

1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

In The Arena – Week 1 June 5-9, 2025

LEADER INFO: The primary goal in the first few weeks of your group is simple but powerful:

Continue to create a space where people feel seen, known, and safe. Use this time to cast vision, establish expectations, and lay the groundwork for a community marked by authenticity, vulnerability, and meaningful connection.

Prayer Prompt: Pray for our 1825 mission teams. Our Malawi mission team is mid-trip returning to Jacksonville on the 12th and our Costa teams head out on the 9th.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fourth Sunday | June 22 | San Pablo | 7PM

Whether you're new or have been around a while, this night is for YOU. This month's focus: From Information To Transformation: Reading The Bible With Purpose. We can't wait to see you there!

Summer Study | Don't Waste Your Life | June 1- August 3 | San Pablo | 6:30-8PM

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

1825 Encounter | October 24-26, 2025 | The Retreat Center | \$150

We invite you to take a weekend to unplug and join like-minded 18-25 yrs old as we study God's Word, discuss real life, and build relationships. The cost is \$150/person and includes a 2-night stay with lodging, all meals and beverages. Transportation is not provided.

Passion Conference | Arlington, Texas | December 31, 2025 – January 4, 2026 | \$325

Passion exists to glorify God by uniting 18-25-year-olds in worship, prayer and justice for spiritual awakening in this generation. From its start in 1995, the Passion movement has had a singular mission — calling students from campuses across the nation and around the world to live for what matters most, the name and renown of Jesus Christ.

Passion Conference takes place January 1-3 in Arlington, Texas. The total cost to attend is \$325, which includes your conference ticket and hotel room. Transportation to and from Texas is provided by Eleven22. Departure will be December 31 at 8pm from San Pablo. Return early January 4th. Spots are limited. Register here

1825 DG Summer – WEEK 2

1825 Focus: Connect and cast vision. Disciple groups are the best way to surround yourself with other Christ followers as you lean into what it means to be a disciple-making disciple. It takes time and commitment to build community.

Sermon Text: Genesis 2:16-17; John 3:8; 15:5; Romans 5:12; 6:23; 8:1; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Ephesians 2:6; 10; Philippians 3:21; Galatians 2:20; 3:26; James 1:14-15; 1 Peter 2:9

Connect If you spend the first few weeks in the connect portion more than curriculum questions that is ok!!! The goal is not to stay here, but remember:

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.

- Introduce yourself. Get to know the group. *This is likely something you will want to start with weekly until you feel confident everyone in the group knows everyone's names...Especially since you may have new folks joining throughout the semester!
- Icebreaker: You have a Saturday all to yourself with no plans or commitments, how do you spend it?
- **Next Steps Follow up:** How dis it go? Whether you succeeded or not: What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?

DG Covenant Reminder

We're choosing to launch this group with a commitment to one another—a shared set of values that help us grow, support each other, and follow Jesus together.

Our Group Values

Prayer
Availability
Spiritual Authority
Respect
Growth

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 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

- 1. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's sermon? Why?
- 2. Verse 20 says, "Christ has been raised from the dead." What difference does it make to your faith that Paul states this as a fact?
- 3. Pastor Britt described two groups of Christians: those who see the resurrection as an opportunity for personal gain and those who are overwhelmed by its transformative power. How can you grow in being overwhelmed by the resurrection's power in your daily walk with Jesus?
- 4. How does Jesus defeating death give urgency to the Great Commission?
- 5. In what ways does the resurrection shift our focus from comfort to mission?
- 6. What are some fears or excuses that keep you from sharing your faith, and how does the resurrection challenge them?

- 7. If Jesus has "all authority," why do we often act like someone or something else is in control?
- 8. How does knowing Jesus is alive affect how you talk about Him with others?
- 9. Who in your life needs to hear that death is not the end and what's keeping you from telling them?
- 10. What does it practically look like to live "in Christ"?
- 11.Do you see yourself more as a "fan" of Jesus or a "follower" on His mission? Why?
- 12. How does the promise "I am with you always" give you courage?
- 13. What strongholds in your life need to be defeated by resurrection power?
- 14. What would change in your life if you really believed that Jesus is coming back and bringing a kingdom with Him?

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.