



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

BEST.SERMON.EVER.: WEEK 11
June 25-28, 2020

Covenant Membership Class | Sunday July 19 at 1PM | In Person or Virtual

Disciple group leaders are owners of the vision, mission and core values Eleven22. If you have not yet had the chance to be affirmed in what you're doing, you can do that now. Learn more and sign-up [HERE](#). Please invite others from your group to attend with you.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Basics Class | Friday Evenings July 10 – July 31

A four-week class for those who want to understand how to better study the bible. Hosted at the Baymeadows campus. Due to COVID-19 there may be changes to the location. Learn more and register at coe22.com/events.

Serving Opportunity | Saturday July 11 9AM-NOON | NewBoys and Girls Club in Arlington

Come get your hands dirty while helping to beautify one of their new buildings. Sign up [HERE](#). Find other opportunities for you and your disciple group to serve your neighbors at coe22.com/localoutreach.

Perspectives | Monday Evenings - August 10, 2020 to November 23, 2020

Perspectives is a 15-week course designed to help believers from all walks of life be SENT to be used by God to take His message to all the peoples of the earth. Register at coe22.com/events.

MEMORY VERSE: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. – Isaiah 53:4-5

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Monday – Matthew 7:7-11

Tuesday – Luke 18:1-8

Wednesday – James 5:13-20

Thursday – Philippians 4:4-9

Friday – Psalm 141

Saturday – Psalm 145

Sent Focus - Week 26: Pastor Isaac serves at The Font Church in Miami, FL, where their ministry is designed as missional groups who meet together, and live sent in their community. They are currently structured in three different types of groups, one for fellowship, one for discovering a relationship with Jesus and one focused on serving. Please pray for each of these groups as they continue to lean into one another for support during this time. Pray that their bond would be strengthened, and they would be salt and light in their communities and families. **Pastor Isaac Frere – Church Planter – The Font Church – Miami, Florida**

CONNECT AND CHECK-IN:

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE: (Use as needed for your group this week)

- Were you able to recongregate at an Eleven22 campus this past week?
 - Week 10 Action Step – Did you reach out to anyone? Was it to invite them into your life or thank them?
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BEST.SERMON.EVER. - WEEK 11: Prayer to a Good Dad

The Point: The reason we can pray with such boldness is that God invites us into His presence, just as a good father invites their child in need.

SERMON TEXTS: Matthew 7:7-11

Discussion Questions

(The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. It is ok if you don't cover every question.)

DISCOVER

Have someone read Matthew 7:7-86 out loud.

1. **What do we learn about God from His "ask Me again" command, when it comes the prayers of His children? What do we learn about Jesus as He encourages our honest, confident prayers?** *(God does not want to be known as a grumpy, harsh Father but as a gracious, caring one. His door is always open to His children and He invites their communication and trust regarding the requests for their needs. Jesus is encouraging our boldness and confidence as we look to God for help. He wants us to feel the same access to the Father as He does.)*
2. **How does this teaching about prayer help us know how God wants us to handle life? Can we be too needy for God?** *(God wants our dependence, not our independence as we go through life. We are not on our own in this world. We cannot be too needy for Him because He asks us to come with all our desires and troubles.)*
3. **How might we misuse these verses in our prayer life?** *(The command to ask to receive and seek to find and knock for the door to be opened can be taken and used for selfish gain like in the prosperity gospel. We can take them out of context and try to manipulate God into doing what we want.)*
4. **What was something new you learned from these well-known verses on prayer?** *(Answers may vary.)*

DEEPEN

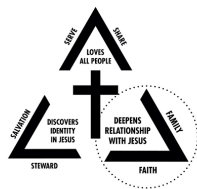
Have someone read Matthew 7:9-11.

5. Jesus is assuring us how attentive and trustworthy the Father is in our prayers. Do you approach Him in this way? Do you feel completely at ease (like a son) when you pray, or does it feel impersonal (like a bondservant)? (Answers may vary. Examples of how people may approach God in prayer: boss, judge, santa, scrooge, distant, sky fairy or old man upstairs)

6. What are you desperate for, right now? Does persistence and boldness describe how you are praying about it or have you given up? Why or why not? (Try to get your group to open up about their prayer life and how it may need to change. Challenge your group to start praying their big bold prayers, either again, or for the first time.)

ACTION STEP

1. Go to coe22.com/bestsermonever and watch "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan: Session 1, a resource on RightNow Media. As you are watching, take notes and then after watching, reflect on one or two things that stuck out to you.
2. Pray for and then invite your #onemore to join you for a service next weekend (at a campus or online at your home). Get access to your free account at coe22.com/rightnowmedia or text "RightNow 1122" to 41411



ONE MORE GENERATION

Eleven22 Student Curriculum, that may also be useful for family devotional times.

Parents, you're encouraged to visit www.coe22.com/students. Under the video on the web-page, there is a red button titled "Parent Resources." When clicking this button, there's resources that might be helpful to you as you disciple your student at home.

1. What is one thing that stuck out to you in this week's sermon about prayer?
2. What is prayer? Do you ever feel weird or awkward when you pray? Why?
3. Are you living and praying like a "doulos" or a son? What does this mean and how would it change how you pray, when you pray and why you pray?
4. What does it mean when we hear that God is a good Father? Why do you think it's easier to pray to God when you know He is a good Father?
5. How is something like prayer intimidating? What is an intimidating prayer you are praying or want to start praying? Why?

Parents, one of the most powerful things you can do for your student is to pray over them. You're encouraged to pray specifically for them as you end your time. Pray over their fears, pray over what makes them anxious, pray over what excites them and pray over what intimidates them. There is no secret to the words you pray; posture your heart to pray specifically.