

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Follow Me: A Disciple Stewards All That He Has May 1 & 4, 2025
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LEADER NOTES - Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less: Listen to ALL episodes for free on Spotify or Apple.

Spring trimester: January 13 – May 12 **Summer trimester:** June 2 – July 28 **Fall trimester:** August 18 – December 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Family Discipleship Classes, Zoom on May 19 & May 26 from 6-7pm and at our San Pablo campus on June 2 from 6-7pm: Designed to equip your family to build rhythms of discipleship at home using our Family Discipleship resources. There are two Zoom sessions followed by an in-person session and family dinner to put it into practice. We encourage you to meet as a Disciple Group each week, listen in to the Zoom sessions together, and spend time discussing them afterward. Click here for more info and to register.

Beach Baptism, May 18, Hanna Park - **GET BAPTIZED:** Attend a class at any campus after any service between now and May 15. **SERVE:** Visit <u>coe22.com/beach-baptism</u> for all the ways to serve and sign up. You can even serve together as a disciple group! **CELEBRATE:** ALL parking is offsite this year. San Pablo & Ponte Vedra will park at the Mayo Clinic. Everyone else parks at FSCJ. <u>Click here for more info.</u>

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for <u>Apple</u> or <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 4:1-7; Leviticus 27:30; Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalm 24:1; Proverbs 3:5-9; Malachi 3:7-12; Matthew 6:19-24; 23:23; John 1:1-5; 3:16; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Colossians 1:15; James 1:17; 4:8; 1 John 4:10

<u>Action Step</u> Begin tithing today. If you are in financial difficulty, start by tithing 2 or 3% with a plan to grow that percentage over time. Make it a weekly, recurring habit. Practice consistently bringing your first and best to God. Most importantly, pray and do what He tells you to do.

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.*

- Read *Genesis 4:1-7* and *Malachi 3:7-12*. 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?
- Why did God find Abel's offering acceptable and Cain's offering unacceptable? (Abel's was a faith-filled, first-fruit offering. Cain's was leftovers. Bringing your first and best is the only way to be obedient and TRUST God.)
- Discover: The preeminence of Christ means He is first in all things. If you're not vigilant, what tends to creep into first place in your life instead of God? (We all tithe to something, something gets priority, and you look to it for security and satisfaction. Only Jesus can give you that.)
 Deepen: Open your bank or credit card app and go to the summary section where it shows your spending habits. What do they reveal about where your heart is?
- Discover: Read Matthew 6:19-24. What is it about money that gets in the way of your relationship with Jesus? (Money tends to have a grip on the human heart, and God wants your heart. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also, v21.)

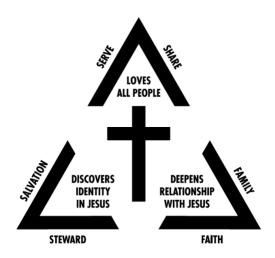
 Deepen: Share a time fear or control competed with faith in bringing your financial first and best to God.
- Discover: What's the difference in your heart when you give to God or you bring to God?

 Deepen: What stops you from bringing more to God? (Is it fear or the desire for control? Is it belief that more stuff will bring you satisfaction, or the belief that more money in the bank will bring you security? Click on our Generosity resources page to help with your finances and bringing your first and best to God.)
- How do you leverage your money and possessions to point people to trust in Jesus?

Your Discipleship Journey

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