



WEEK 2 - APRIL 16 & 19

LEADER INFO:

- Please be taking attendance every week through Connect22.
- If group is full (25 cap for men’s and women’s groups; 26 cap for mixed groups), please send email to disciplegroups@coe22.com.
- Please contact new people when they sign up for your group.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Continue the Year of Prayer with the 731 Challenge and specifically be praying this week for our Women’s Costa Rica Mission Trip! They are on mission in Jaco, Costa Rica now until April 24th!

*Start Collecting Food!! Partner with us on May 14 and 17 as we come alongside Feed Northeast Florida to love our city through food donations! We also need you to serve at one of these services to help sort food. This is a great way for your whole group to serve together! Sign up at coe22.com/giveloveatry.

*Beach Baptism June 7th! Sign up to serve at coe22.com/giveloveatry.

*Gather Your Best Stuff!! The CoE22 Thrift Store, **Hope’s Closet**, is now taking clothing and shoe donations. Two donation bins are located in front of the church for dropoff at any time.

TEXTS: 1 John 1:5-10, Matthew 5:13-16

ACTION STEP FOLLOW UP (5 MINUTES)

Last Week: Write down the name of the person you will share a CoE22 invite, your story, or the Gospel with this week.

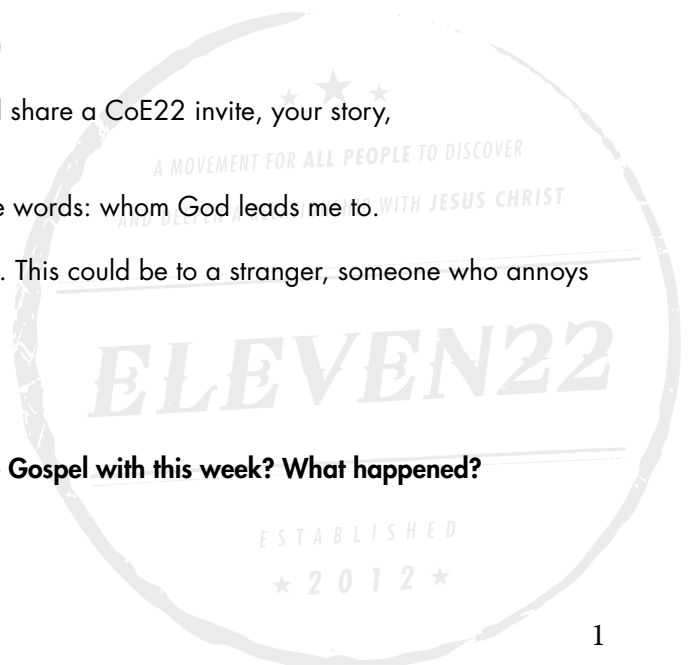
If you don’t have a name to write down, write down the words: whom God leads me to. *WITH JESUS CHRIST*

Pray for an opportunity and trust where Jesus leads you. This could be to a stranger, someone who annoys you, or even someone who has wronged you.

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTION

1. Who did you share a CoE22 invite, your story, or the Gospel with this week? What happened?

THE RECAP (10 MINUTES)



In week 2 of Give Love a Try Pastor Joby taught on 1 John 1:5-10 and the fact that ALL people are in need of the Savior Jesus Christ. God cannot and will not tolerate sin because He is perfectly holy and just. He is also perfectly good and gives us the gift of life through faith in Christ. It is impossible for us to be perfect, so God sent His perfect Son to take our place on the cross in order that we would be forgiven and cleansed. Our identity is not based on performance, but it is rooted in Christ and what He has done for us. In the process of sanctification we become more like Christ by walking in the light of God and fellowshiping with Him.

QUESTIONS (FROM THE WEEKEND SERMON)

1. What stood out to you in the sermon?

BIG IDEA

How do I surrender my life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

Admit that you are a sinner.

Believe that when Jesus died on the cross that it counted for you.

Confess Jesus as your Lord.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read 1 John 1:5-7 out loud.

