



## DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Tetelestai Week 1: Father, Forgive Them  
February 15 & 18, 2024

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**LEADER NOTES:** **New Leader Trainings:** May 19 in-person and May 20 on Zoom; **Spring trimester:** January 22–May 6; **Summer trimester:** June 3–July 28; **Fall trimester:** 8/19–12/8.

**Leader Podcast - *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less*:** You can listen to every episode on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**NEW: IF:2024 Women's Conference – February 23 & February 24, San Pablo Campus, \$15, No Cost for College Students:** A chance to gather. A reason to celebrate. A moment to refocus on our mission to go make disciples because we know our time on earth is short. [Click here for more details and to register.](#)

**Fasting – Wednesdays through March 7:** Fasting is a way to say “no” to our flesh and “yes” to more time with Jesus. We'll be fasting from sun-up until sun-down. [Click here for the fasting guide.](#)

**Hour of Prayer – Wednesdays through March 7, 7-8am and 12-1pm:** Our campuses will be open to create space for you to draw near to the Lord. (*Arlington, Baymeadows, Fleming Island, Jesup\*, Mandarin, North Jax, Orange Park, San Pablo* \*Hour of Prayer is available at our Jesup campus from 12-1pm only.)

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THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/readingplan](https://coe22.com/readingplan)

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

**The Point:** Jesus came to save sinners.

**Sermon Text:** *Matthew 1:21, 20:28; Luke 19:1-10, 23:26-34; John 3:16-17, 12:27; Romans 3:25*

## 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.

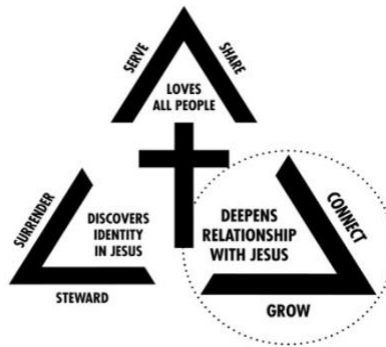
- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **Read *Luke 19:1-10, 23:26-34*. What did God reveal to you in the Scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**  
*Discover: Who is the “them”? (All of us. The longer you have been saved, the easier it is to forget. You are a sinner who needs a savior. You can’t simultaneously look down your nose at others and lift up your eyes to the cross.)*  
*Deepen: Why is this the first thing Jesus says? (Jesus came to SAVE. He died in your place. That was His primary purpose. See Matthew 1:21, 20:28; John 3:16-17.)*
- *Discover: Jesus saw sinners and had compassion on them, even while suffering on the cross. What is your natural reaction when you see “sinners being sinners,” grumbling, anger, offense, pride, compassion? (In our flesh, it can be easy to react with condemnation. Consider what your social media algorithm and the content of your conversations reveal about how you judge others.)*  
*Deepen: How can you be more like Jesus when you see “sinners”? (Remember: you are “them” and yet Jesus forgave all your sins. Pray for the Holy Spirit to soften your heart and give you the eyes of Jesus. Pray for the people your flesh is condemning.)*
- **What are the three reasons Jesus had to die for you to be forgiven?** *(Because of God’s justice, all sin must be paid for. Because of God’s mercy, the payment was delayed. Because of God’s grace, He made the payment. Jesus didn’t just die **for** you, He died **instead** of you. Everyone who believes in Jesus, not just the “good” church people, **everyone** who believes, is saved. Our job is to be sent by Jesus with that message of Salvation. See Romans 3:25.)*
- **What does the story of Zacchaeus show us about how Jesus pursues sinners?** *(Zacchaeus thought he was seeking Jesus, but it was Jesus who planted that desire in him. Zacchaeus was a corrupt tax collector for the Romans. He was seen as one of the worst sinners in town and still Jesus pursued him. He called Zacchaeus by name, received him joyfully, ate dinner with him and saved him. Jesus came for all, even you. No matter what you’ve done or been through, Jesus calls you by name and wants to receive you joyfully and take you from death to eternal life.)*
- **How is Jesus pursuing you and how are you pursuing Him in this season of Lent?**

## ACTION STEP

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

Pray about how Jesus is calling you to prepare for Easter and commit to doing that over the next 40 days.

- **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to [coe22.com/rightnowmedia](http://coe22.com/rightnowmedia) or text "RightNow" to 441122.  
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