



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Follow Me: A Disciple Deepens in their Faith
May 29 & June 1, 2025
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LEADER NOTES – Put the link to the [Discipleship Journey tool](#) in your group chat. They need it for this week's action step.

Make Room for One More: The summer trimester is from June 2 – July 28. Please reach out to group members who haven't been attending and change their status to inactive. [Click here](#) for a tutorial on how to communicate well with them. Remember, if your group is at capacity it won't show up on our Find a Group page and people won't be able to join your group.

Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less: Listen to ALL episodes for free on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

Summer trimester: June 2 – July 28 **Fall trimester:** August 18 – December 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Invite a veteran Care Team Member to Your Disciple Group: Your group will receive 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](#).

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.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where else 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: *John 15:1-17; Hebrews 5:11-14; 12:1-3; James 4:8*

Action Step: 1) Review the [discipleship journey tool](#) and use the questions to help you take a next step. 2) Create a plan to spend more time abiding in Jesus every day and throughout your day.

Discussion Questions

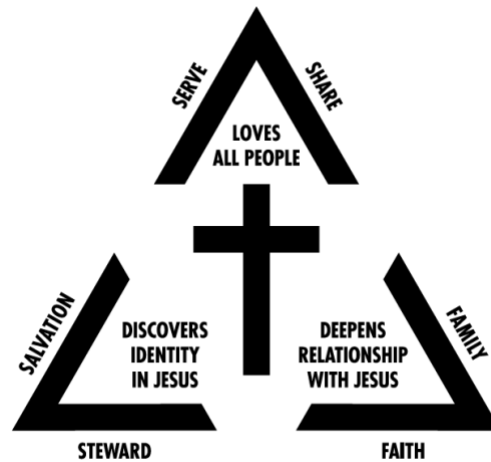
Leaders: The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. *It's ok if you don't cover every question.*

- **Read John 15:1-17. 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 how the vinedresser, vine and branches metaphor, helps us understand our relationship with Jesus.**
- **Read John 15:1-2. Share a time Jesus pruned you and you grew.** *(Sometimes we are asking God to remove the things in our lives that are conforming us into the image and likeness of Jesus. It is the will of God to use the word of God by the power of the Spirit of God to conform the children of God into the image of the son of God.)*
- **How do we recognize the difference between branches Jesus is cutting off and branches He's pruning in our lives?** *(The gardener often uses the same tools for cutting off unfruitful branches as for pruning fruitful ones. Sometimes you must prune a tree, including some fruitful branches, so the MOST fruitful ones can thrive. Evaluate the fruitfulness of your branches.)*
- **Discover:** Jesus calls us to abide in Him. What does that mean? *(To abide is to continue in a daily, personal relationship with Jesus, characterized by trust, prayer, obedience and joy (ESV study bible note). We are called to be in a relationship with Jesus. That takes spending time with Him, learning more about Him, getting to know Him, abiding in Him and becoming more intimate with Him.)*
Deepen: What are some ways to abide in Him? *(To get spiritually fit we need a good diet: Bible reading, listening to sermons and podcasts, studying the Word with fellow believers. Exercise: serving one another and sharing with one another. Rest: worship and prayer. You need God's word, God's people and God's presence in your life. The gospel is not anti-effort, it's anti-earning. See Philippians 2:12-13. God promises that if you draw near to Him, He will draw near to you. See James 4:8.)*
- **How do you know when you're abiding in Jesus?** *(You experience joy. Your affections grow for Jesus and your desires and wishes change to be more like Him. The Holy Spirit produces fruit in you. See Galatians 5:22-23.)*
- **Read Hebrews 12:1. What are some "non sin" things that shrink your heart for Jesus that you need to lay aside?**
- **Discover:** What do you do to stir your affections for Jesus? *(Here is a list of some classic spiritual disciplines that can help stir your affections for Jesus: Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, Study, Simplicity, Solitude, Submission, Service, Confession, Worship, Guidance, Celebration.)*
Deepen: What can you do to create more time each day to do those things?
- **We are at the end of the "Follow Me" series. Share any next steps you've taken during this time.**

Your Discipleship Journey

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