



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Testimony Week 3: The King's Table
January 25 & 28, 2024

LEADER NOTES: BIG NEWS: Starting this week, you will be receiving an attendance reminder via text with a link to take attendance. It will be sent on the day and time of your group. Please take attendance as soon as you receive the text. You will still get your email reminder as well. Accurate attendance lets us know who is actively participating in a group and who we may need to help get better connected.

New Leader Trainings: May 19 in-person and May 20 on Zoom; **Disciple Groups Sign-up 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:

NIGHT TO SHINE: February 9 from 6-9pm, Prime Osborn Convention Center: An unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love for people with special needs. Learn more about how you can volunteer and register at nighttoshinejax.com.

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

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

The Point: Jesus is the greater and better Jonathon. Because of His loving kindness toward us we have been invited like a cripple to the King's table.

SERMON TEXT: *1 Samuel 20:12-17; 2 Samuel 4:4, 9:1-13; John 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 2 Samuel 9:1-13. What did God reveal to you in the Scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **We are all called to submit to different authorities in our lives. How did David model what biblical submission looks like in an extremely difficult relationship?** *(Saul tried to kill David multiple times with spears, his army and assassination attempts. David protected himself, but even though he had opportunities to kill Saul, he deferred to the authority of God and the current anointed King.)*
- **Mephibosheth suffered a fall in his youth and was made lame (2 Samuel 4:4). He allowed that fall to define him as worthless and in verse 8 he calls himself a “dead dog.” What is the mistake he made and the mistake you make when you label yourself this way?** *(You are called to be humble, but not to be identified by your past. Your past doesn’t define you nor determine your future. You are made in God’s image and only He gets to define you. You are an adopted son or daughter of the most high King. Because of Christ, God looks at you and says “behold my son or daughter whom I love. In you I am well pleased,” and one day he’ll say, “Well done good and faithful servant.” See Pastor Joby’s list of how God defines you in the “Action Steps” section.)*
- **“The Point” this week is that Jesus is the greater and better Jonathon. Discuss the relationship of David and Jonathon and the covenant they had.** *(David and Jonathon were best friends. They made a covenant in 2 Samuel 20:14-17. Jonathan did everything he could to protect David from his father (King Saul) and asked David to “...not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever...” David kept his promise with what he did for Mephibosheth.)*
- **How is the historical account of David, Jonathon and Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 2:9-13 an example of the Gospel?** *(David gave Mephibosheth: 1. Loving kindness. 2. An inheritance. 3. Adoption as a son with a seat at the King’s table for all of his days. We are all Mephibosheth. During the transfer of a kingdom there was a fall that left us crippled. Because of the actions of another (Jesus) we have been invited by the KING to the table.)*
- **Even with all the blessings Mephibosheth received from David, he was still lame. What does that say about the gifts God gives you?** *(You might not get everything you want on this earth. But God will give you what you need most. He changes you from a dead dog to the son or daughter of the King! He forgives your sins and grants you righteousness and eternal life with Him!)*

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

Since you are in Christ, these are just a few of the ways He defines you (from Neil T. Anderson, *The Bondage Breaker*). Memorize a few of your favorites and speak them over yourself when your identity in Christ wavers.

I am the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13).

I am the light of the world (Matt. 5:14).

I am a child of God (John 1:12).

I am part of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life (John 15:1,5).

I am Christ's friend (John 15:15).

I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit (John 15:16).

I am a slave of righteousness (Romans 6:18).

I am enslaved to God (Romans 6:22).

I am a son of God; God is my Father (Rom. 8:14,15; Gal. 3:26, 4:6).

I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him (Rom. 8:17).

I am a temple of God. His Spirit and His life dwell in me (1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19).

I am united to the Lord and am one spirit with Him (1 Cor. 6:17).

I am a member of Christ's body (1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 5:30).

I am a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17).

I am reconciled to God and am a minister of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18, 19).

I am a son of God and one in Christ (Gal. 3:26, 28).

I am an heir of God since I am a son of God (Gal. 4:6,7).

I am a saint (Eph. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2).

I am God's workmanship -- His handiwork -- born anew in Christ to do His work (Eph. 2:10).

I am a fellow citizen with the rest of God's family (Eph. 2:19).

I am a prisoner of Christ (Eph. 3:1, 4:1).

I am righteous and holy (Eph. 4:24).

I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heaven right now (Phil. 3:20; Eph. 2:6).

I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).

I am an expression of the life of Christ because He is my life (Col. 3:4).

I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved (Col. 3:12; 1 Thess. 1:4).

I am a son of light and not of darkness (1 Thess. 5:5).

I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling (Heb. 3:1).

I am a partaker of Christ; I share in His life (Heb. 3:14).

I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5).

I am an alien and a stranger to this world in which I temporarily live (1 Peter 2:11).

I am an enemy of the devil (1 Peter 5:8).

I am a child of God and I will resemble Christ when He returns (1 John 3:1,2).

I am born of God, and the evil one -- the devil -- cannot touch me (1 John 5:18).

I have been justified, completely forgiven and made righteous (Rom. 5:1).

I died with Christ and died to the power of sin's rule over my life (Rom. 6:1-6).

I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1).

I have been bought with a price; I am not my own; I belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19,20).

I have been established, anointed and sealed by God in Christ, and I have been given the Holy Spirit as a pledge guaranteeing my inheritance to come (2 Cor. 1:21; Eph. 1:13,14).