

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 5: Impossible to Possible
Episode 1: A Prophet without Honor
May 28 & May 31, 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: **New - Men's Bible Study, June 3–August 5, 6:00am–7:00am:** Join us on Wednesday mornings as we go deeper into the Matthew series through an early-morning Bible study led by Pastor Joby and our teaching team. Campus locations: Fleming Island, Jesup, North Jax, Palatka, San Pablo, St. Augustine, St. Johns

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: Don't let what you think you know blind you from what you experience — from what is right in front of your face.

Action Step Review: **Last week’s action step:** “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. Find a seasonal summer serve opportunity for you and your group.” How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Sermon Text: *Matthew 13:44-58; Acts 3:1-8; Romans 4:3-5; 2 Corinthians 5:21*

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.

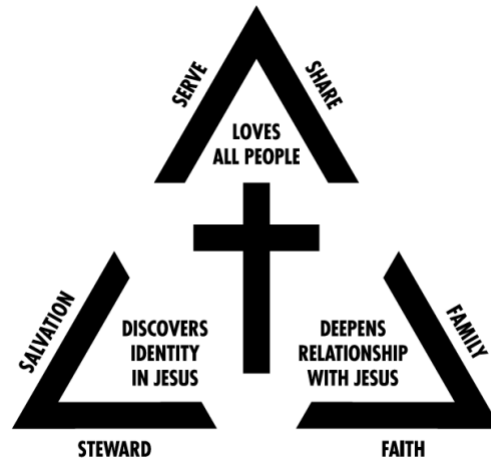
- **Read Matthew 13:44-58. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Discover:** Discuss the similarities and differences of the parable of the hidden treasure and the parable of the pearl of great value. *(One man stumbled upon the treasure and the other was searching for it. Both were willing to sell everything to get it because of how great the treasure is. Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven are THE treasure. God's ways are the best. He is worth everything! When see the LORD and His kingdom for who He is and what it is, the things of the earth grow strangely dim.)*
Deepen: What is something you once thought was very valuable but later realized was not as important as you thought? *(See Philippians 3:7-8.)*
- **Discover:** What do you have to "give up" for the treasure of Jesus, and what do you get in return? *(You give up sin, shame, condemnation, comparison, control, anxiety, worry, performance and pretending. You get a relationship with Him, eternal life, peace, forgiveness, purpose and approval from God! It's not sacrifice when you give up something lesser for something greater.)*
Deepen: What have you joyfully turned away from for God, or what treasures of this world have grown strangely dim for you?
- **Discover:** Referring to the parable of the net, discuss how we are all evil and how we can be righteous. *(God's standard is perfection. Are you perfect? See Romans 3:23. Have you ever: rejected God, had unpure thoughts, given your body away to someone it didn't belong to, thought too highly of yourself, had evil thoughts about someone? See Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Being righteous means having right standing in front of God. If you are in Christ, you now have His imputed righteousness!)*
Deepen: Many Christians only believe half the gospel. What is the WHOLE gospel? *(Remember Pastor Joby's illustration of the man trillions of dollars in debt who went to the bank. Half of the gospel is having your debt forgiven by the banker, but you're still broke. The whole gospel is you are also now adopted by the banker and given a debit card with access to the family fortune. If you are a believer, Jesus forgave your sins AND you are adopted into God's family. You are a co-heir with Jesus!)*
- **Read Matthew 13:51-52. Discuss what the "new and old treasures" are and how knowing Jesus changes the way we read the whole Bible.** *(There are NEW and OLD treasures that you get from studying the scripture... Jesus is saying, "The Old Testament is pointing to me." There are always new things to be gleaned about the kingdom of heaven, and you are to "bring these things out for others," not keep to yourself. We should read the whole Bible as one story centered on Christ, not as disconnected religious information.)*
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 13:53-58. What can stop you from seeing and experiencing Jesus for who He is? *(Stubbornness, familiarity, what you think you know, tradition, holding on to the things of this world, being raised in the church and now Jesus seems boring and you take Him for granted?)*
Deepen: What are some ways you can recover wonder and awe for Jesus again? *(Prayer life, Bible reading, worship, church, salvation, marriage, generosity, mission?)*

Action Step: Pray to Jesus and ask Him what you're treasuring more than Him. Write down one competing treasure and surrender it to God in prayer.

Your Discipleship Journey

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