



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Follow Me – Week 2

May 1-4, 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.

One-stop shop for all things 1825 https://linktr.ee/coe22_1825

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. 1825 will not have a tent on the beach this year, but our 1825 Minister, Tonya annis, will be in the water baptizing with one of the San Pablo lines if you want to join the celebrations there.
- **CELEBRATE:** ALL parking is offsite this year. San Pablo & Ponte Vedra will park at the Mayo Clinic. Everyone else parks at FSCJ.

May Fourth Sunday | Sunday May 24 | San Pablo Aud A

Come be part of an unforgettable evening of games, fellowship, and community. Whether you're new or have been around a while, this night is for YOU. Let's build friendships, laugh together, and grow as a community. We can't wait to see you there!

Summer Study | *Don't Waste Your Life* | June – July

We're launching a unique Discover Group this summer—partnering with our Senior Adults ministry to walk through *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper. Each week we'll unpack what we're reading and talk about big questions of faith together.

Books available [HERE](#)

Registration link in next week's curriculum.

Hope's Closet is Hiring!

Looking for a meaningful way to combine work and ministry?

Hope's Closet Thrift Stores are hiring at both locations. Whether you're looking for seasonal work or a long-term opportunity you can be a part of a retail environment with an eternal impact! Hope's Closet is a place where every item and every interaction helps further the gospel in our community, consider joining the team and apply today at coe22.com/hiring!

1825 DG – WEEK 16

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: 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

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:** One word to describe how you are doing 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?
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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 Genesis 4:1-7 and Malachi 3:7-12.

1. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's sermon? Why?
2. What does it mean to you personally to "follow Jesus"? How does this challenge or confirm the way you live right now?
3. 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?
4. In what ways are you currently stewarding your time, talents, and treasure for God's purposes? Which area feels most surrendered? Least?
5. Why do you think money is such a frequent competitor for the throne of our hearts, according to Jesus? How have you seen that play out in your life or others'?
6. How does the idea of bringing—not just giving—your "first and best" reshape how you think about generosity and worship?

7. The local church is called “command central” for the Great Commission—how are you playing a role in that mission today? Where might God be inviting you to step up?
8. Jesus says we “can’t serve both God and money.” What indicators in your life might reveal which master you’re serving most consistently?
9. Cain brought leftovers; Abel brought first fruits. What does your current pattern of giving reveal about your trust in God?
10. What does it look like to live and give in a way that says, “This world is not my home”? How does that align with your current lifestyle or spending habits?
11. How might trusting God with your finances open new doors for you to participate in the Great Commission—locally or globally?
12. What’s your “next step” when it comes to stewarding your resources for the sake of the Gospel? What would it take to take that step in faith?

ACTION STEP

Possible Next Step Ideas:

- ☐ **Pray daily this week:** “God, show me where money has more of my heart than You.” Journal what He reveals.
- ☐ **Fast from a purchase** (coffee, clothes, subscriptions, etc.) for one week and use that money to give as an act of trust.
- ☐ **Write a “first and best” prayer:** Declare your commitment to honor God with your first time, talents, and treasure.
- ☐ **Start tithing** with a recurring gift—even if it’s 2–3% to begin. Put it on the calendar as worship, not just automation.
- ☐ **Audit your finances** and highlight where your money goes. Ask: “What does this say about who I trust?”
- ☐ **Set a giving goal** to increase your percentage over the next 6–12 months, even by small increments.
- ☐ **Give your “firstfruits”** this week—not leftovers—whether in money, time, or energy.

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.
