



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 4: Old to New
Episode 7: Parable of the Weeds/Mustard
Seed/Leaven
May 21 & May 24, 2026
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LEADER NOTES – We created a “Questions Only Curriculum” that you can send to your group if they would like to prepare for your meeting. It’s on the group curriculum page right next to the regular “Curriculum.”

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2026 - Spring trimester: 1/5–5/11 **Summer trimester:** 6/1–7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17–12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Growth Track: Whether you're brand new to The Church of Eleven22 or you've been here a while, Growth Track is for you. [Learn more.](#)

Summer Book Study, 1825/Senior Adults, Sundays (excluding Fourth Sunday) June 7 – end of summer, 6:30pm, San Pablo campus: Join us in a study of *A Purpose Driven Life*, by Rick Warren. Please buy a copy of the book and bring it to the first meeting. [Click here to register.](#)

THIS WEEK’S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [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?

Big Idea: Judgment day is coming and we are not the judge. It's the object, not the amount of faith, that will save you.

Action Step Review: Last week’s action step: *“1. Pray for Jesus to show you a “thorn” competing for your affection and take one practical step to surrender it so the Word can bear more fruit in your life. 2. Prepare your heart intentionally before church next week. Spend 10–15 minutes and pray.”* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Sermon Text: *Psalm 51, 78; Matthew 13:24-43; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 1:6*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer every question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper.

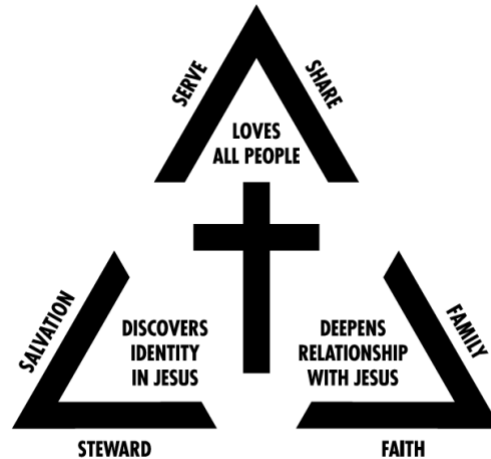
- **Share your experience at Beach Baptism and any testimonies/stories you heard.**
- **Read Matthew 13:24-43. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **In the parable of the weeds, why does the master allow the wheat and the weeds to grow together?** *(In the beginning you can't tell the weeds from the wheat. The roots are entangled, and pulling weeds too early would damage the wheat. This shows God's patience, mercy and wisdom in allowing both to grow until the harvest.)*
- **Discover:** How is the parable of the weeds a warning to "church" people, and how is it also good news? *(Just because you attend church doesn't mean you're saved. But beware of having a judgmental spirit. It's not your job to determine if someone else is saved. Be gentle and careful with the new believer. God is at work, and we don't check the sanctification boxes in the same order (see Philippians 1:6). Accountability and care happen best in a community like your disciple group. Our battle is not against flesh and blood. We are fighting the enemy, not the weeds.)*
Deepen: Where in your own life or in the church are you tempted to judge the salvation of others?
- **Discover:** Discuss the meaning of the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven. *(Even a tiny little bit of faith in Jesus Christ has excellent, exponential results. You go from death to life! Abide in Jesus and the Holy Spirit will grow you into becoming more like Christ. You get the abundant life with Him.)*
Deepen: Share a time your mustard seed of faith in Jesus grew into a tree.
- **Read Matthew 13:34 and Psalm 78:1-8 (For extra credit read all of Psalm 78!). Discuss how these verses tie together.** *(Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Asaph to bring clarity to the mysterious and hidden things of God in parables. Jesus is the fulfilled promise. If you read all of Psalm 78, you see Asaph reminding Israel of times God performed miracle after miracle and the people missed it and forgot God. So, God sent judgment to bring them back. Though His anger stirred against them, He never stopped pursuing them.)*
- **Where in your life are you cultivating, investing in, and experiencing God's word, God's people and God's presence—privately and corporately?**

Action Step: 1. Text JOURNEY to 441122 to take your next step in your discipleship journey. Share with your group next week one specific next step you're going to take. 2. Find a seasonal summer serve opportunity for you and your group.

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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Go to coe22.com/growthtrack, scroll down to “What’s Growth Track?” and click the words, “Discipleship Triangle” to download or print a discipleship journey tool with questions for you to ask yourself and others. Please share the link and directions with others in your group.