



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Stand Firm – Week 5

November 13-16, 2025

LEADER INFO:

- Group Check In went out last week. Please take a few minutes to respond if you have not already done so.
- Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less – Listen ALL episodes for free on Spotify or Apple.
- Fall trimester ends December 13th.

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE: 1825 Friendsgiving | Sunday, November 23rd | 6pm | San Pablo – Aud A

Join us for a night of fellowship and fun! 1825 will provide the meat and you are invited to contribute to the feast based on the first letter of your first name:

- Side Dish – A-L
- Dessert – M-R
- Beverage – S-Z

We will also be collecting new and unwrapped toys for children in foster care.

Short Term Mission Trips are LIVE!

- 1825 Poland A | March 20-31, 2026 *Application Deadline December 1st*
<https://coe22.servicereef.com/events/the-church-of-eleven22-3/1825-poland-a-2026>
- 1825 Thailand A | June 2-15, 2026 <https://coe22.servicereef.com/events/the-church-of-eleven22-3/1825-thailand-a-2026>
- 1825 Costa Rica D | July 13-19, 2026 <https://coe22.servicereef.com/events/the-church-of-eleven22-3/1825-costa-rica-d-2026>
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NEW: 1825 Worship Night | December 14th | 7PM at San Pablo

Additional recommended resources to go deeper on our Fourth Sunday topics now available [Here](#).

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1825 DG Fall – WEEK 13

Sermon Text: Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 John 4:19

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

Names Matter.

- **Action Step check-in:** Whether you completed it or not – What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?
 - **Icebreaker:** What’s the most *dramatic* thing you’ve ever done to impress someone you liked... that absolutely did NOT work?
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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 Ephesians 5:25-27

- 1. What is ONE thought that stuck with you from this week’s sermon? Why?**
- 2. Ephesians 5 calls husbands to love their wives “as Christ loved the church.” What stands out to you about the kind of love Jesus shows, and why do you think Paul makes *that* the standard?**
- 3. The sermon described *agape* love as self-giving, sacrificial, and not dependent on feelings. How is that different from the way our culture defines love and relationships?**
- 4. Pastor Matt said that in marriage, men are called to “rest in Jesus, persevere through pain, walk humbly under God’s authority, and use their strength to serve.” Which of those four do you think feels the hardest for most men? Why?**
(Also: single guys — which one do you want to start practicing now?)
- 5. Paul tells wives to submit to their husbands *as the church submits to Christ*. Why is it important to understand both commands — submission *and* sacrificial love — together rather than separated?**
- 6. The sermon emphasized that Jesus *loved first* (1 John 4:19). What does initiating love look like in dating, marriage, friendship, or community — even when the other person isn’t reciprocating?**
- 7. Why do you think pursuit and intentionality matter so deeply in relationships — not just romantic ones? What does healthy, godly pursuit look like?**
- 8. Pastor Matt talked about identifying and loving your spouse according to their love language. What are practical ways someone can learn another person’s “language” and love them well — even when it doesn’t come naturally?**

9. Jesus “gave Himself up” for the church (Eph. 5:25). **What are examples of things you might need to “give up” or “lay down” in order to love someone well?**
10. The sermon said: “*Godly men don’t throw punches — they take them.*”
How does this redefine strength and masculinity in a Christlike way?
11. **What is one area where you need to let the Holy Spirit grow you into a person who loves more sacrificially, more intentionally, or more like Jesus?**
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ACTION STEP

In light of your answers tonight, 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.*
