

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Testimony Week 1: They Will Overcome
January 11 & 14, 2024

LEADER NOTES: New Leader Trainings: May 19 in-person and May 20 on Zoom; **Disciple Groups Signup Weekends:** January 11- 28; **Spring trimester:** January 22 – May 6.

Coach and Leader Gathering at San Pablo, Saturday, January 20, 8am-12pm: 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. (Childcare provided.) [Click here to register.](#)

No Regrets Men's Ministry Conference Saturday, February 3 from 9am-2pm ET (8am-1pm CT): Pastor Joby will be preaching a session. [Click here for more information.](#) Email gregory.knapp@coe22.com for everything you need so your group can login and watch for free.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Share Your Faith Workshop, Friday, January 19, 2024, 6:00pm - 9:00pm: Join us via Zoom for an interactive workshop on Friday, Jan 19, 2024 (6pm-9pm). We'll learn how to share our faith with others. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Be-YOU-tiful Boutique, January 22 & 29, 1PM-6PM: The young women attending Night to Shine come to our Hope's Closet Arlington location and pick out dresses and accessories free of charge. You may donate your dresses and accessories to Hope's Closet. For more information and to sign up to serve at the boutique, [click here.](#)

Financial Peace University, Monday, January 22 - March 18, 6:30pm – 8pm, Hosted in home groups and online: As we walk through the 10:10 Life Discipleship Journey we want to equip you with tools to find financial freedom and practice eternal generosity to live your life abundantly. For more information and to register, [click here.](#)

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: If Jesus saves your soul, you tell the world. "And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death."

---- Revelation 12:11

SERMON TEXT: *Genesis 3:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:37-39, 10:9-15; Colossians 1:24-29; Hebrews 9:22; Revelation 12:7-12, 13:8*

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There is no pressure to get through all the questions; we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **Read *Revelation 12:7-12*. What did God reveal to you in the Scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **What is the definition of a testimony?** *(A solemn declaration usually made orally by a witness under oath. A firsthand authentication of a fact: evidence. Your testimony is your part of God's bigger story. It reflects the change Christ has done and continues to do in you. It's not trying to convince and argue someone into believing. It's your story of how you were run over by the Grace Train. You share, Jesus saves.)*
- **Pastor Joby told us about believers who were persecuted and died for their faith. We are blessed to live in a country where we probably won't be killed for following Jesus. Yet, we can still hesitate to share our testimony. What fears keep you from sharing your faith?** *(We may be concerned with feeling awkward, what people might think about us, that we might offend someone or that our testimony isn't very exciting. Remember: No testimony is boring. You were dead and are now alive and God wants you to live an abundant life through Christ! You have no idea how God will use your story to bring people to Him.)*
- **Behind every fear of sharing your faith is the enemy trying to get you to question the word of God, the work of God and the worth of God. Think about how the lies you tend to believe may be hindering your ability to share your faith. What do you do, or what can you do to overcome your fears?** *(Use the truth of the Bible to combat the lies of the enemy. Memorize specific scriptures to combat the lies that seem to affect you the most. You can do an internet search, "Bible verses about _____.")*
- **Describe a time you shared your testimony and it went well.** *Leaders, you may need to go first here with an example. (Any time you obey God and share your faith as He calls you to is a time it went well. You have no control over how someone reacts when you share your faith. Leave that up to God. Pray for God to give you opportunities to share your testimony. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you the right words to say. Remember that your words don't save people anyway. You share, Jesus saves.)*
- **The idea that blood must be shed to pay for sin can be very confusing, especially to an unbeliever. Share how you would explain why a blood sacrifice is required to forgive sin, and how Jesus became the ultimate blood sacrifice.** *(Sin is rebellion against God. It's a big deal. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). God is holy and just, therefore He cannot look past sin. There must be a payment for the sin debt of death. Without shed blood there can be no remission of sin (Hebrews 9:22). In the Old Testament sacrificial system, the blood of the lamb covers sin and points to the solution: Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Jesus came to earth as God in the flesh. On the cross, He endured the wrath of God (that we deserve) for our sake, died and rose again three days later, conquering sin and death. Whoever trusts Jesus with their life is redeemed to God.)*

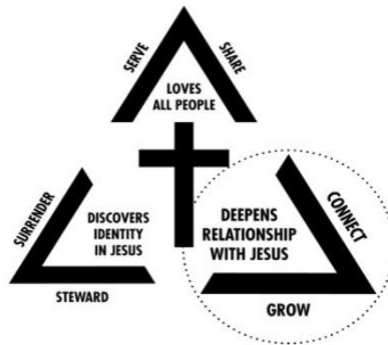
- ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus

Every day this week:

- **Pray for God to give you opportunities to share your testimony**
- **Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you the right words to say**

- **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to coe22.com/rightnowmedia or text “RightNow” to 441122.
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- Details on the 10:10 Life are available at coe22.com/1010life.



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