

## DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Follow Me: A Disciple Shares Faith with All People May 8 & 11, 2025
Pastor Matt Carter

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

Prayer Idea: Provide index cards. Have each member write their prayer requests on a card with their name and place them in the middle of the circle. (If you're a mixed group, separate the cards by sex.) Have each person select a card to pray over for the next week. Encourage members to reach out to the individual they are praying for during the week. Men pray for men; women pray for women.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Beach Baptism, May 18, Hanna Park - GET BAPTIZED: Attend a class at any campus after any service between now and May 15. SERVE: Visit <a href="coe22.com/beach-baptism">coe22.com/beach-baptism</a> 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. <a href="Click here for more info.">Click here for more info.</a>

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.

**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: Matthew 4:18-19; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 3:20

Action Step: Follow the steps of the high school football player Pastor Carter told us about. 1) Pray for Jesus to reveal the names of people you need to share your faith with and write their names down. 2) Include them as #onemores and pray for them by name every day. 3) Spend time developing your relationship with them. 4) Invite them to church. 5) Share with them what you've seen, heard and experienced about Jesus.

## **Discussion Questions**

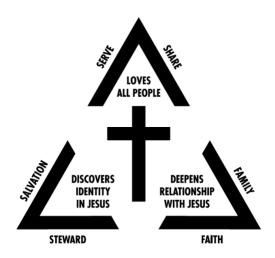
**Leaders:** The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. *It's ok if you don't cover every question.* 

- Read Acts 1:8. 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?
- Discuss what the words we italicized in *Acts 1:8* mean. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- We're in week three of the "Follow Me," sermon series. Share some ways you're following Jesus in your daily life.
- Discover: What stops you from sharing your faith? (Are you worried about offending someone, doing it wrong, being awkward or feeling embarrassed? Do you feel too introverted, unqualified or inexperienced? Pray and trust the Holy Spirit to guide you. Remember, we share, Jesus saves.)
   Deepen: When you have shared your faith, what led you to do that? How did your testimony affect the person you shared with? How did sharing your testimony affect you and your faith?
- Let's practice being a witness for Jesus right now. Share a time you experienced the goodness of God, or a time He's been faithful to you when you were faithless, or a time He's fulfilled the deepest longings of your soul. (It's as simple as that to begin sharing your faith with someone.)
- Who shared their faith with you and how did they do it?
- In Acts 1:8 Jesus says if you are a believer, you will be his witness. What's the difference between being a witness and a defense attorney? (A defense attorney argues a case and tries to persuade. A witness simply gives an honest account about what they've seen, heard and experienced. That's all we need to do to share our faith.)
- Discover: Read Ephesians 3:20-21. Discuss what Jesus meant by "Far more abundantly" and "according to His power at work within us."
   Deepen: If you're a believer, the POWER of the Holy Spirit is in you. Share how you've experienced the Holy Spirit's power in your life.
- Even if your spiritual gifting is not evangelism, we are all commanded to share our faith. How can you use your spiritual gift(s) for evangelism?

## Your Discipleship Journey

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