



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Follow Me: A Disciple Discovers Salvation in Christ
May 15 & 18, 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

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 – Invite a veteran Care Team Member to Your Disciple Group: A short training on what it means to care well for those walking through hard seasons. Our process is modeled after the life of Jesus, who walked shoulder to shoulder with the broken. Learn and practice how we can come alongside others in an authentic way, pointing them to Jesus instead of our own limited "fix-it" ideas and solutions. [Click here for more and to register.](#)

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 [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

The Point: God loved so God gave. If you believe, then you receive eternal life.

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 22:2; Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:1-21; Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13*

Action Step: Every morning this week read and meditate on *John 3:16*. Ask yourself, "Have I fully *received* the gift of salvation, or am I still trying to *achieve* it through my actions?" Write down any areas where you are still striving and pray for the Holy Spirit to help you surrender it all to Jesus.

Discussion Questions

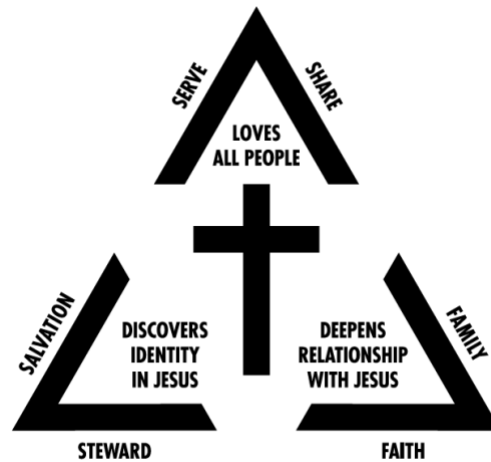
Leaders: The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. *It's ok if you don't cover every question.*

- **Read *John 3:1-21*. 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?**
- **Nicodemus approached Jesus at night, possibly out of fear or embarrassment. Jesus's response shows God meets us where we are. Share a time you experienced Jesus meeting you right where you were, perhaps in a moment of doubt or worry.**
- **When do you still feel like you have to do something to be accepted by God?**
(*Salvation is received, not achieved. It isn't about what you do – but what has been done for you. Jesus did everything necessary for you to be accepted by God.*)
- **Read *John 3:8*. What was Jesus trying to get Nicodemus to understand?** (*God is the initiator. Your works are only evidence, like leaves blowing in the wind, that the Spirit is on the move. Jesus appears to be saying to Nicodemus, "You don't understand everything about the wind, but you see its effects." That's how it is with the birth of the Spirit. You don't have to figure everything out to come to Christ. You have to surrender everything to come to Christ.*)
- ***John 1:12* says that those who believe in Jesus's name receive the right to become children of God. How does being a child of God shape your identity, choices and obedience?**
- **What is the main difference between Christianity and all other religions?** (*All other religions require you to earn your way to God. Christianity is the only religion where God sends His son Jesus on a rescue mission to save you.*)
- **What are the similarities and differences in what Abraham was called to do with his son and what God did with His son?** (*If anyone is unfamiliar with the story, read *Genesis 22:1-19*.*)
- **Discover:** Read *John 3:16*. Discuss what each part of that verse means and what stands out to you. (*Leaders, break it down to discuss, "For God," "so loved," "the world," etc.*)
Deepen: Memorize this verse this week so you're ready to share it when the opportunity arises.
- **Read *John 3:19-21*. How are we called to be light in a dark world?**
- **Read *Romans 8:1*. How can you believe what this verse says? What does it say about the character of God?**

Your Discipleship Journey

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