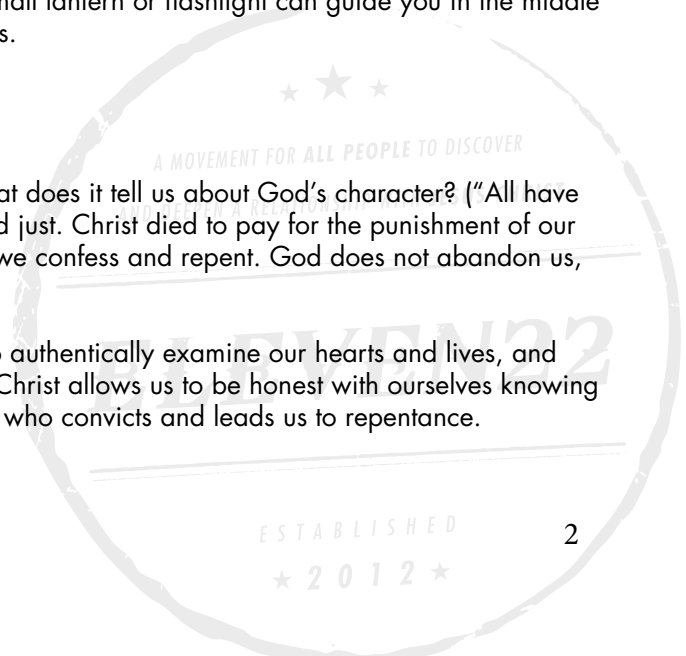
1. What stands out to you in the comparison between light and darkness in this passage?
2. What is fellowship with God? (To abide in God through Christ in living and spiritual union.)
3. What is hypocrisy? (Claiming fellowship with God while walking in darkness.)
4. Where have you seen your own hypocrisy?

If you have ever turned over a stone you know that gross things grow in the dark. When we don't live in fellowship with God we walk in the darkness and in that darkness is where our hearts are shackled to sin. Darkness is the absence of light, however when you flick on the light switch in a dark room you see that the light instantly floods and overpowers the darkness. A small lantern or flashlight can guide you in the middle of a dark forest because light always conquers darkness.

Have someone read 1 John 1:8-10 out loud.

5. What does this Scripture tell us about mankind? What does it tell us about God's character? ("All have sinned and fall short"- Romans 3:23. God is faithful and just. Christ died to pay for the punishment of our sins and it is through Christ that we are forgiven when we confess and repent. God does not abandon us, but is faithful to His covenant with His people.)

Walking in fellowship with God gives us the freedom to authentically examine our hearts and lives, and deal with the sin we continue to live in. Our identity in Christ allows us to be honest with ourselves knowing that God promised us the Holy Spirit and He is the one who convicts and leads us to repentance.



6. Where in your life do you need to be honest with yourself and with God? Where in your life do you need to confess and repent?

Remember that the Creator of the Universe wants to fellowship with YOU, and through the blood of Christ you are given the ability to walk in the light and expose your heart without fear. There is so much freedom found in real and brutally honest conversations with God.

Have someone read Matthew 5:13-16 out loud.

Jesus proclaims that Christians are the salt of the earth because they should be the ones with the most flavor and vigor to show the love and Truth of Christ through good works. Salt is used to season and preserve, and when the good works of Christians are done out of fellowship with God, the Gospel of Jesus transforms and sustains lives. In the same breath, In Matthew 5, Jesus also proclaims that Christians are the light of the world.

7. Why is it important for Christians to be the light of the world? (God is Light and Jesus was the “light to the Gentiles” (Isaiah 42:6), and through the Holy Spirit we are given the power and authority to carry on the light of Christ to the rest of the world. Our good works should never be for our own glory but for the glory of God.)

8. How does the light within us manifest itself to the world? (When the light is in us, we progressively show the Fruit of the Spirit to the world. - Ephesians 5:22-23)

MOMENT OF TRUTH: “Remember: He WANTS your fellowship, and He has done everything possible to make it a reality. He has forgiven your sins, at the cost of His own dear Son. He has given you His Word, and the priceless privilege of prayer and worship.” – Billy Graham

LOCAL PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: BEAM

BEAM, or Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry, helps people in the Jacksonville Beach, Atlantic Beach/Mayport, Neptune Beach, and Ponte Vedra Beach communities that are in need of the basic necessities of life. Their mission is to keep families in their homes and help them become self-sufficient.

Visit coe22.com/missions/local-partners to contact BEAM to sign your group up to serve!

Sign up for Covenant Membership!

The next membership opportunity will be a two-class series held on May 2 and 9. It is required to attend both classes. Childcare is available. **Visit to coe22.com/membership** to sign up.

