



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Run Over by the Grace Train: Grace Forgives
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LEADER NOTES - Equipping you to manage your group in the Rock and to disciple your group: Tutorial videos and PDFs with screenshots are available on our [leader resources page](#).

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Fall trimester: August 19–December 8. **New Leader Trainings:** [December 8](#) on campus; [December 9](#) via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW – Christmas Toy Drive: Hope's Closet, The Church of Eleven22 and Family Support Services of NE Florida are partnering together to host a Christmas Toy Drive to benefit foster kids and families. Get involved by bringing NEW toys to the marked collection bins in the Eleven22 lobbies at all campuses or either of the Hope's Closet locations between November 1 and December 1. For more details and a list of needed items, [click here](#).

Join Our Team: If you'd like to join our team at The Church of Eleven22, The Retreat Center or Hope's Closet, we invite you to [view our open roles](#) and see if there is one where your skills, talents and passions meet. This week's highlight is a **Risk Management Specialist** role. [Click here to learn more and apply](#).

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?

The Point: Forgiven people forgive people. Because Christ has cancelled all our debt at the cross, we should also forgive those indebted to us.

Sermon Text: *Matthew 18:15-34; Colossians 2:14*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please leave time to go over the action step this week. Encourage your group to fill out their debt ledger and begin the process of forgiveness. [Click here to download the ledger](#). You can print and handout to you group if you wish.

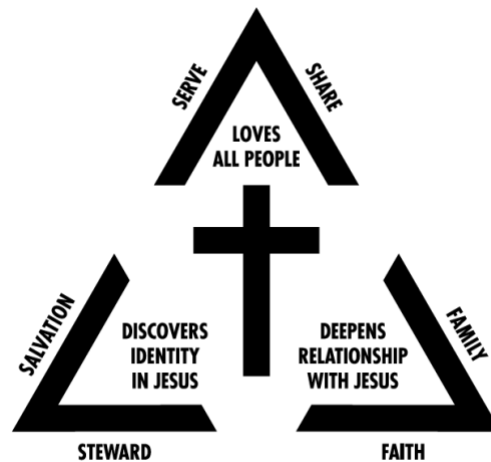
- **Read *Matthew 18:15-34*. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?**
- **What do these verses about forgiveness tell us about the characteristics and attributes of God?**
- **What are some reasons you don't forgive?** *(You don't understand the true nature of forgiveness and think it's about how you feel. You don't truly acknowledge the pain you suffer when you're sinned against. You think they'll get away with it if you forgive them. You don't trust God to be the judge. If you forgive, it might take away your excuse for your bad behavior/attitude. You're afraid forgiveness means reconciliation and sometimes you don't want that. But forgiveness is like unlocking the shackles of someone and realizing that YOU are the one who is now free.)*
- **Discover:** **Why are we called to have a different type of forgiveness conversation with our brothers and sisters in Christ than with unbelievers?** *(It doesn't make sense to hold an unbeliever to a standard they've never agreed to.)*
Deepen: **Share how a forgiveness conversation with an unbeliever will be different than one with a believer.** *(The conversation with an unbeliever should be about the gospel first and then about your fellowship. Perhaps you can start the conversation explaining that because God forgives you, you are called to forgive others. How can you use this as an opportunity to share the gospel?)*
- **Why does Jesus tell you to go to your brother directly and alone when he sins against you?** *(Talking to someone instead of talking about someone would solve many problems and heal so many relationships. It would also help stop gossip, pride and more. Think about how you appreciate someone coming to you instead of talking behind your back. Are you willing to listen to others who feel you've sinned against them and to hear their perspective?)*
- **Discover:** **How does the parable about a money debt relate to forgiving each other? See Matthew 18:21-34.** *(One way to see sin is as a debt that must be paid. The debt in this parable is so much that it was impossible to repay. When you sin against others or someone sins against you, that debt is impossible to repay as well. Recognizing and experiencing the depth of God's forgiveness towards you and what Jesus did for you to cancel your debt should lead you to forgive others and cancel their debt.)*
Deepen: **What does this parable tell you about how serious unforgiveness is? See Matthew 18:35.**
- **Why is it essential to forgive, even when reconciliation is not possible?** *(You are commanded to forgive – even if the person who sinned against you doesn't “deserve” it. Some relationships may be too harmful or unsafe to restore but forgiving releases you from the burden of anger and bitterness, allowing you to walk in freedom. You can forgive unilaterally, even without reconciliation.)*

Action Step

1. Take five minutes of group time, right now, to pray silently for God to reveal to you who you need to forgive, what you need to forgive them for and how you can forgive them. Write down their name and begin asking God and your brothers and sisters to help you through this process.
2. Text FORGIVENESS to 441122 and download the debt ledger. Spend time this week filling it out and praying for God to help you through the process of forgiving others.

Your Discipleship Journey

- **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to coe22.com/rightnowmedia or text "RightNow" to 441122.
(Note: You'll need to login or create an account to view RightNow Media content.)
- Details on the 10:10 Life are available at coe22.com/1010life.



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