

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

As for Me and My House Week 2: Parents September 21/24, 2023

LEADER NOTES: **Fall trimester:** August 28 – December 10 **New Leader Trainings:** December 10 in person and December 18 on Zoom.

Leader Podcast Now on Spotify: You can listen to every episode of *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less* on Spotify.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Serve Opportunity: Sign up as a disciple group to serve in one of our 10:10 Life initiatives. <u>Click here to learn more and register.</u>

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

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 Initiative. Family dinner is at 5:30pm and the event begins at 6pm. Childcare is 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: Exodus 2:11-15; Acts 7:17-30; Hebrews 11:23-26; Proverbs 4:1

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 (Exodus 2:11-15) this week, maybe for the first time?
- Read Hebrews 11:23-26.
 - Discover: How did Moses know his identity was with God and not with Pharoh? (His mom and dad poured the word of God into him during his imprinting stage, 0-8 years. Never underestimate the impact of a parent's Godly education.)
 - **Deepen:** How are you imprinting the word of God on your children or the children you have influence with?
- Discover: During the impression period of childhood (ages 8-14), the children you have influence with are watching what you do more than listening to what you say. How are you, and how are you not, living out Monday through Saturday with what you hear for two hours on Sunday?

 Deepen: The coaching period of childhood is ages 15 and up. How are you using the word, your relationship with Jesus and your actions to get them ready to play the game of life? How are you letting them fail so they can learn?
- Read Acts 7:23-25.
- Discover: Why did God have Moses wait 80 years before calling him to lead God's people out of Egypt? (Dr. Brunson talked about seven things that can ruin God working in your life: 1. Acting out of passion, not Godly principles. 2. Moving in your time, not God's time. 3. Trying to force open a door God hasn't opened yet. 4. Trying to do things your way, not God's way. 5. Taking your own counsel and not going to God for wise counsel. 6. Operating out of a personal agenda, rather than a Godly directive. 7. Using your human strength, not Godly wisdom. Moses was doing all of these things. Maybe God is waiting for you to trust Him and obey Him before you can walk in what He has for you.)
 - Deepen: Share when God's timing for your children was different than what you and your children may have wanted. What was the result? If you don't have children, share when God's timing for your life wasn't what you'd hoped for. (We all have plans and timelines for ourselves and the children we care about. But times of spiritual dryness and trials might be God's training ground preparing you for His plans for your life.)
- Discover: Moses killed a man and ran away for 40 years. But he eventually heard the voice of God and obeyed. How did Moses's parents help him hear God's voice? (Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." If you do this, your children will be able to hear and recognize the voice of God over the noise of the world.)
 - **Deepen:** How do you hear God's voice and how do you help the children you have influence with hear it?

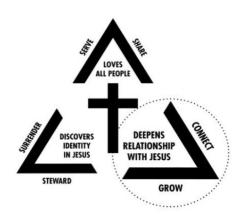
ACTION STEP

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

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Make an age-appropriate plan for what actions you can take this week to train up the children you have influence over in the way they should go.

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