

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 2: AUGUST 15 & 18

LEADER INFO:

Serve during a Disciple Group sign-up weekend! It's a great way to meet new people and invite them to join your group. Click [HERE](#) to sign up. The link will direct you to the disciple group leaders page of CCB. Click the "NEEDS" tab to view the opportunities at all campuses.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Special Needs Ministry Serve Opportunity

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.

NEW! Daniel Fast

We prepare for Saturated with church-wide Daniel Fast. Fasting is a way to say "no" to our flesh and "yes" to more time with Jesus. Our prayer throughout our Daniel Fast is to seek the manifest presence of God at Saturated. His presence will bring revival in our church and our community. Check out danielfasting.com for recipes, a meal plan, grocery list and more.

August 19-September 10

NEW! Baptism Classes

The Church of Eleven22 celebrates surrendering our lives to Jesus with believers baptism, a public proclamation of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. If you'd like to take the next step and get baptized, come to an upcoming baptism class!

August 22-September 8 | after every service

Learn more at coe22.com/baptism

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 1:1-34

Tuesday - John 3:22-36

Wednesday - Isaiah 40:1-5

Thursday - Matthew 5:17-20

Friday - Romans 8:1-11

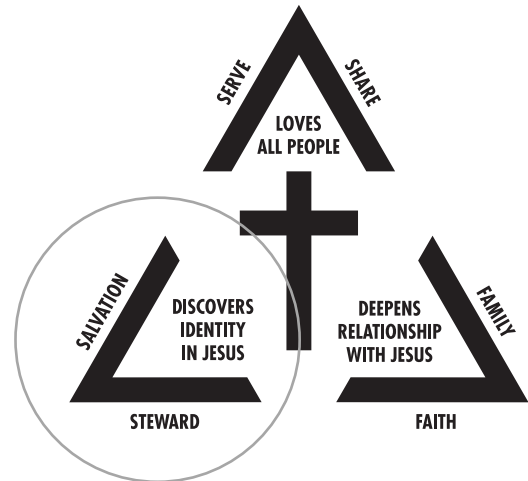
Saturday - Hebrews 10:1-18



BRIDGES - WEEK 2: BRIDGING RELIGION

THE POINT: RELIGION SAYS THAT IF YOU OBEY, THEN YOU WILL BELONG. THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE (THE GOSPEL) SAYS THAT "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN THE SON HAS ETERNAL LIFE."

TEXTS: JOHN 1:5-8, 15-34, 3:22-26



Have you submitted your life to THE Bridge for eternal life? Are you trusting in the one and only way to bridge the gap from sinful man to a Holy God? If so, then who do you know that is still trying to make their own way to God apart from Jesus Christ? Consider how you can use the bridges of Jacksonville to explain the gospel to your #ONEMORE.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read John 1:5-8 and 1:15-34 out loud.

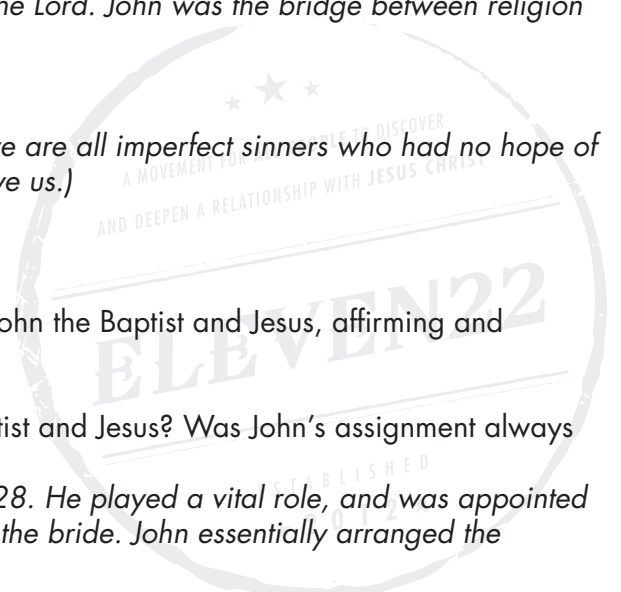
Week 2 of the Bridges series refers to the Fuller Warren Bridge, where the foundation had to be redone as the pylons were put in wrong (i.e., we have to build the foundation right before building up). Maybe it's symbolic that a hospital stands at the foot of the Fuller Warren. Could that represent the church, THE place of great healing? In the sermon we learned about the bridge between the Old and New Testaments, and the role that John the Baptist played in making the connection.

1. What do these verses teach us about Jesus and our relationship with Him?
(Verse 1:5 says "the light shines in the darkness." Light stands for God's blessing, presence and revelation that is incarnate in Jesus. He entered this dark world to give it spiritual light. He is Life and Light. We are "in the dark," and dependent on Jesus for eternal life. When we accept Him, we are "sons of light.")
2. In what way was John the Baptist the bridge between the Old Testament Law of Moses and the New Testament truth and grace realized through Jesus?
(John was the voice whose work was directly focused on bringing people to faith in Jesus. He fulfilled Isaiah 40:3, calling people to make straight the way of the Lord. John was the bridge between religion and a relationship.)
3. Why did we need the covenantal bridge?
(The impasse was impossible without the bridge. Since we are all imperfect sinners who had no hope of upholding the law, Jesus came on a rescue mission to save us.)

Have someone read John 3:22-36 out loud.

In these verses we learn about the relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus, affirming and confirming it's still all about Jesus.

4. What exactly was the relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus? Was John's assignment always easy or straightforward for him?
(John emphasizes that he was sent before Jesus in verse 28. He played a vital role, and was appointed to arrange the preliminaries of the bridegroom receiving the bride. John essentially arranged the wedding and presided at the wedding feast.)



5. How can each of us utilize the wisdom shared in this passage when sharing our testimony?
(Remember, it's all about Jesus! We can learn to explain how John the Baptist was the bridge between the old covenant and the new covenant. This will help people who are coming to know Christ understand the relationship between the Old and New Testaments.)

ACTION STEP

How would you answer the question, "Who are you?" as the Pharisees' asked John the Baptist. What is your role in pointing people to Jesus? Do you need to change anything in this regard in light of Pastor Joby's sermon?

