



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Stand Firm & Act Like Men:  
Where Have All the Good Men Gone?  
October 16 & 19, 2025  
Pastor Joby Martin

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – NEW - Serve Opportunities for Men:** Men are designed to lead and love well, and when they do, everyone flourishes. Serve with one of our ministry partners to build, mentor, pray or play! [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

**NEW - Sign up to receive a seven-week daily devotional written by Gretchen Martin:** Designed for women, this devotional will guide you through Scripture, prayer and reflection—inviting you to grow in biblical womanhood and stand firm in faith throughout the *Stand Firm and Act Like Men* series.

**Senior Adult Serve Training, Sunday, October 26, 6pm, Arlington Campus:** These training sessions provide an opportunity to learn how to share the gospel and care for those who are no longer able to care for themselves. Click [here](#) to register

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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?

**Action Step Review: Last week's in-group action step:** *"During your God time this week, listen to Amazing Grace and focus your prayers on thanking Jesus for His grace in your life."* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

**The Point:** To Stand Up and act like a man you must first bow down and surrender to Jesus.

**Sermon Text:** *Genesis 1:26-28; 2:5-9; 15-25; 3:1-24; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14; 1 Timothy 5:8*

## Discussion Questions

**Leaders:** Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures, but there's no need to answer *every* question. The goal is to get your group members talking more than you. Creating trust among members and understanding who is in the group is vital to taking conversations deeper and growing in vulnerability.

- **Read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 and Genesis 3:1-24. What stood out to you in the sermon this week, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **What is a man according to the scriptures?** *(A man is a prophet, priest, king, provider and protector. If you are a male, God formed you on purpose as a man. Never apologize for being a man. It is a high, holy calling. See 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 and 1 Timothy 5:8.)*
- **What are the dangers of striving to be a man the way our society defines it?** *(Accomplishments, money, power, influence, hobbies, your appearance or some other false idol can become your identity. This can lead you to sin, becoming prideful, judgmental, greedy, entitled, uncaring, etc., taking you away from Jesus, not towards Him. So many of the problems in our society are caused by men not acting like biblical men.)*
- **God gave Adam (and us) three things under the canopy of one purpose: work to enjoy, a will to obey, and a woman to love. All of these were damaged by sin. Share when you have been successful and unsuccessful in these areas.**
- **What's the difference between seeing your work as a job versus a calling? How can your work become an act of worship?**
- **Read Genesis 3:21. What does the way God clothed Adam and Eve teach us about God's mercy and justice?** *(See Romans 5:17.)*
- **Men, how can you be more intentional about listening to the heart of your wife (or the females in your life) instead of just her voice?** *(Continue to pursue her, know her and love her emotionally and physically. Pray for her. Truly listen to her. Answer her feelings with feelings; and answer her facts with facts.)*
- **Women, how can you be more encouraging and supportive of your husband (or the males in your life) and help them live out their God-given identity?** *(Encouragement in the mouth of a wife is like gold in the heart of her husband. Pray for him. Respect him. Try not to criticize.)*
- **Discover:** To stand up and act like a man you must first bow down and surrender to Jesus. Which areas of your life is God calling you to surrender to him? *(See Genesis 3:8-10. Where are you running and hiding from God? The gospel has outed us all, so you don't have to run from Him. You can run to him.)*
- **Deepen:** Who is praying for you and holding you accountable?

**Action Step:** Men, take the challenge to stand up and act like men by first bending your knee to Jesus. [Click here](#) and we'll send you some encouragement, tools and help hold you accountable.

Women, pray for the men in your life. Text DEVO to 44-1122 and sign up for Gretchen's seven weeks of devotionals.

If you're married, make a commitment to pray together every day during this series - even if it's just for one minute each morning.

## Your Discipleship Journey

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