



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Follow Me – Week 1

April 24-27, 2025

LEADER INFO: The end of the trimester is quickly approaching. The last week of 1825 curriculum will be the week of May 18th. Please begin prayerfully considering what summer looks like for your group and communicating appropriately. For groups taking a break from weekly meeting in the summer, 1825 is hosting a summer study on John Piper's book *Don't Waste Your Life* starting June 1. More details coming.

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GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Beach Baptism, May 18, Hanna Park

- **SERVE:** Visit coe22.com/beach-baptism for all the ways to serve and sign up. You can even serve together as a disciple group!
- **GET BAPTIZED:** Attend a class at any campus after any service between now and May 15, INCLUDING immediately following the 1825 Worship Night on April 27th!
- **CELEBRATE:** ALL parking is offsite this year. San Pablo & Ponte Vedra will park at the Mayo Clinic. Everyone else parks at FSCJ.

1825 DG – WEEK 15

The point: Jesus leveraged all His power to serve those that don't deserve it. He said that we would be blessed and noticed when we do the same.

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:18-22; 28:16-20; John 13

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.

- **Icebreaker:** What is something you are excited about right now?
- **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?

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 John 13

1. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's sermon? Why?
2. After Easter, the disciples were immediately sent out (Matthew 28:16-20). How does seeing Easter as a starting line, not a finish line, change your view of following Jesus?
3. What did it mean for the disciples to follow Jesus? Has it changed in the 21st century?
4. Jesus said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). What "nets" might you need to leave behind to follow Jesus more fully in your daily life?
5. What do the words and actions of Jesus in John 13 tell us about his character?
6. Judas was a disciple who lived and worked right beside Jesus for years. He saw the miracles. Yet, he never called Jesus his Lord and Savior. How do you think Judas missed that Jesus was the Son of God? Where are you in danger of not seeing or truly believing in Jesus?
7. Why do you think *serving others* is such a critical part of discipleship?
8. Jesus came to serve, and we are called to serve others. Where are you serving, who can you invite to serve with you, or if you're not currently serving, where can you begin serving?
9. Jesus served the Doubter, the Denier, and the Betrayer. What does this teach you about how you are called to love and serve difficult people in your life?
10. Pasto Joby said, "You never graduate from discipleship." How can we stay committed to taking "next steps" even when we feel comfortable in our faith?
11. Jesus said people will know we are His disciples by how we love one another (John 13:35). What would it look like for your group to love each other so boldly that it would cause people to notice?
12. If "obedience is the blessing," what is one specific act of obedience God is calling you to take this week—especially in serving others—and how can your group encourage you to follow through?

ACTION STEP

Possible Next Step Ideas:

1. "Follow Me" Service Challenge

Each person picks one *specific* act of service to do for someone who cannot repay them — *bonus if it's for someone who is hard to love!* Share your plan with the group and report back next week.

2. "Leave Your Net" Reflection

Spend 10 minutes alone journaling:

- What is a "net" (comfort, habit, fear) that Jesus is asking you to leave behind?
- What would it look like to say "yes" right now?

3. "Secret Foot Washer" Project

During the week, each person secretly serves one person without seeking recognition (e.g., cleaning something, writing an encouragement note, paying for a coffee).

Next time you meet, share the story — but keep the person's identity private.

4. "Next Step" Obedience Card

Hand out blank cards. Everyone writes down one step of obedience God is asking them to take. Seal it in an envelope and pray over it. Open it in a month to see how God has moved.

5. Sign up to serve at your campus

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.

Possible Prayer Prompts:

- "Lord, give us the heart to serve like Jesus — even when it costs us comfort, recognition, or power."
 - "Help us to love the Doubter, the Denier, and even the Betrayer — just like You did."
 - "Jesus, show me the 'next step' You are asking me to take today, and give me the courage to obey."
 - "Father, strip away the pride, fear, or comfort that keeps me from living fully in the Great Commission."
 - "Holy Spirit, remind us daily that obedience is the blessing, not the burden."
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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.
