



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Stand Firm Week 9: Preach The Gospel
September 5 & 8, 2024

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

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 to ALL episodes for free on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

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](#).

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: *Judges 2:10; John 4:10; 8:42; 14:2-24; 15:12-15; Acts 19; 20:17-38; Ephesians 6:10-20; Revelation 2:1-7*

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 6:19-20; Acts 19* and *Revelation 2:1-7*. 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?**
- **We've spent nine weeks in this Stand Firm series focused on spiritual warfare. Share your experiences.** *(For example: Have your beliefs about spiritual warfare changed? What have you incorporated into your daily battle, what battles have you been facing, and what victories you have seen?)*

THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL:

- **Discover:** Read *Ephesians 6:19*. What is the mystery of the Gospel? *(That a perfect king would give his life for a traitorous race and not only forgive us, but adopt us as his children. This mystery of the gospel includes the equality and unity of all who believe in Christ - ALL people, Jew or Gentile. This was revealed through Jesus. See Romans 3:21-25; Galatians 3:23-29; Ephesians 3:1-11; Colossians 1:26-27.)*deleted.
- **Deepen:** Share how you would explain this mystery to someone who has never heard it before.

JESUS - YOUR FIRST LOVE:

- Share your experience and how it felt when Jesus became your first love.
- **Discover:** Read *Revelation 2:4-5*. Why do we need to work at keeping Jesus our first love? *(All relationships take work to keep your love strong. If you don't continue to stir your affections, your love cools. The Gospel isn't anti-effort, it's anti-earning. We have so many worldly things competing for our love that we will drift away from God if we don't work at it.)*
- **Deepen:** If Jesus has slipped to second place, what practical steps can you take to make Him first again? *(Jesus said our number one job is to love God! If we get everything else right and mess this up, we've messed up everything. Remember, Repent and Redo. **Remember** your love for Jesus, His love for you and all He's done for you. Think about the analogy of your relationship with your spouse. Remember when you were first dating, how much you loved them and all you did for them? **Repent**, rewire your mind to love Jesus. **Redo** the works you did at first and focus again on the reasons you love Him. Here are more ways stir your affections for Jesus: 1. Revere God. 2. Worship Jesus 3. Authentically confess and repent. 4. Renounce other gods. 5. Preach the Gospel.)*
- **Read *Judges 2:10*. What does the Bible say will happen if you take your eyes off the Word of God and the Gospel?** *(You will make secondary things primary and then, it's over. Keep your focus on the Gospel and the word of God. You can't rightly love God if you don't love His Word.)*
- **Discover:** In *Acts 19*, How did the Gospel impact the city of Ephesus?
- **Deepen:** How might our city/state/nation/world be changed if we share the Gospel with the same boldness?

Action Step

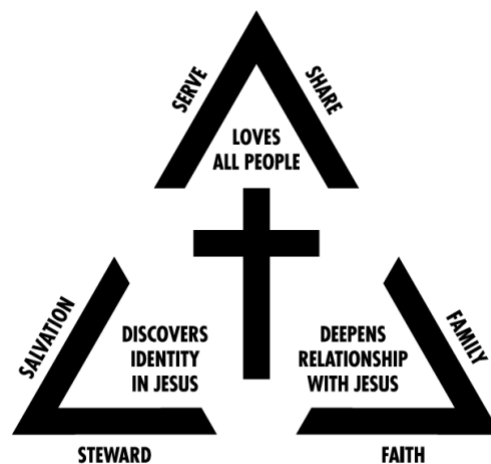
Every day this week, take one or two of the practical steps mentioned above to stir your affections for Jesus. Share how it goes with your group next week.

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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