

## DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

When He Asks: Who's image is this? December 12 & 15, 2024 Pastor Joby Martin

**LEADER NOTES – Register Now - Coach and Leader Gathering, 1/25/25, 8am-12pm, San Pablo Campus:** Join your discipleship ministers, fellow coaches and leaders to celebrate what God has done and what He is going to do to us and through us this year. We'll have a continental breakfast, worship, pray, be equipped during breakout sessions and fellowship together. <u>Click here for more information and to register</u>.

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2024 Fall trimester: August 19-December 8. 2025 Dates: Spring trimester: 1/13/25 - 5/12/25. Summer

trimester: 6/2/25 - 7/28/25. Fall trimester: 8/18/25 - 12/8/25.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Join Hope's Closet in making a difference:** Donate new or gently used prom dresses, sparkly accessories, and flat shoes to the BeYOUtiful Boutique for Night to Shine Jax. Drop off donations at either Hope's Closet location during business hours, or email <a href="mailto:BeYOUtifulBoutique@coe22.com">BeYOUtifulBoutique@coe22.com</a> to sign up as a group to serve by sorting and hanging dresses. Let's help make these Prom Queens feel special.

**THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:** Download our app for <u>Apple</u> and <u>Android</u>. 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? What can you share from the action step last week? How did it go? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

**Sermon Text:** Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:14; Proverbs 26:28; 27:6; 28:23; 29:5; 29:11; Matthew 22:15-22; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 1:10

**Go deeper:** Listen to the *Deepen* podcast with Pastor Joby everywhere podcasts can be heard. New episodes drop every Monday morning.

## **Discussion Questions**

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

Action Step (Please make sure to do the action step each week. It helps your group take action on what God is calling them to do.)

Every day this week meditate on *Genesis 1:27* and *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*. Write down ways you are living as an image-bearer of God and areas you might not be. Take at least one action this week to represent God's image in your daily interactions with others.

- Read *Matthew 22:15-22.* 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?
- In order to have power, the Pharisees went along with the Herodians and broke Jewish law by acknowledging Ceasar as Lord. Where are you tempted to bend biblical standards or make something your idol in exchange for what you want? (When you seek fulfillment in money, work, comfort, hobbies, our children, the applause of others, etc. you are making those things/people your functional saviors and they will let you down. Jesus is the only thing that will fully and finally satisfy you.)
- Discover: How does the culture attempt to define whose image you bear and how is it affecting you?
   Deepen: Read Psalm 139:14, Genesis 1:27 and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. When are those verses easy for you to believe and when are they difficult for you to believe?
- How does knowing that you are an image bearer of God affect your everyday life? (If you woke up every day thinking "whose kingdom am I building?" what would you do differently?)
- Discover: How do you currently render (pay back, return) unto Caesar what is Caesar's?

  Deepen: How do you currently render unto God what is God's? What, specifically, do you do? (See Deuteronomy 6:5. Remember that your identity in Christ precedes any activity. You're not earning your salvation or proving anything to God. You're resting in his Love and acting out of gratitude for his love. Are you living out a life of faith, worship and obedience? Reflect on where your time, talent, treasures and affections are invested. Do they prioritize loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?)
- Discover: What does Jesus's teaching imply about the relationship between your faith, vocation and civic responsibility?
   Deepen: What areas of your life are you holding back from God?
- How can you live out your faith in every part of your life without trying to force your beliefs on others? (Jesus asked lots of questions to help people understand his teachings. That's a great way to engage with others in your life. Think about the areas of your life where you're being silent and need to speak and the areas of your life you're speaking and need to remain silent.)

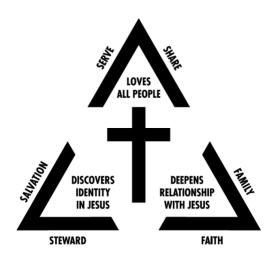
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