



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Elijah

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LEADER INFO: Join our 1825 DG Leader Group Me - https://groupme.com/join_group/96047409/DklUGJOY

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stand Firm: Men's Bible Study with our Teaching Pastors, Tuesdays, now through September 2, 6-7am:

Men of Eleven22—it's time to rise up, link arms, and lean into the call to stand firm and act like men. Join us Tuesday mornings throughout the Elijah series for an early morning Bible study led by Pastor Joby and our teaching team.

1825 Worship Night | August 24 | San Pablo | 7PM

Whether you're new or have been around a while, this night is for YOU. Join us to lift high the name of Jesus. We can't wait to see you there!

New Disciple Groups and Semester Launch August 25th

1825 DG Summer – WEEK 11

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.

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

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.**
 - **Next Steps Follow up:** How did it go? Whether you succeeded 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 1 Kings 18:20-46

- 1. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week's sermon? Why?**
 - 2. How do modern idols (money, approval, pleasure, distraction) make promises they can't keep? How have you believed one of those promises before?**
 - 3. Elijah asked, "How long will you go limping between two opinions?" Where do you feel that tension in your own walk—trying to live with one foot in Christ and one foot in the world?**
 - 4. What makes it so hard to choose full devotion to God when "halfway" feels safer?**
 - 5. Is there a difference between struggling with sin and willfully sinning? Explain.**
 - 6. Elijah poured water on the altar during a drought—making obedience look even more impossible. Why do you think God had him do this? How do you think Elijah might have felt during this process?**
 - 7. Have you ever felt God asked you to trust Him in a way that seemed irrational? How did you respond?**
 - 8. The prophets of Baal tried intensity—more dancing, more shouting, more cutting—to gain acceptance. Where do you see that same "perform harder" mentality in our culture? In your own life?**
 - 9. How does the gospel free us from needing to perform for God's acceptance? How is this "easy" for you remember and embrace? How is it challenging?**
 - 10. Elijah prayed, "Answer me, O Lord, that this people may know that you are God." How can we pray in ways that point attention to God's glory rather than our success?**
 - 11. Why does our heart posture in prayer matter? How do we grow in this area?**
 - 12. When the fire fell, the people fell on their faces and confessed, "The Lord, He is God!" What does it look like for you to live in that same posture of surrender today?**
 - 13. Elijah was "a man with a nature like ours" (James 5:17), yet he simply obeyed God's Word. What small step of obedience might God be calling you to take right now?**
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ACTION STEP

In light of your answers, 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.*
