

Discover
JESUS

for **STUDENTS**



ELEVEN 22 STUDENTS

Welcome to the family!

We are so happy you are here and are taking a next step of faith by discovering who Jesus is. Being a Christ follower means that Jesus is your Savior and your friend; He invites you into a personal relationship with Him. Being a Christ follower is not based on how good you are, but it is based on who Jesus is and what He has done for you through His life, death and resurrection.

We want to encourage you with the Word of God and help you get connected with other Christ followers. We know that you may have lots of questions and we want to help answer some of those. We also want to help you be intentional each day with God and His Word. We are praying for you as you walk through the next 21 days.

– The Church of Eleven22 Staff



GETTING STARTED

We're so excited that you have surrendered your life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and are part of the faith family. Our hope over the next 21 days is that you will discover Jesus in a personal, intimate way. We know you may have a lot of questions about this decision you've made; here are a few answers to get you started.

How do I know my salvation is secure?

The Bible tells us we will be saved if we:

A - Admit we are sinners (Romans 3:23, 6:23)

B - Believe in Jesus (John 1:12)

C - Confess that Jesus is Lord and you will be saved (Romans 10:9)

If you recognize and admit your sinful nature, believe in Jesus as your only hope and confess that you are turning lordship of your life over to Jesus then you are saved! And once you admit, believe and confess, you can never lose your salvation.

Is there any sin that is unforgivable?

Yes, there is only one; to blaspheme or speak against the Holy Spirit is unforgivable (Matthew 12:31-32). Essentially, to reject the Holy Spirit means you reject Christ and His offer of salvation.

What is the Gospel?

The gospel is the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

What is prayer?

Prayer is a conversation with God. Good conversations involve listening as well as speaking. God wants you to talk to Him and He wants to talk to you.

How do I pray?

Start talking to God. It may seem weird at first, but God desires to have a close relationship with you and wants to hear from you and talk to you. He cares about you and will listen to you. The Lord's Prayer teaches us first to praise and thank God, then to ask God to provide, then to confess and turn away from our sin and lastly to ask God for protection from temptation. (Matthew 6:9-13)

When should I pray?

Because God is with you all the time through the Holy Spirit living inside of you, you can pray whenever and wherever! Developing good rhythms of prayer time will help you grow in your faith.

What is the Bible?

The Bible is not just a book of stories, rather it is one true message told over thousands of years by various authors inspired by God Himself. The purpose of the Bible is to reveal the character of God so that mankind can know Him and His salvation plan through the work of Jesus Christ.

How do I learn to use the Bible?

There are four primary ways to interact with the Bible:

1. Read God's Word (Revelation 1:3)
2. Listen to God's Word (Romans 10:17)
3. Meditate and memorize God's Word (Psalm 119:11)
4. Study God's Word (Acts 17:11)

How often should I read the Bible?

Every day! The Bible is a light to our path (Psalm 119:105) and food for our soul (Deuteronomy 8:3). Daily reading of God's Word is one of the best ways to grow in your relationship with Christ.

What if I don't own a Bible?

Feel free to grab one at any of our campuses. These Bibles are a gift for you to have and keep. Our prayer is that you will grow daily in your desire to read God's Word.

In this devotional, we'll use the R.E.A.P. method to study the Word.

READ - EXAMINE - APPLY - PRAY

Read - Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to teach, correct and train you (2 Tim. 3:16).

As you're reading ask these questions:

- What is happening in this passage? What is emphasized or repeated?
- What does this passage tell me about God? What does it tell me about mankind?

Examine - Spend some time reflecting.

Ask yourself these questions and write down your thoughts:

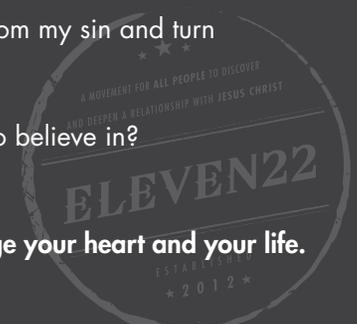
- What did I learn about God's character?
- What wrong beliefs did I have about God and myself?

