



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Heaven to Earth – Week 2

January 8 and 11, 2026

LEADER NOTES:

- **Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less** – Listen to ALL episodes for free on Spotify or Apple.
- **Last Chance to Register: Coach and Leader Gathering Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 8am – Noon, San Pablo campus:** We're excited for you to join your discipleship ministers, fellow coaches and leaders to celebrate what God has done, and what He is going to do to us and through us this year. We will have a continental breakfast, worship, pray, be equipped during breakout sessions, and fellowship together. Doors will open at 8:00am. Childcare is provided. [Click here to register.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GO ON MISSION! Short Term Mission Trips are LIVE!

- **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>
- **1825 Costa Rica E | July 13-19, 2026** <https://coe22.servicereef.com/events/the-church-of-eleven22-3/1825-costa-rica-e-2026>
- **Night To Shine - Friday, Feb 13th, 6-9 PM, Prime Osborn Convention Center:** Share God's love and celebrate our friends with special needs, all while having the time of your life! Whether it's by cheering in the crowd, doing hair and makeup, serving food or being a buddy and hanging out with a king or queen all night— there is a spot for you to serve! Visit Nighttoreshinejax.com for more information and to register.
- **NEW Services Launching:** We are making room for One More. [Click here](#) to view our new weekend service times.

CONNECT

If you spend the first few weeks in the connect portion more than curriculum questions that is okay!!!

The goal is not to stick only to this portion, 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:** If you had to live in the wilderness for a month, what's the **one comfort item** you'd bring?

1825 DG SPRING – WK 2

Sermon Text(s): Matthew 3; Malachi 3:1-3; Luke 1:12-17; Romans 6:3-4; Romans 8:28-30; 1 John 4:10

The Point: We are called to repentance as a refining work that points others to prepare for Christ's return.

DISCOVER & DEEPEN

(The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. Not answering every question is totally acceptable.)

Read Matthew 3, Matthew 4:17, and Luke 1:12-17

1. What is one thing that stands out from the Scripture or sermon this week?
2. What was the purpose of Jesus's baptism? What does this reveal to you about God's ultimate plan?
3. Reread Matthew 3:2. John preached "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Where in your life are you needing to repent by changing directions, not just altering your behavior?
4. Pastor Joby explained God's kingdom as an "upside-down kingdom." In what ways does God's vision for success, relationships, possessions clash with your vision? What are actionable steps for aligning that vision?
5. John the Baptist refused to conform to traditional expectations in all areas of his life. What are modern day expectations that keep people from walking fully in God's calling?
6. Luke 1:16–17 says John's purpose was to "make ready for the Lord a people prepared." What does a "prepared" heart look like according to Scripture?
7. Salvation through Jesus leads to a refining baptism of Holy Spirit and fire. How have you experienced God's refining work (sanctification) in your own life?

8. The refining fire illustration emphasizes God staying close while He purifies. How does that change the way you view hardship, discipline, or waiting seasons (Rom. 8:28–29)?
 9. In Matthew 3:8-10 John challenges the Pharisees to bear fruit in keeping with repentance. What kinds of “fruit” should be visible in a life that has genuinely encountered Jesus?
 10. John prepared people for Christ’s first coming. We are called to prepare people for His second coming. What role do you think God is inviting *you* to play in the Great Commission right now?
 11. If baptism is a public declaration of dying to the old life and rising to new life (Romans 6:3-4), what “old self” tendencies do you find hardest to leave behind?
 12. Based on your answer to the last question, how can your community help you walk in freedom?
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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.
