



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

As for Me and My House
Week 1: Singleness and Dating
September 14-17, 2023

LEADER NOTES: **Fall trimester:** 8/28-12/10 **New Leader Trainings:** 12/10 in person and 12/18 on Zoom.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As For Me and My House Devotionals: Staff written devotionals for each topic in this series. Text HOUSE to 441122.

1825 Connect Night, Sunday, September 24 at 7:00pm, San Pablo Campus, Auditorium A: This is an opportunity for 18-25 year-olds to build community, engage in discipleship and be equipped.

Vision Night, October 1, 5:30pm at all campuses (except St. Johns): Join us for a night of worship and vision as Pastor Joby shares where we are going in the 10:10 life. Family dinner at 5:30pm, event begins at 6pm. Childcare available for 0-5th grade.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

SERMON TEXT: *Song of Solomon 2:8-17*

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There is no pressure to get through all the questions; we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **What did God reveal to you in the scriptures (*Song of Solomon 2:8-17*) this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Discover:** Pastor Josh shared that a blessing brought too early is a curse. In what areas of your life right now are you waiting on a blessing that seems to be taking too long?
Deepen: What is God working out in you while you wait for that blessing?
- **Discover:** What three things should you limit while you're in the infatuation stage of a relationship? *(Limit your time together; don't disappear from your other relationships. Limit your talk - don't say everything on the first date, build a spiritual friendship first. Limit your touch - the moment you cross the line as a couple your lustful emotions may take over and it's hard to go back.)*
Deepen: What's the difference between infatuation and a real, deep relationship?
- **Discover:** How do we see intimacy portrayed differently in our culture and in scripture? *(Intimacy is transparency. It's letting your spouse know who you really are. Intimacy isn't romance, but romance is a byproduct of intimacy.)*
Deepen: How do you pursue intimacy in all seasons of relationships? *(Intimacy cannot be left unattended and must be intentional to produce the deep relationships that all of us have been created to want.)*
- **Discover:** What are the five ways to protect your purity that Pastor Turner outlined? *(1. Set your standards up front. 2. Don't put yourself in compromising places. 3. Keep four feet on the floor. 4. Keep everything buttoned, latched and zipped. 5. Keep your tongue in your own mouth for as long as you can. Kissing isn't a sin but be careful.)*
Deepen: How does protecting purity in any season of relationship bring glory to God? *(Practicing purity is preparation for marriage, a covenant relationship and a reflection of Christ's commitment to us as His church. Practicing the fruit of the Spirit of self-control demonstrates we trust God's timing and provision. It helps us submit our desires of the flesh to Jesus and shows we believe His Way is better than our way.)*

- ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

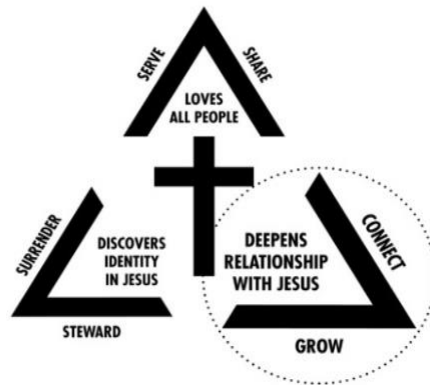
Pastor Turner defined intimacy in a relationship as transparency, where you let each know who you really are.

Schedule some time this week with your spouse or with the person you're dating, or with a friend, to have a deep conversation to pursue that type of intimacy.

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