



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

Matthew Season 4: Old to New
Episode 1: The Friend To Sinners
April 9-12, 2026

LEADER NOTES:

- **End of Semester:** May 11
- ***Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less*** – Listen to ALL episodes for free on Spotify or Apple.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Secret Church – April 17th, 7pm-1am – Sign up before it's too late! We want you here!**
Radical's Secret Church is a unique, one-night event that is streamed each Spring to tens of thousands of participants around the world. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we meet for six hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted. Sign up [here](#) today!
- **1825 Worship Night – April 26, 7pm, Auditorium A at San Pablo**
- **Join the Eleven22 Production Team** - Behind every lyric, note and frame is a team of people creating an environment where others can encounter God without distraction. No experience? No problem. We will equip you! Serve opportunities include audio, visuals, running lyrics and scripture, lighting, camera op and stage crew. You can shadow a team member to see what it's like. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to serve.
- **Serve at Beach Baptism – Sunday, May 17, Hanna Park:** Help roll out the red carpet for those publicly proclaiming their faith in Jesus! Find a team, pick a shift and join us to celebrate life change together. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up.
- **Get Baptized at Beach Baptism on Sunday, May 17:** We are offering baptism classes after every service Until May 14.

CONNECT

If you spend the first few weeks in the connect portion more than curriculum questions that is okay!!!
The goal is not to stick only to this portion, but remember:

1825 DISCIPLE GROUPS ARE VALUE-DRIVEN, NOT CURRICULUM DRIVEN

Names Matter.

- **Action Step check-in:** Whether you completed it or not – What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?
 - **Icebreaker:** What's something about you that people would never guess just by looking at you?
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1825 DG SPRING – WK 14

Sermon Text(s): *Hosea 6:6; Psalm 139:16; Matthew 9:6-13; Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27*

DISCOVER & DEEPEN

(The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. Not answering every question is totally acceptable.)

Read Matthew 9:9-13

1. What has God revealed to you about Himself through the Scriptures and through the sermon this week?
2. Why do you think Matthew waited until chapter 9 to share his own story? What does that reveal about his view of Jesus vs. himself?
3. In Matthew 9:12–13, Jesus says He came for the sick, not the righteous. **Where do you see yourself in that statement right now—and why?**
4. The crowd was shocked that Jesus forgave sins based on faith alone. **Why is it still hard for us to fully accept grace instead of trying to earn it?**
5. Matthew intentionally points out that he was sitting in the tax booth when Jesus called him. **Why is it important that Jesus meets us in the middle of our sin—not after we clean ourselves up?**
6. Jesus “saw” Matthew fully—knowing everything about him—and still called him. **How could it change your view of God to know He knows everything about you and still chooses you?**
7. Shame causes many people to walk away from God. **Where have you seen shame affect your relationship with God or others? How can the gospel confront that?**

8. Matthew was known as Levi (his past), but Jesus saw Matthew (his future). **What labels from your past are hardest for you to let go of? What do you think Jesus calls you instead?**
 9. The message says: “Jesus doesn’t see us for who we are, but for who we are becoming.” **Where do you struggle to believe that in your own life?**
 10. **If Jesus saved Matthew—the “worst sinner” in their culture—what does that tell us about who qualifies to be used in God’s mission? How might that change the way you see your role in the Great Commission?**
 11. Matthew didn’t just get saved—he became part of God’s plan to reach others. **Who in your life might need to hear your story, and what’s one step you can take this week to live on mission with them?**
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ACTION STEP

In light of your answers tonight, what is one step God is calling you to take this week?

Sanctification and spiritual growth are not linear, but they always involve a step of obedience. Some will have the same next step week after week as they grow in spiritual disciplines and learn to walk in obedience. Others will have a next step that can be completed within the week.

The more you can lead individuals in making their next step SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, timely) the easier it is to walk out accountability.

Example:

1825: “My next step is to read my bible more.”

Leader: “How many times this next week do you want to read your bible? When will you do it? How long? What will you read?”

1825: “I want to read when I wake up three mornings for 20 minutes.”

Have a group member record next steps and share in your Group Me.

Next week check in. How did it go? Whether you accomplished the goal or not: What did you learn about God? Yourself?

PRAYER

How can we pray for you and your walk with Jesus? Close in Prayer.

While we are happy to pray for all things, we want to grow in authenticity by asking and sharing how we can pray for one another as we discover and deepen in our relationship with Christ and take next steps of obedience.

*****TIP:** *Provide index cards. Have each member write their prayer requests on a card with their name and place in the middle of the circle. At the end of group each person selects a card to pray over for the next week. Encourage members to reach out to the individual they are praying for during the week. Mixed groups: keep guys and girls cards separate. Guys pray and reach out to guys. Girls pray and reach out to girls.*