



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Follow Me – Week 4

May 15-18, 2025

LEADER INFO: The end of the trimester is here. This is the LAST WEEK of 1825 curriculum. 1825 Curriculum will resume with launch of fall trimester in August. Please communicate your group's plans for the summer accordingly with members. For groups taking a break for the summer, encourage your group members to join our summer study on John Piper's book *Don't Waste Your Life* starting June 1. Details below.

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

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May Fourth Sunday | Sunday May 24 | 7PM | 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](#)

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!

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](#).

1825 DG – WEEK 18

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

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

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:** What is one thing the Lord has taught you in the first 5 months of 2025?
- **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?

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 John 3:1-21

1. **What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's sermon? Why?**
2. **When you hear the phrase "born again," what thoughts or feelings come to mind? How would you explain being "born from above" to someone unfamiliar with the Bible?**
3. **What stands out to you about the way Jesus meets Nicodemus? How does this encourage or challenge the way you think about your own questions or doubts?**
4. **Nicodemus knew facts about Jesus but didn't know Him personally. How can we tell the difference between knowing about Jesus and truly knowing Him?**
5. **Why do you think we often default to "what must I do" instead of "what has already been done"? How has that played out in your own spiritual journey?**
6. **Jesus uses the image of wind to describe the Spirit. How have you experienced the effects of the Holy Spirit in your life, even if you can't see or control it?**
7. **John 3:16 is often quoted, but what does it personally mean to you that God "so loved" you that He gave His Son?**
8. **Jesus says whoever believes is not condemned. Why do you think so many Christians still walk around feeling condemned, defined by past mistakes? What would change in your life if you fully believed you were already accepted?**
9. **How does understanding salvation as a rescue mission rather than a religious system help you see the heart of God more clearly?**

- 10. Looking back on this semester, how has your understanding of what it means to be a disciple changed?**
- 11. What is one step you've taken (or want to take) toward fully surrendering to Jesus?**
- 12. What has God shown you about your role in the Great Commission? How might you live that out this summer or beyond?**
- 13. Who in your life needs to hear this message of rescue—not religion? How could you share your story with them?**
- 14. What decision (or next step) do you need to make right now in your journey with Jesus?**

ACTION STEP

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.

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.*
