

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Tetelestai Week 4: Woman, Behold Your Son March 7 & 10, 2024

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW: Equipping Conversations in Your Disciple Group: Our Equipping Ministry teachers are available to come to your Disciple Group to teach a session on apologetics, interpreting scripture, prayer, healing the heart, ways to create your testimony, how to disciple your family and more. <u>Click here for descriptions and to register</u>.

Fasting – Wednesdays through March 27: 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. <u>Click here for the fasting guide</u>.

Hour of Prayer – Wednesdays through March 27, 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.)

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

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

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:48, 6:9, 20:28; Luke 2:25-35; John 3:16; 5:30; 19:23-27, 21:25; Galatians 2:20; 1

Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 1:3; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:22

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.

- Read *John 19:23-27.* What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?
- What's the difference between how the Romans and Jews tried to get God's approval and what Christians believe? (The Romans and Jews believed you had to earn God's approval through doing enough good works to cover your sin. Some religions believe good luck will do it. The Gospel says it's not good works or good luck, God loves us because God is good and a good father!)
- Discover: What made the idea of God as your perfect heavenly father a revolutionary idea? (There is no other religion or ideology in the world with a God who wants to have a relationship with his people. That is exclusive to Jesus Christ and to God the Father. God doesn't just want to be appeased he wants to be known. Jesus doesn't offer a religion; He offers you a relationship with God.)
 Deepen: Jesus described God as our heavenly father. What does that say about God's character? (God love us. He's the perfect father. He doesn't want anything from us but wants everything for us. He is willing to do for us that which we cannot do for ourselves.)
- Discover: If you have one, share a story about your earthly parent modeling godliness. How did that impact your faith? If you don't have a good, earthly father, share how God has been a good father to you (See Psalm 68:5.)
 Deepen: How does the model of God our father help you parent your children? How does it frame your approach and relationship with your spouse, family members and friends? (As parents we can point to Jesus each day. We can follow what 1 Corinthians 11:1 says, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." We can never be perfect like Jesus, but we obey Him because He loves us, and we love Him. (See Matthew 5:48.) We can seek His will. (See John 5:30.))
- Share what it means for you to have a personal relationship with Jesus. (It means believing in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. It means spending time with Jesus through His Word, the Holy Spirit and prayer. It means abiding in Jesus. God wants to be most known as a Father. How does this change or further draw you into a relationship with Him? When you see God as your Father, how does that change your perspective and the way you approach Him?)
- Discover: Read John 19:25-27. While dying on the cross, Jesus still took the time to make sure his earthly mother would be cared for. How does that encourage you? (Jesus cared deeply for his mother. So deeply that during his own unimaginable suffering, he sees his mom and says "Mom, it's going to be ok, you can trust me." He cares about you just as much. Moms are important in what they do for families and what they do for the Kingdom. The church has been advancing since the resurrection until today on the prayers, faithfulness and godly leadership of women.)
 - Deepen: Why did Jesus command John to take care of Mary instead of one of Mary's sons? (Jesus's brothers weren't believers yet. Jesus wanted someone who believed in Him as their Lord and Savior to take care of his mother. Blood ties us together the blood of Jesus. His blood ties us together more than biological blood does. The people in your disciple group, and all believers are your family. (See Matthew 12:48-50.))

ACTION STEP

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

If you can, call your mom and tell her how much you love her.

What are some practical rhythms, practices, daily interactions you can do to set the table for your kids (or whatever young people you pour into) to love God and accept Him as their Lord and Savior?

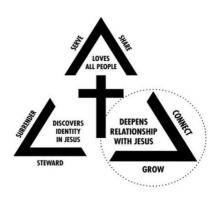
What are some practical steps you can take to foster an environment of loving God and obeying what He says in your home?

Begin implementing these this week.

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