



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Religion to Redemption – Week 1

August 6 & August 9, 2026

LEADER NOTES:

Fall Trimester Starts August 24th

1825 DG Leader Gathering: Saturday, August 15th, 8:30am-Noon at San Pablo

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **1825 LOVE Jax Serve Day** Saturday, August 22, **THREE** opportunities and locations available to serve! All descriptions, details and registration to serve can be found [HERE](#)
- **1825 Worship Night | August 23 | 7PM | San Pablo**
- **Passion Conference sign-ups are LIVE!** We have limited tickets reserved, so don't wait to join! [Register here to join 1825 at Passion.](#)
- **Join The 1825 Serve Team:** If you're ready to jump in, we'd love to have you on the team: [Click here to join our team.](#)

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 favorite smell and why?

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Sermon Text(s): *Proverbs 24:17; Matthew 20:20-34; John 13:1-20; Philippians 2:1-11; Galatians 6:2; 1 Peter 5:5*

The Point: True greatness is not found in Position, Possessions or Power but in the PERSON and Work of Jesus. And that greatness is accessed by PRAYER.

DISCOVER & DEEPEN

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

Read Matthew 20:20-34

1. What has God revealed to you about Himself through the Scriptures and through the sermon this week?
 2. What are some ways our culture encourages us to measure our worth through position, possessions, or power? Which of these do you find easiest to get caught up in?
 3. The disciples wanted positions of influence in Jesus' kingdom. What do you think their request reveals about what they believed following Jesus would ultimately give them?
 4. Pastor Joby reminded us that a rightly ordered life recognizes that Jesus is "before all things." What areas of your life are easiest to put Jesus first in, and where is it more difficult? Why?
 5. How do your use of time, money, relationships, and attention reveal what is actually most important to you?
 6. Jesus told His disciples that following Him would involve "drinking the cup." What does the Christian life look like when we stop expecting following Jesus to always be comfortable?
 7. Why do you think our culture has such a strong tendency to avoid pain, discomfort, and sacrifice? How can that mindset affect our faith?
 8. Proverbs 24:17 describes the righteous person falling and getting back up. What does failure look like when viewed through the lens of grace rather than shame?
 9. Jesus, who had ultimate authority, willingly submitted Himself to the Father. What does His example teach us about the relationship between strength, authority, and humility?
 10. If Jesus defines greatness as serving rather than being served, how should that change the way we think about the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19–20?
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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.*