

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE Live Abundantly Week 2: Abundant Marriage October 12 - 15, 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 <u>Leading Well in 7 Minutes or</u> <u>Less on Spotify</u>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We're Hiring: If you'd like to join our team at The Church of Eleven22, The Retreat Center or Hope's Closet, we invite you to <u>view our open roles</u> and see if there is one where your skills, talents and passions meet. This month's highlight is: <u>Accountant</u>.

Serve Opportunity: Hadassah's Hope is committed to serving women in the adult entertainment industry through the love and hope of Jesus. Thanks to God, this ministry has expanded to support the needs of women from all walks of life with diverse languages and cultures. There's a great opportunity for women who speak Spanish to volunteer on the Outreach Team. For more information, please reach out to <u>Shawn@hhjax.com</u> To sign up, visit <u>hadassahshopejax.com</u>.

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

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

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

The Point: It's one step at a time to disaster – direction not intention determines destination.

SERMON TEXT: Proverbs 5, 6:20-7:27; John 8:1-11

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.

During this series we will have videos with stories of people living the abundant life. Please show them at the beginning of your disciple group each week. <u>Week 2 Video.</u>

- What stood out to you in the sermon this week?
- What did God reveal to you in the Scriptures (*Proverbs 1:1-7*) this week, maybe for the first time?

Leaders: Please use your discretion as to whether you want to separate into men's and women's discussion groups to answer any of these questions.

Review and discuss the following questions from page 86 in the Abundant Life Journal that was passed out during service:

- Read Proverbs 7:1-5 again. What does it tell us about God's commandments and teachings? How can you treasure them?
- Where is there disunity in your marriage? If you are not married, which of the world's standards of marriage are you believing over the Lord's?
- Where do you need to flee sexual immorality and pursue reconciliation in your relationships?
- Read Proverbs 7:6-27. Direction not intention determines your destination. Sin rarely happens all at once. It's the result of many decisions.
 Discover: What steps led the young man to sexual immorality?
 Deepen: At what points could he have repented, changed direction and turned around before his decisions led to sin?
- Discover: How can you identify the "corners" in your life? (Stay in the word. Memorize scriptures that speak to your specific temptations. Develop deep friendships with people who love you enough to point out when you're going the wrong way.)

Deepen: What do you do to turn the right way at the corners? (When you're on the wrong path or at the end of the wrong path described in these scriptures you can repent - change your mind. Turn to a new path. Flee. Break up. Call it off. Remember, if you don't want to fall down, don't walk in slippery places. Confess your sin and be forgiven through Christ.)

Love is about serving. Lust is about taking.
 <u>Married couples</u>: How are you serving and how are you taking?
 <u>Singles</u>: In your current or past relationships, how are/were you serving and taking?

<u>ACTION STEP</u>

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

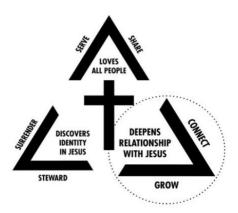
- 1. Confessing is telling the truth. Come to Jesus and tell Him the truth about your sexual immorality and receive His grace.
- 2. Read Romans 8:1 out loud over yourself and commit to memorizing it this week.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Family Time

Take time every day this week to pray with your spouse concerning the purity of your children. Speak God's Word over them and ask the Lord to help you have age-appropriate conversations with your children regarding gender, dating, marriage and sex.

- **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to <u>coe22.com/rightnowmedia</u> or text "RightNow" to 441122. (*Note: You'll need to login or create an account to view RightNow Media content.*)
- Details on the 10:10 Life are available at coe22.com/1010life.



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