



# 1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

## CURRICULUM GUIDE

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

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.

**IF THIS IS YOUR WEEK ONE:** Take a look at last week's curriculum for week one vision casting/covenant.

**Reminder...5 THINGS BEFORE YOU GET STARTED:**

1. Trust God
2. Trust Yourself
3. Trust the Process
4. Believe for the Best
5. Prepare for More

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## 1825 DG Fall Launch – 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:** 1 Kings 19:9-21; Jonah 1:1-4; John 21:1-19; Philippians 1:6

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**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!*
- **Have the group share their names, what they do when they aren't "here" (DG), and why they are "here" (DG)**
- **Icebreaker:** What is your ideal way to spend a Saturday?

**DG Covenant**

*(Use this to begin building culture and expectations. Healthy culture must be cultivated.)*

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

- We believe transformation starts with God, so we commit to regular prayer and time in the Word.
- We will pray for each other consistently—by name and with purpose.

### Availability

- We make showing up a priority. Simply put: nothing good happens if we don't show up. Group will be a priority, not just an option, in our week.
- We'll be there for each other—not just during group, but whenever someone is in need.

### Spiritual Authority

- Everyone's voice matters—but ultimately, we will look to Scripture as our final authority.
- We're not just here to give advice. We're here to point each other to Jesus.

### Respect

- Trust is essential. We won't gossip or share what's said in group outside of group.
- We will celebrate diversity, honor differences, and build unity in Christ.
- Everyone has a voice. We'll be mindful to make space for both quick and slow processors—"instant pots" and "crockpots."

### Growth

- We'll pursue honesty and vulnerability because intimacy requires authenticity.
- "We can only love you as much as we know you...Gross things grow in the dark."
- We are all in process. You are welcome and loved here as a child of God.
- Identity comes before activity.
- We expect to grow—and multiply. Healthy things grow, and this group exists to create more disciple-makers.

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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 1 Kings 19:9-21

- 1. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's sermon? Why?**
- 2. In verses 9–10, God asks Elijah, "What are you doing here?" Why do you think God begins with a question instead of a command?**
- 3. What stands out to you about how God reveals Himself—not in wind, earthquake, or fire—but in a gentle whisper (vv. 11–12)?**
- 4. How does this picture of God compare to the way you were taught or assumed God responds when you mess up?**
- 5. Have you ever experienced what's been called a "dark night of the soul"—a season when God felt distant or silent? How did you respond?**
- 6. Elijah felt alone in his calling (v. 10). When have you felt isolated in your faith, and how did God meet you there?**
- 7. The enemy whispers lies to Elijah, and God responds with truth and presence. What lies tend to echo most loudly in your own seasons of struggle?**

8. How does this passage encourage you if you're in a season of fear, anxiety, or doubt right now?
  9. God doesn't scold Elijah but gently restores him. How can we reflect that same gentleness when walking with someone else in a hard season?
  10. After restoring Elijah, God redirects him back into his calling (vv. 15–18). What might it look like for you to step back into obedience after discouragement?
  11. If God were to gently ask you today, “*What are you doing here?*”—how would you honestly answer?
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## 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?*

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## 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.*

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