Apply - After examining the passage apply the text to your own life.

Ask yourself these questions and write down your thoughts:

- What do I need to repent from (turn from my sin and turn towards God)?
- What truths from the Bible do I need to believe in?

Pray - Talk to God and ask Him to change your heart and your life. Listen to what God has to tell you.



DEFINITIONS

Here at Eleven22 you'll hear these words a lot. They are part of the good news of Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross.

METANARRATIVE - an overarching storyline that flows through the books of the Bible, tying them together into the one big story of salvation.

SIN - rebellion against God and what He has revealed about Himself in the Bible.

MERCY - God not giving us what we deserve (death and separation from Him).

GRACE - God giving us what we do not deserve (Himself and eternal life with Him).

PROPITIATION - a payment that satisfies. Jesus' death on the cross was a propitiation for our sin.

GOSPEL - "Good News" It is the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

SURRENDER - to submit to God's authority and acknowledge you need Him as Lord of your life.

RIGHTEOUSNESS - Right standing before God. Standing blameless before God in spite of our sin because of Jesus' death on the cross.

JUSTIFICATION - when you are declared righteous before God. Think "just as if I'd never sinned."

SANCTIFICATION - happens through the Holy Spirit allowing us to deepen our understanding of how loved we are by God. Over time we start to think and act more like Jesus.

THE TRINITY - the Godhead consisting of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; they all co-exist, are co-equal and are co-eternal.

TESTIMONY - the story of your life before you surrendered to Jesus, when you met Jesus and as a follower of Christ now.

*For we are his
workmanship, created
in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God
prepared beforehand, that
we should walk in them.*

- Ephesians 2:10

21-DAY DEVOTIONAL

Each day you're doing your devotional,
pray that the Holy Spirit will meet you there
and enrich your time.



DAY 1

[R] Read John 1 (ESV - English Standard Version)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with God, and the Word was _____. The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the _____ of God, who takes away the _____ of the world!

[A] Apply

Jesus said to the first disciples "follow me." True and eternal life could only be found in a relationship with Jesus and Jesus invited the disciples to enter into that. He extends the same invitation to us. Following Jesus does not mean life is better, but it is about Jesus being better than life itself.

What needs to change in your life so you can follow Jesus closer?

[P] Pray

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DAY 3

[R] Read John 3 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

“For God so _____ the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to _____ the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of _____.”

[A] Apply

God’s great love was shown to us by Christ dying for our sins. Believing is not just knowing this, but it is trusting that Jesus’s death counted for you. There is no condemnation for those who put their trust in Christ.

What truth from God do you need to believe about yourself? (You are forgiven, you are a new creation, you are not defined by your past?)

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DAY 9

[R] Read John 9 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and _____ his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I _____."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was _____, now I _____."

[A] Apply

The man that Jesus healed did not know all the answers, but he knew what happened to him. He knew that he was blind and Jesus healed

him and now he could see. No one could argue with the man's experience.

Write out your testimony (your life before knowing Jesus, how you met Jesus and your life after putting your faith in Jesus) and share it with someone this week.

[P] Pray

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DAY 10

[R] Read John 10 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

I am the _____. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and _____. I came that they may have life and have it _____.

I am the good _____. The good shepherd lays down his _____ for the sheep.

[A] Apply

Jesus calls Himself the gate because He is the entrance into life. Both eternal life and abundant life here on earth. An abundant life is not based on temporary things or circumstances, but a life full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). He also calls Himself the Good Shepherd because He loved and cared for His flock in the most ultimate way. He has died for His people.

Pick one random time this week that you will pray and thank Jesus for being your shepherd.

[P] Pray

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DAY 11

[R] Read John 11 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

Jesus said to her, "I am the _____ and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never _____."

So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I _____ you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet _____ with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "_____ him, and let him go."

[A] Apply

Jesus beat death when He rose from the grave three days after He died on the cross. He showed the world that nothing could hold Him down. Not evil, not man, not even death. He also gives His followers the same power in knowing that sin no longer rules their lives, but they have been made new. He commands them to not live in their grave clothes, but to walk in the newness of their salvation.

