



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Old to New – Week 5

May 7 & 10, 2026

LEADER NOTES:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Join our 1825 and Senior Adult Summer Study** – Meet with us Sundays starting June 7th at 6:30pm as we read *A Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren alongside our Eleven22 Senior Adults. This is an opportunity to grow deeper in understanding God's call for our lives and gain wisdom the generations who have gone before us. [Sign up for the study with this link.](#) (You will need to purchase your own book to bring to the first meeting).

- **Join The 1825 Serve Team**

Looking to take a next step this semester? The 1825 Serve Team is a great way to get connected, build community, and be part of what God is doing in and through this ministry. This is more than filling a role—it's stepping into a community on mission together. If you're ready to jump in, we'd love to have you on the team: [Click here to join our team.](#)

What to expect:

Serve twice a month

Team Gathering: Second Sundays of each month

Serve Opportunities: 1825 Fourth Sundays + special events throughout the semester

- **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 to sign up to serve or be baptized.](#)
- **Get Baptized at Beach Baptism on Sunday, May 17:** We are offering baptism classes after every service Until May 14. [Click here to sign up to serve or be baptized.](#)

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 your most unpopular summer opinion?
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1825 DG SPRING – WK 18

Sermon Text(s): *Deuteronomy 23:25; Matthew 12; Romans 10:9*

DISCOVER & DEEPEN

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

Read Matthew 12

1. What has God revealed to you about Himself through the Scriptures and through the sermon this week?
2. Where have you seen “religion” show up in your own life? (Religion defined as expecting others to follow rules, preferences, or standards that God never actually commanded)
3. Jesus said, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” What is one relationship where you’ve been more focused on being “right” than being loving?
4. Do you have any spiritual habits that look healthy on the outside but feel empty or exhausting on the inside?
5. Jesus invited weary people to come to Him for rest. What currently feels heavy in your life, and what would it actually look like to give that burden to Him instead of carrying it alone?
6. The religious leaders used a hurting man as a pawn to prove a point. Have you ever felt used, overlooked, or judged by Christians or church culture? How did it affect your view of God?
7. Pastor Joby asked us, “How many miracles are tucked away because you didn’t do what Jesus said?” What’s one step of obedience you know God has been asking you to take?
8. Read Matthew 12:34. What are your words lately revealing about your heart status?

9. Jesus made it clear there's no middle ground: either with Him or against Him. What do you think keeps people our age from fully committing to Jesus?
10. What's one practical way you can choose mercy, humility, or obedience this week instead of performance, pride, or control?
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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.*