



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Stand Firm Week 1:  
Wrestle Not Against Flesh and Blood  
July 11 & 14, 2024

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**LEADER NOTES:** **Summer trimester:** June 3–July 28; **Fall trimester:** August 19–December 8. **New Leader Trainings:** August 11 at every campus, August 19 via Zoom.

What equipping on how to lead and disciple your group, and/or how to deepen your relationship with Jesus, would you like us to put in the *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less* podcast? Email your ideas to [gregory.knapp@coe22.com](mailto:gregory.knapp@coe22.com). You can listen to every episode of the podcast for free on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**New: We'd love to hear about your disciple group experience.** Please take a few minutes to provide feedback in the anonymous survey by clicking this link: [2024 Disciple Groups Survey](#) (Leaders, please share this link with everyone in your group.)

**New: Help Our First Responders:** Your group can "adopt a station" by sponsoring a local firehouse or police substation. You are asked to touch base with them four to six times a year, pray for them and with them, and provide gift baskets twice a year. Contact [greg.farah@coe22.com](mailto:greg.farah@coe22.com) for more information.

**Summer Serve Opportunities:** Share the hope of the gospel in the Jacksonville area. There are countless opportunities for you and your family to serve alongside our ministry partners in the city or from the comfort of your home. Click [coe22.com/localmission](http://coe22.com/localmission) to learn more and signup to serve.

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**THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:** Download our app for [Apple](#) and [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

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

**Sermon Text:** *Genesis 3:1-7; Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Job 38:7; Luke 10:17-20; John 10:10-11; 2 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 6:10-13; 1 John 2:15-16; Revelation 12:7-12; 20:7-10; 21:1-7*

## Discussion Questions

**Leaders:** There is no pressure to get through all the questions; prayerfully plan your choices for your group.

- Read *Ephesians 6:10-13; 1 John 2:15-16; Genesis 3:1-7*. 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?
- **Discover:** How does the idea that we are in a spiritual war make you feel? *(Our beliefs about Satan and demons are greatly influenced by our upbringing and churches we have attended. Beware of falling into one of two extremes. 1. You don't believe in Satan or demons at all. 2. You see the devil and demons around every corner.)*  
**Deepen:** Pray as a group, right now, to understand the spiritual war we are in without falling into either extreme.
- Reflect on this quote from Pastor John Piper, "Prayer is primarily a wartime walkie-talkie for the mission of the church as it advances against the powers of darkness and unbelief." How can this perspective transform your prayer life? *(See Isaiah 30:21; 2 Kings 6:17; Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesians 3:16; 6:10-18; 1 John 4:4.)*
- **Discover:** Read Ephesians 6:12. We wrestle against "the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this present darkness." How do you recognize these forces showing up in your daily life?  
**Deepen:** Your enemy is not flesh and blood. How does knowing your true enemy change how you interact with people who oppose or hurt you?
- **Discover:** A) What are the schemes of the enemy? B) What does Satan want you to question? *(The enemy is a liar! He wages a dirty war - a misinformation campaign of the mind. What God creates; the enemy corrupts. Satan whispers lies and wants you to question: 1) The Word of God – did God really say? 2) The Worth of God – He doesn't love you. 3) The Work of God - did Jesus's death on the cross and resurrection really count for you?)*  
**Deepen:** The enemy knows how to attack you and twist God's word subtly. A) How do you use scripture to stand against the enemy? B) What scriptures have helped you do this?
- **Discover:** Read 2 Corinthians 10:4. How are we called to fight this war? *(We are to fight not with weapons of the flesh but with weapons of divine power. The greatest impact Jesus followers have ever had on society was not from a position of power but a counter cultural revolution that valued Christ and people over this world. See John 13:34-35 and Matthew 5:14-16.)*  
**Deepen:** Read Ephesians 6:10 and 2 Corinthians 12:9. Share a time when you relied on God's strength rather than your own.
- Read Revelation 21:1-7. How does this promise of future victory give you hope and motivate you to stand firm in your faith today?

## ACTION STEP

**A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus**  
(LEADERS: Please copy and paste the action step into your group chat each week.)

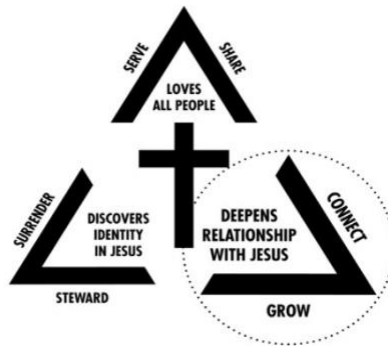
1. Throughout the week, identify the lies you hear and the negative thoughts you have that align with the enemy's schemes (John 10:10). Write down scriptures you can meditate on and use to fight back. Share them with your group next week.

2. Get a partner in your disciple group. Commit to praying for one another daily. Share your struggles and victories in the spiritual battle, supporting each other in prayer and encouragement.

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