



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

1 Timothy – Ransom For All

January 30 & February 2, 2025

LEADER INFO: Podcast for DG Leaders: *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less: Listen to ALL episodes for free on Spotify or Apple.*

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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** <https://coe22.com/multiplication/short-term-mission/poland-a-1825-2025/>
- **1825 Malawi A | June 2-11** <https://coe22.servicereef.com/events/the-church-of-eleven22-3/1825-malawi-a-2025>
- **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/>

Gather | February 28 (7pm-12am) – March 1 (7:30am-9pm) | Baymeadows

Open to ALL ages, Gather25 is an unprecedented 25-hour global broadcast event telling the inspiring stories of the global Church, by the global Church. But it won't be a gathering of the global Church without you. For 25 hours, Gather25 is inviting believers across the world to pray, repent, worship, and discover how the love of Jesus is transforming the world through everyday people. Learn more and register:

<https://my.coe22.com/page/652?RegistrationInstanceId=2160>

New: Secret Church | April 11th at 7pm | San Pablo | \$15

Join us for one of our favorite annual gatherings, a one-night, intensive Bible study led (via livestream) by Pastor David Platt walking through the Gospel of Matthew. The 1825 ministry is hosting Secret Church, but the event is open to EVERYONE! Secret Church is a 6 hour deep dive as we walk step-by-step through the Gospel of Matthew. Register: <https://my.coe22.com/page/652?RegistrationInstanceId=2167>

1825 DG – WEEK 3

Sermon Big Idea: What motivates and sustains a powerful life of prayer? Knowing Jesus is our savior, mediator and ransom.

Sermon Text: Psalm 51; Matthew 21:13; Mark 10:45; John 8:36; Romans 8:34; 1 Cor 6:20; Galatians 5:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Hebrews 7:25; 8:6; 9:15; 12:24; 1 John 1:9

Connect

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!*
 - **Icebreaker:** If you could instantly become an expert in one thing (prayer-related or not), what would it be and why?
 - **Review group expectations and covenant...Let your "yes" be "yes." Show up! Make group a priority, not an option.**
 - **Follow up on last week's next steps.** How did it go? Whether you were successful or not: What did you learn about God? What did you learn about 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 1 Timothy 2:1-8

1. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's sermon? Why?
2. Why do you think the apostle Paul emphasizes prayer as a "first order" importance? How does this align with Jesus' teachings on prayer?
3. Why do you think it's easy to lose motivation to pray, even when we know how important it is? What are some obstacles you face in staying motivated to pray regularly?
4. How does knowing God as your Savior influence your motivation to pray? Jesus as mediator? As ransom?
5. Our prayers don't rest on the fervency or perfection of our words but on Jesus' perfection. How does knowing this impact your approach to prayer?
6. Does knowing that Jesus is continuously interceding for us at the Father's right hand influence your confidence when you pray? Why or why not?
7. God desires for all people to be saved. How does this impact your prayers for others?

8. In verse 8, Paul urges "lifting holy hands" in prayer. What do you think Paul means by this? How can our physical posture during prayer reflect our heart's attitude?

9. What role does prayer play in fulfilling the mission of spreading the gospel to all nations? Do you regularly pray for other nations? Why or why not?

* Looking to include prayers for the nations in your daily routine? The **Unreached of the Day** app by Joshua Project introduces a new people group each day, helping you pray with purpose and impact.

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.*
