

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 3: AUGUST 22 & 25

LEADER INFO:

Groups officially start meeting again on Monday, September 16. Use the week before Saturated to gather as a group at your home campus. Saturated could be a launch pad into a trimester of revival and deepening in your group.

Come and find out!

NEW curriculum format coming – stay tuned

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Baptism Classes - Now through September 8 – after every service

The Church of Eleven22 celebrates surrendering our lives to Jesus with a public proclamation of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior through believer's baptism. If you're interested in getting baptized, come to a baptism class! Learn more at coe22.com/baptism.

Upper Room - September 6, September 20, October 1 – 7:00pm

(light dinner at 6:15pm) A night of communion and worship to celebrate what Christ has done for us and what He is doing through us because He is the ONE thing that drives everything in our lives. *Childcare available for 0-5th grade.*

RSVP for the date and campus you'd like to attend at coe22.com/upperroom.

Saturated 2019 - September 11 to 15

Our annual event when we anticipate the manifest presence of God to bring revival in our lives individually and as a church body. We want to create an environment to draw close to Jesus and experience revival. Speakers from all over the country will bring the Word expectant for God to move in mighty ways.

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 11:1-44

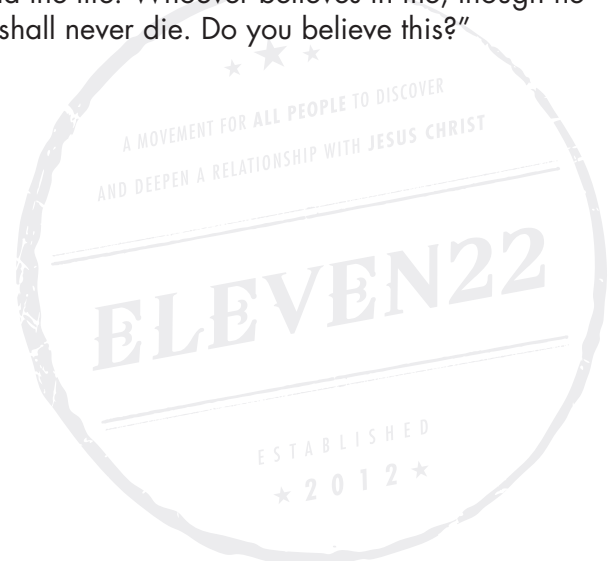
Tuesday - James 1:2-4

Wednesday - John 16:25-33

Thursday - Matthew 11:25-30

Friday - 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

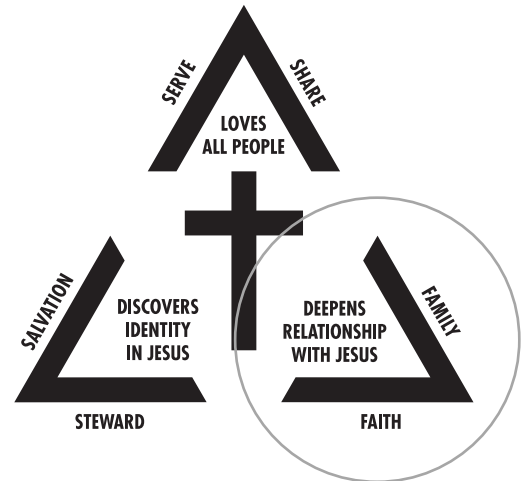
Saturday - Revelation 21:1-8



BRIDGES - WEEK 3: BRIDGING PAIN AND SORROW

THE POINT: EMOTIONS ARE A GIFT FROM GOD GIVEN TO US TO NAVIGATE LIFE. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT RULED BY EMOTIONS. WE ARE RULED BY JESUS.

TEXTS: JOHN 11:1-44



*What are you learning about Jesus that helps you navigate life?
What have you learned lately that changes who you are at work,
home or in your community?*

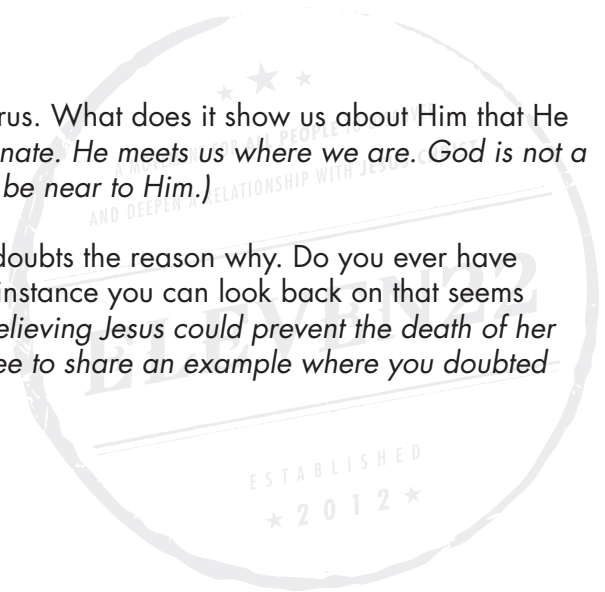
TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read John 11:1-27 out loud. Feel free to take turns reading one verse at a time.

1. John makes a point by mentioning Jesus' love for Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Why is it important in the context of this account for us to know this? *(Jesus acts from a place of love, not control. At first glance, He may not appear loving as He delays coming to their "rescue" but ultimately, His love demonstrates the glory of God. Additionally, He shows how love overcomes all fear by going to a place that has not been safe for Him or the disciples.)*
2. Re-read verses 21-27. Jesus states, "I am the resurrection and the life." What does this mean? How does it change the way a believer navigates the world? *(We have an ultimate hope. Jesus is the source and power that will resurrect those who have believed on the day of judgment. While this does not prevent the pain of loss for Martha and Mary, it does comfort them in their mourning. Jesus is the way to eternal life and yet in Him, we find true life as we were designed to be.)*
3. Do you find yourself dwelling on the circumstances of your life instead of the direction of your life? *(Share as you feel led.)*

Have someone read John 11:28-44 out loud.

4. Jesus is deeply moved by Mary and those mourning Lazarus. What does it show us about Him that He wept alongside them? *(It shows us that Jesus is compassionate. He meets us where we are. God is not a god that requires us to clean up our feelings or actions to be near to Him.)*
5. When Jesus asks that the stone be moved away, Martha doubts the reason why. Do you ever have things happen where you can relate to this? Any specific instance you can look back on that seems clearer now than it did before? *(Martha had no trouble believing Jesus could prevent the death of her brother but doubts he could be raised back to life. Feel free to share an example where you doubted God could come through.)*



6. Why is it important that Jesus does not discourage the weeping over Lazarus? How can you practically allow your emotions to help you navigate life instead of rule your life? *(To tell someone to stop feeling will only push those feelings down and will not help them heal. This may be why Jesus allows those around Him to weep. Acknowledging your emotions without making snap decisions because of them can teach you self control over time.)*

ACTION STEP

Have you ever been disappointed in God? What do you do when He doesn't respond as you hoped? Are you more like Martha who went out to meet Jesus with a possible accusatory tone? Or are you more like Mary who remained isolated until Jesus called for her, then ran to Him and fell weeping at His feet? Jesus can handle all of our emotions including the messy ones. Why does this make such a difference in helping us know how to go to Jesus for comfort?

