



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Grace Train – Week 3

Fall 2024 – Week 6

September 29, 2024

LEADER INFO:

Leader resource from our Disciple Groups Ministry: Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less: Listen to ALL episodes for free on Spotify or Apple.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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. Limited number of spots remain.

Register at coe22.com/1825

Equip your Disciple Group: Our Equipping Ministry teachers are available to come to your Disciple Group to teach a session on interpreting scripture, world religions, ways to create your testimony, how to disciple your family and more. Click here for more info: <https://coe22.com/resources/leaders/disciple-groups/#Equipping>

1825 DG – WEEK 6

The Point: Are you ready to “come to your senses” and come home to your heavenly Father?

Sermon Text: Luke 15

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.*
 - Icebreaker: If you could have any animal as a pet, what would it be and why?**
 - 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.)

- 1. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's scripture and/or sermon? Why?**
- 2. What comes to mind when you think about God? How do you view God?**
- 3. What do you think God thinks about you? Feels about you?** *(Not simply looking for the "church" answer...Honesty is welcome.)*
- 4. How familiar are you with Luke 15, and where did that familiarity come from?** *[Do you remember when you first heard this story? When? Where were you? Who told it or taught it to you?]*
- 5. How could our history with this text affect the way we read it today? Why does this question matter?**

Read Luke 15:11-32

- 6. Why do you think the younger son wanted to leave home? What was he looking for and what was he pursuing?**
- 7. How did the temptation and act of leaving promise more than it delivered? How has sin promised more than it delivered in your own life?**
- 8. Where did the older son place his worth/value? Why is this just dangerous as the rebellion of the younger brother?**
- 9. Do you see yourself in any of the characters in the story? Which one(s)? Why?**
- 10. On the spectrum of ENTITLEMENT to GRATITUDE where do you tend to find yourself? Why?**
- 11. What point do you think Jesus is trying to make?**
- 12. How easy or difficult is it for you to accept that point? Why? What concrete behavior(s) or response in your life would it impact if you accepted it?** *That is: what would accepting that point require us to do? Or, not to do? Specifically? What would help us do that? What would stand in the way?*
- 13. What five points did Pastor Joby make about the father's response in this parable and what do they teach us about God the Father?** *(sees, feels compassion, runs, hugs, kisses)* **Which of these qualities do you need from God the most right now?**

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.*