What is something (a sin, practice, etc.) that you need to leave behind as you journey toward Christ?

[P] Pray

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DAY 12

[R] Read John 12 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever _____,
believes not in me but in _____. And whoever sees
_____ sees _____. I have come into the
world as _____, so that whoever _____
may not remain in _____."

[A] Apply

Jesus was unlike the Pharisees and patriarchs of His time or before; He was not just a man sent by God or a friend of God, He was mysteriously something more. Someone divinely one with God the Father. To know and have faith in Christ is to know and have faith in God, to come out of the darkness and into the light.

In the past, what were your thoughts associated with Jesus? After surrendering your life to Jesus and reading Scripture, what are your thoughts associated with Jesus now?

[P] Pray

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DAY 13

[R] Read John 13 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love _____: just as I have loved you, you also are to love _____. By this all people will know that you are my _____, if you have love for _____."

[A] Apply

As love and humility were characteristics of Christ, so too should they be for His followers. Jesus said to love others more than ourselves and He set that model by loving us first.

How are you loving others more than you love yourself?

[P] Pray

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DAY 14

[R] Read John 14 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know _____?" Jesus said to him, "I am _____, and _____, and _____. No one comes to the _____ except through _____."

[A] Apply

Jesus is the way because He is the only way to be saved from your sins. He is the truth because He is the true God and He is the life because in Him there is no condemnation, but eternal life.

Where can you improve in truly trusting Jesus as the Way, Truth, and Life?

[P] Pray

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DAY 15

[R] Read John 15 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

_____ in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it _____ in the vine, neither can you, unless you _____ in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that _____, for apart from me you can do _____.

[A] Apply

To abide in someone is to be close to them; to cling or to stick to them, and in John Chapter 15 Jesus says it more than 10 times to His disciples. Any affection we have for Christ is subsequent to His own deep affections for us and pales in comparison. It is from this relationship where the fruit we bear as Christ followers comes from.

The equation is simple: the more we abide in Jesus, the more and better fruit we produce.

What stirs your affections for the Lord?

[P] Pray

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DAY 16

[R] Read John 16 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have _____ . In the world you will have _____ . But take _____ ; I have _____ the world.

[A] Apply

In the moments leading up to His arrest, Christ warns His disciples of their forthcoming persecution; an honest truth for all Christians as well (2 Timothy 3:12). As Christ followers our hope is not in the world, but it is in Christ. He is where we find peace, He is our peace! We can be fearless, courageous and take heart because Jesus has overcome the world by His resurrection.

How can you have a better attitude in the areas of suffering or adversity in your life?

[P] Pray

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DAY 17

[R] Read John 17 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

And this is _____, that they know you the
_____ God, and _____ whom
you have sent.

[A] Apply

The knowledge in God that precedes eternal life is not merely knowledge; it's knowing Him personally and deeply in one's heart. It's a knowing that expresses itself in outward love and influence. It's a knowing that never ceases.

What can you do to know God more?

[P] Pray

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DAY 18

[R] Read John 18 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a _____?"
Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was
born and for this purpose I have _____ — to bear
witness to _____. Everyone who is of the truth
listens to _____."

[A] Apply

Jesus was not a king after the things of this world, but a king after the will of God the Father and the hearts of His people. Jesus reconciled people to God by coming in the flesh, dying and interceding for us.

How can you engage with the word of God more?

Read the Bible every day, memorize Scripture, share it with others.

[P] Pray

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DAY 19

[R] Read John 19 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said,
“_____” and he bowed his head and gave
up his spirit.

[A] Apply

The dying words of Christ confirmed that all He was sent to do was accomplished. Our hope for a relationship with God and the saving grace that is in it, rests on the assurance of these words. We can read them and know that God’s will was done.

What is something you can do daily to be reminded of the finished work of Christ in your life?

