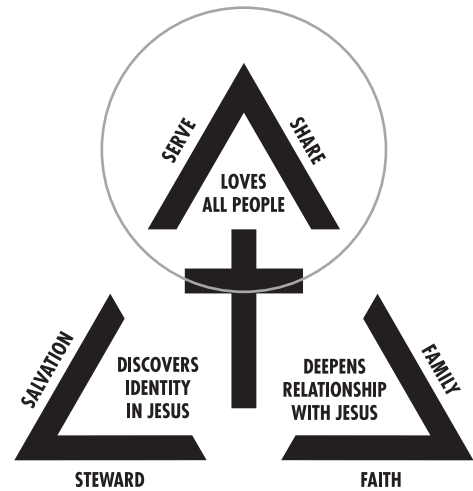
Monday- John 1:1-15  
Tuesday – John 14:1-11  
Wednesday – John 17  
Thursday – Romans 5  
Friday – Romans 6  
Saturday – Ephesians 2:1-10



# BRIDGES - WEEK 1: BRIDGING ETERNITY

**THE POINT:** THE UNIQUE CLAIM OF THE GOSPEL IS THAT THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, HOLY GOD, BUILT THE BRIDGE TO AND FOR SINFUL MAN.

**TEXTS:** JOHN 1:1-15



*We are a movement for all people to discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ. The most loving thing you could ever do for someone is to share the gospel, share a meal or an invitation to a specific time and date to attend service with you! When was the last time you invited someone to church or shared what Jesus has done for you?*

## TEACHING & DIALOGUE

***Have someone read John 1:1-15 out loud. Feel free to take turns with each person reading one verse at a time.***

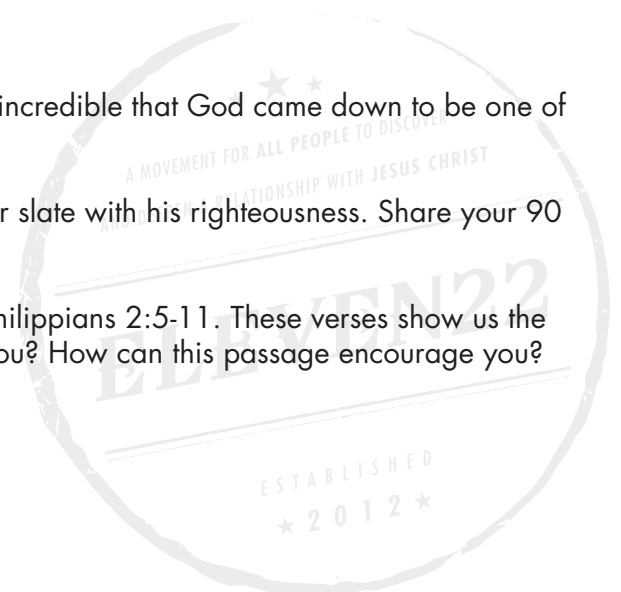
John 1 is a beautiful picture of what Jesus did for us. If you have been a believer for a long time, take a moment to hear this passage of scripture as if for the first time. If you are new to Bible study, rest in this incredible picture that someone would love you so much that they would come to earth for you.

1. Who is the Word? How do you know this? (The Word is Jesus. We use Scripture to interpret Scripture to gain this understanding).
2. What do you learn about Jesus from the first five verses of this passage? How does this remind you of our current ONE Initiative? (The passages remind us that Jesus is "Before All Things" and that he needs to be the ONE thing that drives everything. They also remind us that it is all about the preeminence, authority and glory of Jesus).
3. John builds a bridge with his words for both Greeks and Hebrews. When you speak to others, are you building bridges to create relationships or tearing them down? Do you build bridges at home or condemn them to destruction? (Answers may vary).

***Have someone read John 1:12-14 out loud.***

Spend time specifically focused on verses 12-14. It is so incredible that God came down to be one of us, even though we were enemies of Him!

4. God not only wiped your slate clean of sin, He filled your slate with his righteousness. Share your 90 second story of receiving Jesus. (Answers will vary).
5. John 1:14 reminds us of another passage of Scripture, Philippians 2:5-11. These verses show us the incredible humility of Christ. Does this passage convict you? How can this passage encourage you?



## **ACTION STEP**

The word “dwelt” has been understood to mean a rough translation of “took up residence”. Let’s consider this: Jesus took up residence by moving into the neighborhood. He did this so he could take on our sin in order that we could become the righteousness of God.

We are saved to be sent. Therefore, if there is still breath in your lungs, you who are in Christ are part of the rescue team. Who is God calling you to share the good news with? This week, pray for the courage to share the gospel with your #onemore and invite them to sit with you at a specific time and date to hear our new “Bridges” series! Share with the group who you will invite.

