



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Follow Me – Week 3

May 8-11, 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. Details below.

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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 [HERE](#)

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1825 DG – WEEK 17

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

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:** Last song you listened to?
 - **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 Acts 1:8

1. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's sermon? Why?
2. Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." What does that tell us about the relationship between following Jesus and evangelism?
3. When you hear the phrase "Fishers of Men," what comes to your mind? What feelings does it stir? Why?
4. Why do you think Jesus made "sharing your faith" one of the first and last things He said to His disciples?
5. What fears, insecurities, or excuses have kept you from sharing your faith? Which one is the biggest obstacle for you right now?
6. Pastor Matt said, "He never commanded performance... but instead, He promised transformation." How does that truth shift your perspective on evangelism?
7. How has the gospel changed your life in tangible ways? When was the last time you shared that transformation with someone else?
8. Charles Spurgeon said, "A Christian is either a missionary... or an imposter." Do you agree or disagree?

9. Who is one person in your life right now who needs to hear the Gospel?

10.If Jesus really is better than Cabo Bob's... why do we often hesitate to talk about Him the same way we'd hype a restaurant or movie? What would it look like to share Jesus as naturally as you share your favorite things?

ACTION STEP

Possible Next Step Ideas:

1. Write Down 5 Names

- Identify five people in your life who don't know Jesus or are far from Him.
- Commit to pray for them daily and look for natural opportunities to share your story.

2. Share Your Testimony with One Person

- Practice your story (before Jesus / meeting Jesus / life after Jesus).
- Share it over coffee, during a walk, or in a message to someone you care about.

3. Invite Someone to Church or Beach Baptism

- Use your invitation as a natural way to share your faith.
- Say something simple like: *"I go to a church that's changed my life... I'd love for you to come check it out with me."*

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:

- ☐ “Jesus, help me follow You so closely that I’m covered in Your dust.”
Lord, make me more like You — in my words, my actions, and my heart.
- ☐ “Lord, give me eyes to see people the way You see them.”
Help me to notice the people around me who need hope, love, and truth.
- ☐ “Holy Spirit, empower me to be a bold witness — even when I feel weak.”
I can’t do this on my own. I need Your strength to speak and live with courage.
- ☐ “Father, break my heart for what breaks Yours.”
Let me care deeply about the lost, and move me to action.
- ☐ “God, remind me that I don’t have to be perfect — just faithful.”
Help me trust that You’ll use my story, no matter how messy or unfinished it feels.
- ☐ “Jesus, make me a fisher of men as I simply follow You.”
Shape me into someone who draws others to You by how I live and love.
- ☐ “Lord, help me share the Gospel like I share my favorite things — freely and joyfully.”
Let my words be natural, my tone be kind, and my love be genuine.

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.
