



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Galatians Week 5: As Iron Sharpens Iron
May 2 & 5, 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.

NEW EPISODE: Leader Podcast - *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less*: S2 E1: St. Johns Discipleship Minister Matt Didway on the WHY of disciple groups and what to say in that first phone call with a pending member. Available on [Spotify](#) and [Apple](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW: Marriage Mentors: The Church of Eleven22 has trained marriage mentor couples who care deeply about seeing marriages be all that God intended them to be. If you are passionate about impacting marriages and interested in becoming an Eleven22 marriage mentor couple, please email jessica.talacki@coe22.com.

Equipping You to Fight for the Unborn, a 10:10 Life Seminar: Friday, May 17, 7pm, San Pablo campus: Kyle Thompson, founder of the podcast “Undaunted Life,” will teach us on how to engage the most common pro-abortion arguments. Our local mission partners will be there to discuss next steps and help you get involved in the unborn initiative of the 10:10 Life. [Click here for more information and to sign up.](#)

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

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

Sermon Text: *Proverbs 27:5-6; Matthew 7:1-6, 18:15-17; Luke 10:27; Acts 10; Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 5:12; Galatians 1:10, 2:11-14; 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 2:9*

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.

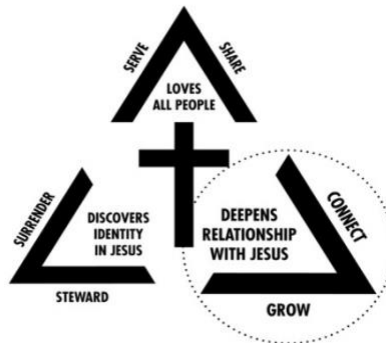
- **Read *Galatians 2:11-14* & *Matthew 18:15-17*. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?**
- **Share what you saw God do at Beach Baptism.**
- **Share a time where you acted against your values because you were around a certain group of people and a time when you maintained your integrity.** (*Fear can lead you to act one way with one group, and another way in a different situation. Fear of man will lead you to places you don't want to go, where you will stay too long, spend too much and reap more pain than you ever intended. As we discussed last week, there is a difference between adjusting to a group out of cultural sensitivity for the sake of unity verses compromising your Christian beliefs based on biblical truth.*)
- **What does the exchange between Paul & Peter in *Galatians 2:11-14* and the advice in *Matthew 18:15-17* show us about how believers should handle conflict?**
- **Read *Matthew 7:1-6*. How do we know when to talk to our brothers or sisters when they are out of step with the truth of the gospel?** (*Reflect on who you have a conflict with that you need to address face-to-face and review the checklist on how you should confront them: Are they believers? Did they sin or just offend? Is what they are doing out of line with the gospel? Is it harming the walk of other Christians? Your disciple group can support you to address that conflict in a godly way.*)
- ***In-Group Reflection Time*: Who do you give permission to point out when you are out of step with the truth of the gospel?** (*You may have close friends whose correction you would welcome, but make sure that they KNOW you have given them permission to speak into your life in that way.*)
Take 5 minutes right now to sit quietly and:
 - Pray and ask God, "Who are the friends You have placed in my life that love me enough to point out when I am out of step?" Write their names down. Text them right now if needed.
 - Consider how you respond to tough feedback and what God may be trying to tell you. "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." (*Proverbs 27:17*)
 - Reflect on your current friendships. Are they centered around mutual encouragement in faith, or are they based more on worldly criteria? What steps can you take to cultivate gospel-centered relationships?

ACTION STEP

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

What areas of your life are directed by the fear of what others might think of you? What practical next steps can you take this week to surrender that fear to Jesus and live in freedom? Take action based on what God showed you during our reflection time to give a close, Christian friend permission to let you know when you are out of step with the truth of the Gospel.

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