



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Grace Train – Week 1

Fall 2024 – Week 4

September 15, 2024

LEADER INFO: The goal the first few weeks of your group is to establish a space for people to be seen and known, to cultivate expectations/cast vision for why showing up matters and to lay the groundwork for a community of authenticity and vulnerability.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Passion Conference | Atlanta | January 2-4, 2025 | \$300

Passion exists to glorify God by uniting 18-25-year-olds in worship, prayer and justice for spiritual awakening in this generation. From its start in 1995, the Passion movement has had a singular mission — calling students from campuses across the nation and around the world to live for what matters most, the name and renown of Jesus Christ.

Passion Conference takes place January 2-4 in Atlanta, Georgia. The total cost to attend is \$300, which includes your conference ticket and hotel room. Transportation to and from Atlanta is provided by Eleven22. **Spots remaining are limited, less than 40 remain.**

Register at coe22.com/1825

4th Sunday | 7pm, September 22, 2024 | San Pablo Auditorium A

4th Sundays are monthly opportunities to build community, engage in discipleship and to be equipped. This month is one of our FAVORITES with some of our favorite men. **Our Elders will be with us for the evening, and you won't want to miss it!**

1825 DG – WEEK 4

The Point: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:1-10, Isaiah 64:6, Romans 5:1-2, Romans 5:8

Connect If you spend the first few weeks in the connect portion more than curriculum questions that is ok!!! The goal is not to stay here, but remember: **1825 DISCIPLE GROUPS ARE VALUE-DRIVEN, NOT CURRICULUM DRIVEN**

- Names matter.** *Remind group that one reason they joined a DG was to build community. Community is not built only in the time you spend in DG each week. Community is also built through shared experiences throughout the week. If this is not a regular rhythm for your group challenge them to plan something together this next week.*
 - How did you see God last week?**
 - Next steps check in/follow up.** *. How did it go? Whether you accomplished the goal or not: What did you learn about God? Yourself?*
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DISCOVER & DEEPEN

(The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. It is ok if you don't cover every question.)

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

- 1. How did you see God move during Saturated? One thing that stood out to you?**
 - 2. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's sermon? Why?**
 - 3. What is the significance of the apostle Paul stating that everyone is not merely lost or bad apart from Christ but are dead in their sin? What does it mean to be spiritually dead?**
 - 4. Paul uses some very intense language to describe all of mankind: "among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath." What does this diagnosis ultimately tell us about our nature and our future if we do not surrender to Jesus?**
 - 5. Why are "But God" two of the most powerful words in our faith?**
 - 6. What do these verses tell us about God?**
 - 7. What is grace? How would you describe it to someone who does not have a relationship with Christ?**
 - 8. Is grace hard to comprehend? Why or why not?**
 - 9. When is it difficult for you to receive the gift of God's grace?**
 - 10. The Christian faith is unique among all religions of the world in the idea that you are saved by faith - and not through your own works. What are some reasons why you think God chose to do it this way?**
 - 11. What does Ephesians 2:10 mean? If we are not saved by our works, what are the good works referenced here?**
 - 12. How are you living as if you need to earn God's grace instead of receiving it and living out of gratitude for it?**
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ACTION STEP

In light of your answer to the last question, what is one step God is calling you to take this week?

Sanctification and spiritual growth are not linear, but they always involve a step of obedience. Some will have the same next step week after week as they grow in spiritual disciplines and learn to walk in obedience. Others will have a next step that can be completed within the week.

The more you can lead individuals in making their next step SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, timely) the easier it is to walk out accountability.

Example:

1825: "My next step is to read my bible more."

Leader: "How many times this next week do you want to read your bible? When will you do it? How long? What will you read?"

1825: "I want to read when I wake up three mornings for 20 minutes."

Have a group member record next steps and share in your Group Me.

Next week check in. How did it go? Whether you accomplished the goal or not: What did you learn about God? Yourself?

Prayer

How can we pray for you and your walk with Jesus? Close in Prayer.

While we are happy to pray for all things, we want to grow in authenticity by asking and sharing how we can pray for one another as we discover and deepen in our relationship with Christ and take next steps of obedience.

*****TIP:** *Provide index cards. Have each member write their prayer requests on a card with their name and place in the middle of the circle. At the end of group each person selects a card to pray over for the next week. Encourage members to reach out to the individual they are praying for during the week. Mixed groups: keep guys and girls cards separate. Guys pray and reach out to guys. Girls pray and reach out to girls.*
