



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Religion to Redemption – Week 2

August 13 & August 16, 2026

LEADER NOTES:

Fall Trimester and New Curriculum Format Starts August 24th

Check emails for IMPORTANT notes from 1825 Leader Gathering

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.](#)
- **1825s!!!!** Join The 1825 Serve Team: If you're 18-25-years-old ready to take your next step to partner to create spaces for other 18-25-year-olds, 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:** If you were given a set of instructions that sounded completely ridiculous—but you knew they came from someone you trusted—what would convince you to follow them anyway?

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Sermon Text(s): Psalm 8:1-9; Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:1-22; John 2:5, 11:47-48; Romans 12:11, 2 Timothy 4:2-4; James 4:17; Revelation 3:2, 16

The Point: Jesus came to move us from empty religion to redemption through His blood, calling us to respond with genuine faith, fruitful obedience, and lives fully surrendered to Him.

DISCOVER & DEEPEN

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

1. What has God revealed to you about Himself through the Scriptures and through the sermon this week?
2. What The disciples obeyed Jesus even though His instructions about the donkey may not have made sense. What can make it difficult for us to obey God before we understand what He is doing?
3. Jesus entered Jerusalem humbly on a donkey rather than displaying earthly power. How does His example challenge the way we pursue influence, recognition, or success?
4. The crowd celebrated Jesus publicly, yet many did not fully understand who He was. What is the difference between being excited about Jesus and genuinely following Him?
5. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people asked, “Who is this?” How would you answer that question based on what you currently know and believe about Jesus?

Read Matthew 21:1-22

6. Jesus went directly to the temple and confronted what was dishonoring God. What “tables” might Jesus want to overturn in your heart or life?
7. The religious leaders had lost their awe of God. What are some signs that we may be losing our own sense of awe and reverence for Him?
8. Jesus said the temple was meant to be a “house of prayer.” What does your current prayer life reveal about your dependence on God?
9. The fig tree had leaves but no fruit. Where might you be tempted to appear spiritually healthy without allowing Jesus to produce genuine fruit in your life?

10. The sermon reminds us that when we lose our awe of God, we also lose sight of His mission. How does knowing and worshiping God move us toward making Him known?
 11. What “mountain” seems to stand between someone you know and faith in Jesus? How can your group pray in faith and take obedient action while trusting God to do what only He can do?
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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.*