



CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 7: Death to Life

Episode 2: The Arrest of Jesus

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LEADER NOTES – NEW - We're about to begin our two-year Neighbors to Nations initiative, with a goal of growing from 1,000 to 2,500 Disciple Groups to **make room for one more**. We hope most new leaders will be raised up from within existing groups. Our [Leader's Guide to Multiplying Disciple Groups](#) explains why we multiply and provides a step-by-step process. Please designate a Future Leader on your group page by October 14. Here's a [video tutorial](#) showing you how. Questions? Reach out to your campus Discipleship Minister.

Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less: Listen to ALL episodes for free on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

2026 Fall trimester: 8/17–12/7 2027 - Spring: 1/4 - 5/17 Summer: 6/7 - 7/26 Fall: 8/23 - 12/6

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NEW - Over 50 Senior Lunch, Tuesday 13 October 11:30 am -1:30 pm at North Jax or Baymeadows: Build community, engage in discipleship and to be equipped to fulfill your role in the Great Commission. At North Jax, join us for worship and Bible teaching. At Baymeadows, we will be presenting "The Scribe," a dramatic portrayal of the life of Christ through the eyes of a centurion with Dr Paul and Annette Pitts. [Learn more and sign up.](#)

Serve Opportunities with Our Partners: All Nations Adult Soccer League is looking for Ministry Leaders to build relationships with players, share the gospel, encourage teammates in their faith and help connect them to the local church. [Learn more.](#) **Pray for your city:** Head downtown to prayer walk with Disciples of God Sent. [Learn more](#)

Work at Eleven22: If you'd like to join our team, we invite you to [view our open roles](#) and see if there is one where your skills, talents and passions meet. **Highlighted open role:** [Vision Engagement Lead](#)

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?

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: *Text NEXT to 441122 and pray that Jesus will lead you to your next step in following Him.* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Memory Verse: *Matthew 26:39*

Sermon Text: *Matthew 26:47-56; John 18:1-11*

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. **The answers in parentheses** are simply possible responses.

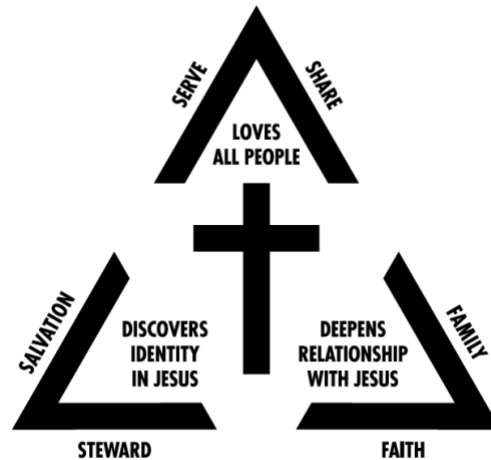
- Read Matthew 26:47-56 and John 18:1-11. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?
- **Discover:** Are you afraid you might go to hell? If so, what makes you afraid?
Deepen: If you have accepted Jesus as your LORD and Savior, you are in Christ and you can be confident that you are going to Heaven. Do a Bible search on verses that can be some of your "it is writtens" you can use to push back any fear you have. *(Salvation is God's gift through faith, not something we earn by being good enough. See: Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 John 5:11-13; John 5:24, 6:37-40, 10:27-30; Romans 8:1.)*
- Read Matthew 26:50. What is the significance of Jesus calling Judas, "Friend." *(Jesus knew what Judas was doing and STILL called him friend. See John 15:14-15. He offered friendship to Judas; and He offers it to you, regardless of your sins – even your worst ones.)*
- **Discover:** Jesus knows the pain and suffering that's coming, and He can call legions of angels to get him out of it, yet He doesn't resist the will of the Father. Share a time you resisted the will of God. *(Following God's will isn't always easy or comfortable, but it's always the right thing and you have no idea what God's going to do with your obedience. God's plan is always better than your plan.)*
Deepen: What specific areas of your life are you actively surrendering to God and/or what areas do you still need to surrender?
- Read John 18:10. Peter wanted to defend Jesus, but his actions went against Jesus's will. Where might your good intentions be leading you to act in a way that Jesus is asking you to surrender instead?
- **Discover:** Read John 18:4-5. Why did Jesus ask this? *(To help Judas. Perhaps to direct the violence towards Him and not His disciples. Jesus asks you, whom do you seek?)*
Deepen: What does your life right now reveal that you are truly seeking? *(What are you looking for? Is it happiness, money, work success, stuff, influence or even religion? None of that will fully and finally satisfy you. But ALL who seek Jesus find him. He's seeking you! He's what you really want. He's the truth!)*
- In the Greek, Jesus said, "I am," not "I am he." What does "I am" mean? *(The "He" was added by the translators and is not in the original text. "I am" means I am completely God, Yahweh. Jesus proclaimed, "I am," seven times in the gospel of John. Seven is the number of completion. See John 6:35; John 8:12; John 10:7; John 10:11; John 11:25; John 14:6; John 15:1.)*
- Pastor Joby talked about four chairs: Chair 1) Jesus: Fully surrendered to God's will. Chair 2) Peter: Imperfect but recognizes Jesus as Lord and Messiah, repents, and is saved by grace. Chair 3) Judas: Appears to follow Jesus but has never truly surrendered to Him or been saved. Chair 4) Soldiers: Attempt to stand in authority over Jesus, picking and choosing which parts of God's Word to obey rather than submitting to Him.
Discover: Which of the four chairs are you in right now or most of the time?
Deepen: How can you surrender more to the Lordship of Jesus and be in chair one as often as possible? Share with your group practical things you do to surrender. *(Ways to surrender can include prayerful repentance, immediate obedience, posturing your heart and even your body positions (open palms, kneeling, hands up) to God's will.)*

Action Step: Identify one area of your life where you know what God is calling you to do but you've been resisting, delaying or trying to maintain control. Pray, surrender that area to Jesus and take one specific step of obedience this week.

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.