[P] Pray

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DAY 20

[R] Read John 20 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see _____; and put out your hand, and place it in _____. Do not disbelieve, but _____." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you _____ because you have seen me? _____ are those who have _____ and yet have _____."

[A] Apply

Doubts do not disqualify you from God's salvation. Even the disciples that walked next to Jesus had doubts. Faith is believing what you cannot see and as your relationship with Jesus grows and deepens over time, so too will your faith.

What are some of your doubts about Jesus?

[P] Pray

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DAY 21

[R] Read John 21 (ESV)

[E] Examine the Scripture and fill in the blanks.

Write down anything that sticks out to you on the lines below.

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you _____ me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I _____ you." Jesus said to him, "_____."

[A] Apply

Jesus tells us to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). As Christ followers we are to be at work for His purpose wherever we go and in whatever we do. You are part of His rescue team by helping others discover and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

How can you get involved and take your next step of faith?

[P] Pray

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NEXT STEPS

Get Baptized

Baptism is the next step of faith after surrendering your life to Jesus Christ. It is your public declaration of the inward work by Christ and the outward confession of Him as Lord and Savior. Please let your Student Minister know if you want to make this decision or visit: coe22.com/students and click on Resources followed by Baptism to let us know of your interest.

Serve

God has given you gifts to serve others and bring glory to Him. Serving in the church is a way we express gratitude to God for what He has done for us. It helps us to live out our faith and get connected to others. Every follower of Christ has a gift, and no matter your gift there is a place for you to serve the body of Christ. If you're interested in serving, please let your Student Minister know or visit: coe22.com/students and click on Resources followed by Serving to let us know of your interest.

Read the Bible

Now that you've completed 21 days of devotionals, continue reading the Bible each day by following the daily reading plan listed on the Eleven22 Students Instagram page. You can find us @[coe22students](https://www.instagram.com/coe22students)

Invite & Pray

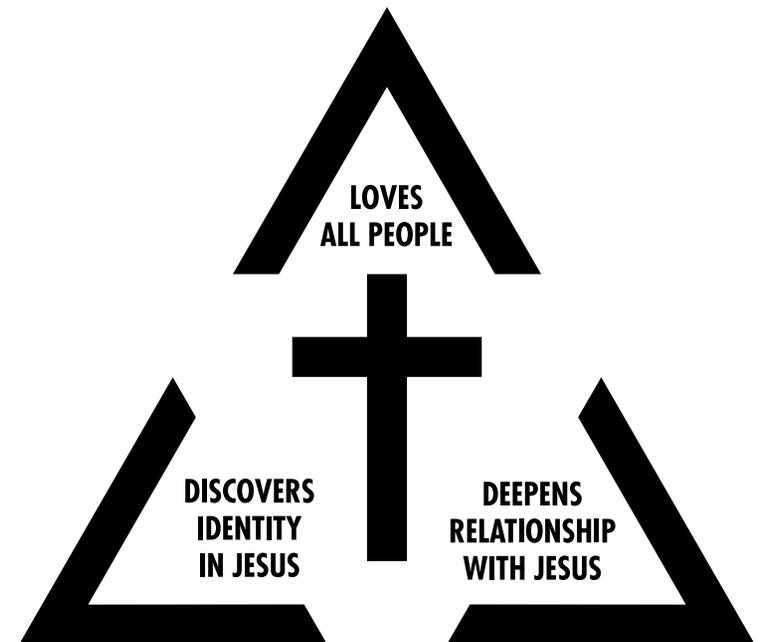
This is AWESOME that you've completed this journal - we are SO PROUD of you. Now ask yourself this question - who do I need to invite into my life so I can share with them what I've learned and who do I need to pray for who hasn't surrendered their life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ? Remember, it is our hope and prayer for you that your #ONEMORE would surrender to Jesus just like you have! Consider the fact that God wants to use YOU in that process!

Visit: coe22.com/students and click on Resources followed by Share My Story to learn how you can begin to share with others what Christ has done for you!

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

We are called to be disciple-making disciples and have created this **Discipleship Journey** to help us in this process.
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