



# 1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

## CURRICULUM GUIDE

1 Timothy – Jesus Saves Sinner

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**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.

### 5 THINGS BEFORE YOU GET STARTED:

- 1. Trust God:** As a disciple group leader, you have said “yes” to God’s call to lead and shepherd the 1825s He brings into your group. While we will provide curriculum, curriculum alone can never do as much as the relationships you build with those you are shepherding and more importantly their experience with God himself. We are praying for life-changing encounters with God through the disciple group journey. A life-changing encounter with God is not something we can manufacture or manipulate. Getting through to your group is always more important than getting through the curriculum. Never sacrifice what God is doing in your group in order to get through the curriculum. Invite the Holy Spirit to lead and trust what God is doing.
  - 2. Trust Yourself:** As a leader, you are going to find places/moments where the curriculum and your discernment seem to be at odds. While every curriculum guide is designed with the end in mind (connecting 18-25 year olds to their role in the Great Commission), every group is unique. The curriculum is meant to serve as a guide and not as a formula for your group. We trust you as the leader. Trust God has placed you with this group for this season and for a reason. Don’t be fake. Don’t try to manage your image as a person who has it all together as the leader because you think that is what the leader is supposed to do. Be authentic. Go first...As the leader, the group is not here to counsel you, but they do need to see the real you. Use wisdom and discernment to model vulnerability and authenticity to create a safe place for your group to share openly and honestly. “I can only love you as much as I know you.”
  - 3. Trust the Process:** Each 1825 disciple group is completely unique and serves unique purposes, but all serve to point to and glorify God. You don’t have to be the perfect leader, but you do need to be a prepared leader. Each week you show up prepared and trusting God to lead, you communicate value and worth to a group of people seeking a place to be known and to belong. Curriculum guides are built to encounter scripture and to invite your groups to work through applying scriptural truths to their lives in real time with the end in mind of connecting and equipping them for their role in the Great Commission.  
*Watch that you don’t over teach. Sometimes silence is needed while group members formulate thoughts or gather the courage to speak. Spend more time asking over telling.*  
Don’t be surprised by pain in people’s lives. We live in a messy, pain-filled world. Embrace a culture where people can share the story of their life and still be fully known, accepted and loved.
  - 4. Believe for the Best:** There will be moments of frustration. Moments when individuals make huge breakthroughs or offer incredible insights on being a follower of Jesus, only to immediately say or do something that communicates the exact opposite. Moments when you question God’s invitation to lead. You are dealing with people, messy and imperfect people. There will be bumps along the way. Spiritual growth takes time. Transformation of the heart that results in new behavior is part of the goal, and you can’t rush or microwave this process.  
As a Small Group Leader, you can never cause spiritual growth in a person. Only God can do this. Take the pressure off yourself that you are responsible for people’s growth. It’s not up to you. You are just creating a culture for God to work.  
As you are waiting and looking for growth in people be sure and celebrate when you see growth in someone. Point it out to them. Give credit to God for it. Affirm where you see God at work.
  - 5. Prepare for More:** From day one, your job as a disciple group leader is to move your 1825s out beyond the circle of your group. We want our groups to be safe places where 1825s can discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our groups should be a place of encouragement and growth where 1825s are challenged to do more as they embrace their role in the Great Commission. But if we’re not careful, the circle that our groups exist in can put boundaries on their experiences.  
Why are you a disciple group leader? Because you want to engage in the mission of God and to connect your life with others. Because you’ve been poured into, and you know that the purpose of being poured into is so that we can pour out into others. This idea is true for your 1825s too. Inside of the group is where they are poured into. Outside of the group is where they pour themselves out. So move them to be the Church. Move them towards ministry. Move them towards loving others, and serving others, and practicing how to put others first. Move them towards experiences that will shape their perspectives on other people and will broaden their spiritual horizons. Move them out so that loving others becomes a part of their DNA and so that their faith continues to be a living thing.  
Transitions are tough—no matter how old or young we are. Part of your job as a disciple group leader is to do what you can to prepare, encourage and challenge your group in their next steps to become disciples who make disciples.
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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday | 1825 Worship Night | 7pm, Sunday, January 26 | Baymeadows Campus

Every month the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday is an opportunity to come together as a generation to lift high the name of Jesus. Join us at Baymeadows this Sunday for a night of worship.

### Night To Shine | Friday, February 7 | “Smells Like Jesus” Pastor Joby

Serve as a disciple group! Or as an individual, but everything is more fun with friends.

Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, is an unforgettable prom night experience centered on God’s love, for people with special needs. On Friday, February 7, 2025, more than 1,000 people with special needs will attend Night to Shine in Jacksonville, FL and WE have the opportunity to be a part of celebrating sons and daughters of God in a way they (and we) will never forget. Sign up to serve at [nighttoshinejax.com](http://nighttoshinejax.com)

### 1825 Mission Trips 2025

As disciple-making disciples, we each play a personal role in ministering to God’s people. In John 20:21, Jesus said, “...As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” So, just as God sent his first and best in Jesus Christ, we are to respond by bringing our first and best to God and to go, whether that is in our neighborhood or to the ends of the earth.

