

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Testimony Week 2: I Am The Man
January 18 & 21, 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.

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.

Leader Podcast - *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less*: You can listen to every episode on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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](#).

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

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

The Point: I am the man. I was blind. I met Jesus. Now I can see. What's your story?

SERMON TEXT: *Genesis 2:7; Isaiah 64:8; Jeremiah 29:11; John 9:1-41; Romans 3:23; 5:8; 6:23; 8:28; 10:9-10*

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 *John 9:1-41*. What did God reveal to you in the Scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**

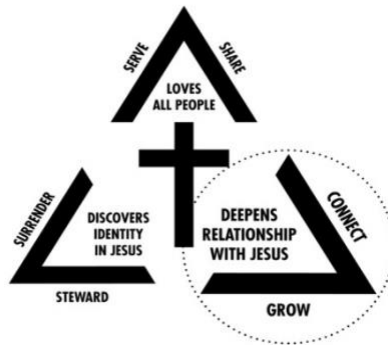
The last two questions are activities that will take 20-25 minutes to complete. Please make sure you save time for them. It's ok if you don't get to every curriculum question.

- **What does *John 9:1-41* say about God's character?** *(No one seemed to value the man born blind, even his parents appeared to abandon him under questioning. The people around him, including the religious leaders, who should have brought him hope, believed that his blindness was the result of sin. Jesus rebuked that lie and shared the truth, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him." (John 9:3) Jesus demonstrates that even if no one else sees you, God sees you, just as you are. He sees what you've been through and what you're going through and He values you and loves you! He died for you.)*
- **Read *John 9:6-7*. What does "Siloam" mean in the passage and what does it mean for how we are called to respond to what Jesus did for us?** *(Siloam means "sent." When God opens your eyes, he wants you to open your mouth. You are sent. Jesus was sent on a rescue mission and as soon as we are rescued, we are sent as a part of the rescue team. Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you to do. Your miracle could be on the other side of a step of obedience. The blind man didn't even ask for sight. He was asking for change and he got a changed life. God often gives us what we need - eternal life - and not what we ask for.)*
- **Read *John 9:8-10*. How does the blind man use his testimony to respond to his doubters and attackers?** *(The formerly blind man responds with boldness and tells his simple story: I was blind, I met Jesus, now I see. It's hard to argue with someone's story. The more that the formerly blind man told his story, the more confident he became in Jesus. In verse 17, he called Jesus a "Prophet," then in verse 36, "sir," and finally in verse 38, "Lord." You may experience opposition to your faith. Revelation 12:11 tells us that we conquer, "...by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.")*
- **Take 10 minutes right now and write down your testimony. Aim for a testimony that will take three minutes or less to read out loud.** You don't need to include every detail. It's about Jesus, not about you. Follow this template: 1. What was your life like before you met Jesus? (Where were you spiritually blind and how did that impact your life?) 2. How did you meet Jesus? (What were the details and circumstances?) 3. What has your life been like since following Jesus? (Tell the good, the bad and the ugly. Everything isn't instantly perfect when you get saved. It's a process of progressive sanctification.)
- **Get in groups of two or three and take turns giving your three-minute testimony.** Keep time on your phone and when you say "time" have them stop wherever they are. This will help you be prepared when God provides an opportunity for you to share your faith. *(Remember: There are no bad testimonies because you're testifying about the one who saved you, for His glory and purpose. You have no idea how He may use your story to save someone else.)*

ACTION STEP

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- Practice your three-minute testimony.
 - Pray for an opportunity to give your testimony to someone this week.
 - Report to the group next week how it went.
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 - Details on the 10:10 Life are available at coe22.com/1010life.



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