



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Stand Firm Week 8: The Power of Prayer
August 29 & September 1, 2024

LEADER NOTES: Fall trimester: August 19–December 8. **New Leader Trainings:** [December 8](#) on campus; [December 9](#) via Zoom.

New Episode of Leading Well in 7 Minutes of Less, S2 E6: How to Make Disciples The Way Jesus Did with David McGinley, Discipleship Minister of our Fleming Island campus. Listen for free on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW: Arise Together, Mentorship/Sister Ally: Serve as a mentor and show the love of Christ to women coming out of the sex trafficking industry. [Click here for more information](#) and to sign up.

Find your “It is written”s on the Word of God - Speak app for iPhone. “The Word of God - Speak app is the fastest way to access Bible verses based on your exact need. It is designed to help you instantly get to some of the most powerful verses in the Bible with a simple tap.” You can download the app for free [by clicking here](#).

Equip your Disciple Group: Our Equipping Ministry teachers are available to come to your Disciple Group to teach a session on interpreting scripture, world religions, ways to create your testimony, how to disciple your family and more. [Click here for more info](#).

Prepare for Saturated: [Click here](#) to learn more about our 21 days of prayer and fasting and to sign up to receive daily devotionals from Gretchen Martin.

THIS WEEK’S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) and [Android](#). Click the “Daily” icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

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

Sermon Text: *Luke 11:1-26; Acts 4:23-31; Ephesians 6:10-18*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please make sure you get to the **action step** every week. There is no pressure to get through all the questions; prayerfully plan your choices for your group.

- **Read *Ephesians 6:18; Acts 4:23-31* and *Luke 11:1-13*. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?**
- **Share some “it is written”s you memorized last week, or some you’re going to memorize *this* week, to prepare for battle.** *(If you didn’t memorize any verses yet, remember Romans 8:1, “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Start today. You can look at page two of the Eleven22 Times for some of the lies of the enemy and the truth of the Word. Read some of them out loud right now.)*
- **Discuss how we can use prayer as a weapon in the spiritual war we’re in.** *(Prayer is your wartime walkie-talkie. It connects you to the power of God and gives you access to His very throne room! Read Acts 1:4-8. Prayer needs to be your first resort, not your last.)*
- **Read Luke 11:1-9. *Discover:* Discuss the parts of the prayer model Jesus gave the disciples.** *(View God as your father, worship and adore him for his holiness and character, confess your sins to him, thank Him for his forgiveness of your sins and for all He does for you, say prayers of supplication for you and for all the saints. Remember: We are called to pray first and decide second, not to plan first and then ask God to bless it.)*
Deepen: How can you model your prayers after the Lord’s Prayer?
- ***Discover:* If God said yes to every prayer of yours for the last week, what would be different in the world?** *(Is your prayer life more like a wartime walkie-talkie or a domestic intercom calling for more comfort in the den?)*
Deepen: What will you pray for boldly and with persistence this week?
- **Prayer was fundamental to the early church and has become supplemental now. What practical steps can you take to make prayer fundamental in your life?** *(Prayer was the very foundation for everything Jesus did during His earthly ministry. If Jesus needed to pray, how much more do you need to pray to your Father in Heaven? Another great way to pray is to talk to God, about God, with God’s words. Some examples of the many times Jesus prayed are in Luke 3:21; 5:15-16; 6:12; 9:18; 9:28-29; 10:21-22; 22:32 and 22:40.)*

Action Step

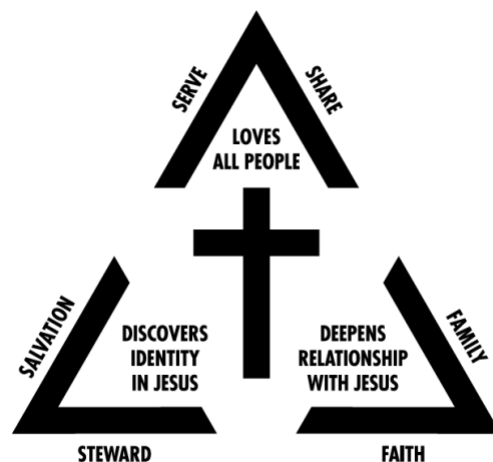
Set aside a dedicated time each day this week for bold prayer, using the model of the Lord's Prayer.

You can use the acronym A.C.T.S. ADORE Him. CONFESS your sins. THANK God for all he's done for you. Say prayers of SUPPLICATION for yourself and others.

If you feel like you don't have enough time for this, take a look at how much time you're spending on social media, streaming, etc. and shift some of that time to prayer.

Your Discipleship Journey

- **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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