- **1825 Poland A | April 4-15** (Application link coming soon)
- **1825 Costa Rica D | June 9-15** <https://coe22.com/multiplication/short-term-mission/costa-rica-d-1825-2025/>
- **1825 Costa Rica E | June 9-15** <https://coe22.com/multiplication/short-term-mission/costa-rica-e-1825-2025/>
- **1825 Thailand B | July 10-24** <https://coe22.com/multiplication/short-term-mission/thailand-b-1825-2025/>
- **1825 Maine A | July 19-25** <https://coe22.com/multiplication/short-term-mission/maine-a-1825-2025/>

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## 1825 DG Launch – WEEK 1

**1825 Focus:** Connect and cast vision. Disciple groups are the best way to surround yourself with other Christ followers as you lean into what it means to be a disciple-making disciple. It takes time and commitment to build community.

**Sermon Big Idea:** Jesus came to save sinners.

**Sermon Text:** 1 Timothy 1:8-17, Galatians 3:21, Philippians 3:2-10, Psalm 9:7-11, Psalm 1

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**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**

A successful disciple group experience is defined by group members engaging in a meaningful discussion, not completing the curriculum material. Establishing trust among members and an understanding of who is in the group is vital to taking group conversations deeper and growing in vulnerability.

### **Names Matter.**

- **Introduce yourself. Get to know the group.** *\*This is likely something you will want to start with weekly until you feel confident everyone in the group knows everyone’s names...Especially since you may have new folks joining throughout the semester!*
- **Have the group share their names, what they do when they aren’t “here” (DG), and why they are “here” (DG).**

## **What is a Disciple Group?** *In your own words (using description below as a framework) cast vision for why we are here...*

Disciple groups are the best way to surround yourself with other Christ followers as you lean into what it means to be a disciple-making disciple. Disciple groups are one way we engage community built on the foundation of Christ. 1825 groups are facilitated by leaders a few seasons ahead in their own journey who are a bit further on the path of faith and life. 1825 structured with the relationship of the apostle Paul and Timothy in mind.

The purpose of the 1825 ministry, within the vision of the Church of Eleven22, is to connect 18–25-year-olds to their role in the Great Commission. We believe that a life surrendered to the lordship of Jesus Christ is the BEST decision you will ever make. We believe discovering and deepening in your journey with Jesus is an ongoing process that lasts a lifetime. We also believe that ultimately it is not about you. You have been created ON purpose and WITH a purpose. We were made to glorify God and to connect others to Him. What if we began to ask not merely “what should I do with my life,” but “where can I do it strategically for the glory of God?”

## **DG Covenant** *(This is your opportunity to begin building culture and expectations)*

Within our disciple group we seek to create an environment where we can grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus, practice authenticity, seek wise counsel, sharpen one another relationally and make disciples of others.

**In launching our group, we CHOOSE to enter a covenant relationship through the commitment of a set of values...***Discuss with your group...*

### **Prayer**

- We acknowledge that spiritual transformation is the result of engaging the gospel in our lives and therefore commit to regular habits of prayer and study of the Word.
- We will pray for each member of our disciple group often and by name.

### **Availability**

- Knowing that our individual attendance will greatly affect the intimacy of the group, we will give our best effort to attend each group meeting. *(Another way of saying it: Nothing good happens unless you show up. Simply showing up can be the biggest hurdle. You are wanted here! We have made a commitment to be present, will you do the same?)*
- We will also be available to care for each individual in this group whenever there is need.

### **Spiritual Authority**

- While everyone's thoughts and opinions are valuable and encouraged, we will ultimately rely on the truth of Scripture as the final authority. *(We are not here to give advice, but to point to Jesus.)*

### **Respect**

- We will support the foundation of trust in our disciple group by not participating in gossip; which also means never discussing things shared in group, outside of the group.
- We will celebrate the diversity of the body of Christ and seek to intentionally build unity by acknowledging our differences and focusing on our similarities in Christ.
- Everyone has a voice. We will be aware that some of us are “instant pots” with swift answers and rapid thoughts and quick to share. Others are “crockpots” and need space to speak. “Instant pots” will help make space for “crockpots” in discussions.

### **Growth**

- Group intimacy is rooted in authenticity and vulnerability; therefore, we will be willing to share truthfully about the personal issues in our lives. *(We can only love you as much as we know you. Gross things grow in the dark. We are all works in progress. In this group you are welcomed and loved as a son or daughter of God. Identity precedes activity.)*
- Knowing that healthy things grow, we eagerly anticipate the multiplication of this group into new groups of disciple-making disciples.

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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 1 Timothy 1:8-17

1. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's sermon? Why?

Verse 8 starts by saying "the law is good."

2. What comes to mind when you hear the word "law?" How does this thought line up or differ from what you think of when you hear the word "bible" or "scripture?"
3. How would you explain to a nonbeliever what the bible is and its purpose?
4. What role does your bible play in your life? (Ex: Sits on your nightstand? Carry it to church? Open it daily?)
5. What does Pastor Joby mean when he says the bible is a map and a mirror?
6. What do you make of the extended list of sinners in verses 9-10?
7. How does God's law relate to the gospel?
8. Articulate in your own words your understanding of the gospel.
9. 1 Timothy 1:15 is a clear and concise statement of the gospel. What can you learn from each phrase?
10. Look at verse 17. What do you learn about God from Paul's description of God?
11. Are there any ways in which you have been susceptible to wander from the gospel? Explain.

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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?*

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## 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.*

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