

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Live Abundantly
Week 5: Abundant Treasure
November 2 - 5, 2023

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

New Episode of Leading Well in 7 minutes or Less: Spotify. Google Drive. (I will add the links later today.) Cayela Moody on how your disciple group can be God's hands and feet by lovingly wrapping around a foster care family. You can listen to every episode on Spotify.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Humble Harvest, December 2: Help those in need receive items at the Humble Harvest. This event is similar to a free garage sale that is hosted at our Mandarin campus to bless those in need this Christmas season! For more information, contact loriaibach@gmail.com.

Christmas Toy Drive, November 26 – December 15: Hope's Closet, Eleven22 Kids and Family Support Services of NE Florida are hosting a Christmas Toy Drive to benefit children in foster care and beyond. Get involved by bringing NEW toys to the marked collection bins in the Eleven22 Kids lobbies at all campuses or either of the Hope's Closet locations. For more information and a list of toys needed, visit coe22.com/localmission.

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

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

The Point: God is first. We bring to God our first and best because He first loved us by giving His best in Jesus Christ.

SERMON TEXT: Genesis 1:1, 4:6-7; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 23:1; Proverbs 3:1-10, 11:24-28; Malachi 3:7-9; Matthew 6:19-21, 24, 33; John 1:1, 3:16; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Colossians 1:15-18; 1 John 4:10

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 5 Video.

- What stood out to you in the sermon this week?
- What did God reveal to you in the Scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?

Have people in your group take turns reading these verses: Genesis 1:1, 4:6-7; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 23:1; Proverbs 3:1-10, 11:24-28; Malachi 3:7-9; Matthew 6:19-21, 24, 33; John 1:1, 3:16; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Colossians 1:15-18; 1 John 4:10

- What do these scriptures tell us about God's character? (God is never confused, never tired and never surprised. He never changes. He's never second. He will be first as your Judge or Savior.)
- Pastor Joby shared three truths about God. 1: God is First. 2: Because God is first, He loves first and goes first. 3: What you do with your money (first fruits) displays and directs your heart.

 What does it mean to give God your first fruits and why does He want that? (Giving your first and best is the only way to give by faith. Abel gave his first fruits out of faith and love. Cain gave leftovers. God doesn't do seconds or leftovers.)
- Share how you have experienced God's goodness and faithfulness through giving.

Review and discuss the following questions from page 104 in the Abundant Life Journal that was passed out during service:

- What does generosity or lack thereof reveal about our hearts?
- What or who are you putting your security in apart from Christ? What is that false security producing in your life?
- What is the Good Shepherd telling you to do that you are not doing? Why not? What are you afraid
 of?

ACTION STEP

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

Read *Proverbs 11:24-28*. Take what God has shown you through your time in His Word and reflecting on the questions above and apply it to your life this week.

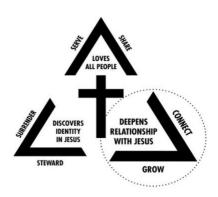
Continue in your commitment to the 10:10 Life Discipleship Journey, add to it, or join in if you are new! God does not NEED anything from you, but He does WANT you to experience His abundant love.

Family Time: Gather as a family and pray over the commitment you have made as a part of this 10:10 Life Discipleship Journey.

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



Go to coe22.com/resources/discipleship-journey/ and click "Download Tool" to download or print a discipleship journey tool with questions for you to ask yourself and others. Please share the link and directions with others in your group.