



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Elijah: Fire Fall Down  
August 14 & 17, 2025  
Pastor Joby Martin

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**LEADER NOTES – Disciple Group Signup Weekends, 8/14-8/24:** We encourage all our leaders to serve at least one service during these weekends and help #onemore get into a disciple group. Contact your campus Discipleship Minister for more information.

**Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less - S3 E6:** Elder Gary Proctor on How to Encourage Men to Lead a Group, Encourage Openness and Honesty, and How to Prepare for Group. Listen to this and ALL episodes for free on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

**Fall trimester:** August 18 – December 8

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Serve opportunities with our local partners:** Whether you're looking for a way to serve as a family or specifically as men, women or students—there's a place for you to join us in making the love of Jesus known throughout our city! [Click here to learn more and to sign up.](#)

**Join our ASL Serve Team or our Braille Serve Team:** Exalt Christ by serving individuals and families impacted by special needs through ASL or Braille for worship services, disciple groups, materials and events. We're also asking those who are deaf, hard of hearing or visually impaired to speak into what would bless them most. [Click here to register.](#) (Put ASL or Braille in the comments section of the registration.)

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**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 did you see God move this week?

**The Point:** A mustard seed size faith in the infinitely powerful promise keeping God is infinitely more powerful than putting all your faith in temporary promise-breaking idols.

**Action Step Review:** Last week's in group action step: *"Spend five minutes right now praying for God to reveal what kind of a man or a woman you tend to be more like and where you need to repent or grow in courage. Write down one practical step to boldly live out your faith."* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

**Sermon Text:** *Exodus 20:3-5; 1 Kings 18:20-46; Matthew 6:33; Luke 9:51-56; John 17:3;*

## Discussion Questions

**Leaders:** Our goal is for your group members to engage in a meaningful discussion, not to answer every question. Creating trust among members and understanding who is in the group is vital to taking conversations deeper and growing in vulnerability.

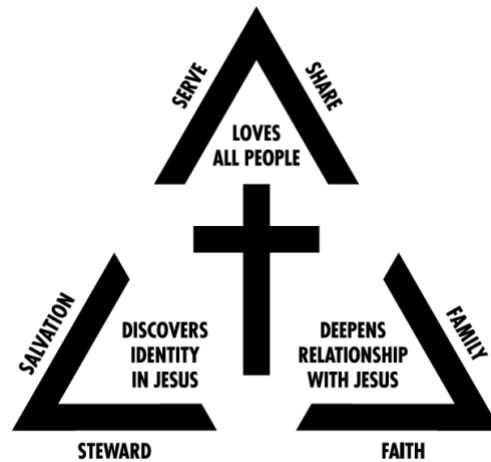
- **Read 1 Kings 18:20-46. What stood out to you in the sermon this week, in the scriptures and what did God reveal to you about Himself?**
- **Discover:** Where in your life are you limping between two options – Jesus, and the things of this world? *(What modern idols tempt you? Money for security? A pill to take the pain away? A bottle to forget? The woman at work for validation? One more Netflix show to put off reality? Instagram so someone will like you? The truth is you can never turn away from the prince of peace and find what you are looking for. “Idolatry is worshiping the gift over the giver.” John Calvin. Jesus says no one can serve two masters. See Matthew 6:24. The church of Laodicea was lukewarm and made Jesus sick. See Revelation 3:14-16. You must make a choice: Is Jesus the LORD of your life or not?)*  
**Deepen:** What practical steps can you take to declare Jesus as your one and only LORD and Savior? *(Ways to turn to Jesus: Pray. Get in the word. Ask for prayer and help from your mat carriers.)*
- **What’s the difference between struggling with sin and willfully sinning?** *(Struggling with sin is when you don’t want to do something, and there’s a war going on inside of you. When you sin, the gospel compels you to run to, not run from, Jesus. See Romans 7:15-20. Willfully sinning is when you say, “Forget you, God, I do what I want.” You are self-righteous, saying my ways are better than your ways.)*
- **It looked like Elijah had set up an impossible situation for God, but God delivered. Share an impossible situation that God made possible.** *(Nothing is impossible for God. See Matthew 19:26. What you think is your biggest setback could be a set up for the glory of God! If you find yourself in an impossible situation, go for it and trust God with the results. Maybe the miracle is on the other side of your obedience. Remember the point this week: A mustard seed size faith in the infinitely powerful promise keeping God is infinitely more powerful than putting all your faith in temporary promise-breaking idols.)*
- **Read 1 Kings 18:37-38. Our God is not a “just enough” God, He’s an “exceedingly more” God. Share where God has done exceedingly more in your life or in the lives of those you know.**
- **Discover:** Elijah persistently prayed seven times for rain (1 Kings 18:41-45). Where do you need persistent prayer in your life, and how can your group persistently pray for each other? *(One way is to assign prayer partners who agree to persistently pray for one another.)*  
**Deepen:** What might God be doing to you and through you when you pray persistently? *(God calls us to pray about everything. That doesn’t mean He will answer every prayer the way we want Him to. We should pray like Elijah did to glorify God. See 1 Kings 18:37. God may be using this to grow you. Remember, God’s timing isn’t our timing.)*

**Action Step:** Stop limping between two options. Put the one thing in your life that’s pulling you away from Jesus on the altar. Put all your faith in Jesus and pray persistently all week.

## Your Discipleship Journey

- **RightNow Media:** Find an *unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to [coe22.com/rightnowmedia](http://coe22.com/rightnowmedia) or text “RightNow” to 441122.

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