



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Live Abundantly

Week 3: Abundant Friendships

October 19 - 22, 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: 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 Shawn@hhjax.com. To sign up, visit hadassahshopejax.com.

Serve Opportunity: Sign up as a disciple group to serve in one of our 10:10 Life initiatives. [Click here to learn more and register](#).

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 [view our open roles](#) and see if there is one where your skills, talents and passions meet. This month's highlight is: [Accountant](#).

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

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

The Point: You were wired for relationships.

SERMON TEXT: *John 15:12-15; Genesis 1:1-31, 2:18, 20:26-27; Proverbs 3:27-29, 4:14-15, 8:35-36, 11:25, 13:20, 14:7, 18:2, 22:24-25, 23:19-21, 24:21-22, 25:17, 26:20*

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. [Week 2 Video.](#)

- What stood out to you in the sermon this week?
- What did God reveal to you in the Scriptures (*John 15:15*) this week, maybe for the first time?

Review and discuss the following questions from page 92 in the Abundant Life Journal that was passed out during service:

- Why is it so profound when Jesus calls us “friends?”
- How have you experienced Jesus’s friendship? How have you experienced it through the body of believers?
- What needs to change for you to have close friendships with wise, godly people?
- Share a time you felt lonely and a time you felt connected in deep friendships with others. What made the difference and how did that impact your life?
- **Discover:** What are the friendship qualities that Proverbs says we should seek out and avoid? (*Seek out people who are: safe, 3:29, loyal, 26:20 generous, 3:27-28, 11:25, have healthy boundaries, 25:17, 8:35-36, love Jesus, John 15:12-15. Avoid people who are: wicked, 4:14-15, foolish 14:7, 13:20, 18:2, quick to anger, 22:24-25, given to excess, 23:19-21, perpetually discontented, 24:21-22.*)
Deepen: How does the Holy Spirit help us intentionally practice or avoid these qualities in our friendships?
- **Discover:** God redeems broken things and He almost always uses people to do it. Who has God used in your life to help your loneliness and brokenness?
Deepen: If God has a plan to use you to help someone with their loneliness and brokenness, who would that be? Consider how God might be calling you to act in a redemptive way.

ACTION STEP

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

Go to coe22.com/connect to learn more about how to take a next step towards being in discipleship relationships.

Read Matthew 5:23-24. Where do you have a friendship relationship that needs healing? Commit this week to go first by reaching out to that friend in love and forgiveness. Consider how God may be calling you to act in a redemptive way.

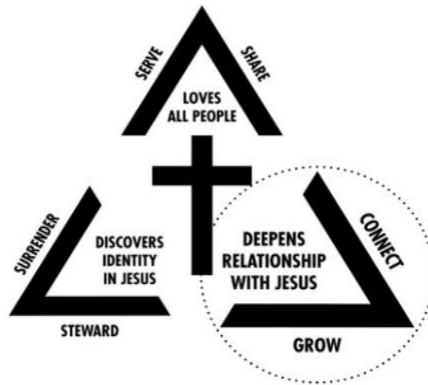
Family Time

Have everyone in your family write down a list of 10 attributes that they want in a friend and share the list with each other. Talk about how Jesus exemplifies perfect friendship and how each person in the family has experienced that friendship. Then talk about different friends in your lives that are blessings and why.

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- Details on the 10:10 Life are available at coe22.com/1010life.



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