LEADER INFO:

- Please initially reach out to your people by PHONE CALL OR TEXT. Once you meet gather all contact info and discuss best ways to communicate with the group (Facebook page, group text, email).

- If you need personal emails of members please email disciplegroups@coe22.com

- At the bottom of your Attendance Form in Connect22 you have 3 options to send your attendance and prayer requests.
  1. Leadership - this is the main leader(s), assistant leader, and coach if assigned one.
  2. The entire group and leadership - everyone on the roster
  3. Send to no one - we still have it saved in the system for our records.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Saturated 2015 will be September 16-20. Come as a group! coe22.com/saturated

- The Before All Things Album will be on sale starting this week! $15 for a CD and $10 on iTunes. Come check out the booths before and after services!

- Hope’s Closet needs volunteers. Go to coe22.com/serve to sign up.

TEXTS:


BIG IDEA: The Almighty, Ever-Present, All-Knowing, Never-Changing God of the Universe wants YOU to discover and deepen a relationship with Him through Jesus.

ACTION STEP FOLLOW UP (5 MINUTES)

Last Week:

Remember, prayer is talking and listening to God. He has invited you to sit with Him.

Set aside intentional prayer time each week for one month. See what happens.
-Put it on your calendar (Example: Every Tuesday & Thursday on your lunch break for 15 minutes).

-Remove distractions (Turn off phone, go somewhere quiet)

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

1. What did God reveal to you in prayer this week? What are you waiting for Him to reveal to you?

THE RECAP (10 MINUTES)

In the first week of the new series, Ancient Future, Pastor Joby unpacked the beginning of The Shema in Deuteronomy 6:4-15. The Shema was a prayer recited by the Israelites each day multiple times a day and was central to a Jewish’s person’s life. It was a way to remember who God is and how His people were to live their lives. In the first sentence of the Shema, God is addressed as the one and only Lord of all. Within these words come layers and layers of God’s character. God is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and immutable. He is the enormous God of all and at the same time, He is the fiercely personal God that surrendered His perfect Son so that we could have life.

QUESTIONS (FROM THE WEEKEND SERMON)

1. Most of us lean towards believing God isn’t really into us or that He is simply our pal. Which way do you tend to lean?

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read Deuteronomy 6:4 out loud.

1. What words come to mind when you hear “the Lord our God, the Lord is one?”

God is Omniscient, which means He is all-knowing. He knows every word we have spoken and have yet to speak (Psalm 139:1-4).

God is Omnipresent, which means He is everywhere all at the same time. He has created space and time and those things belong to Him. They do not limit God (Psalm 139:7-10)

God is Immutable, which means He does not change. He cannot change for the better because it would mean He was not perfect, and He cannot change for the worse because then He would not be perfect (James 1:17)

2. What part of God’s majesty and grandness draws you into Him?

3. How have you seen His infinite power displayed in Creation? How about in your own life?
In Revelation 1, John sees the vision of the Son of Man in a way he never saw before. He faints to the ground by the sight of the fiery eyed, triumphant King. The glory revealed is almost too much for John to handle. 60 years prior, John had been a fisherman called by Jesus. He had broken bread with Jesus, he had followed Him around town seeing miracles performed, and he was at the cross when Jesus died. John had now seen the different aspects of Jesus’ character; His divine brilliance and His intimate friendship.

Have someone read Revelation 3:20 out loud.

The scene painted in this verse is intensely personal. God in the flesh is inviting us to respond to his invitation to sit down and eat with him. Sharing a meal together has such a deep significance because it is where relationships grow and deepen. Think about the meals you have shared with people… Have you heard the heart of a friend over a lunch? Have you fell in love with someone on a dinner date? Have you reassured your children who they are in Christ at your kitchen table? These examples are just glimpses into the fullness God has for us. The Savior of the world has already made the meal and set the table. It is finished and now He beckons us to sit down with Him face to face.

4. What would sharing a meal with Jesus look like for you? (Do you think you would be vulnerable to share your heart? Would you sit in reverence?)

Have someone read John 15:13-15 out loud.

5. How have you experienced friendship with God?

6. What stirs your affections for Jesus? (Is it singing, serving, writing, being in nature, etc?)

In the Old Testament, only Abraham and Moses were called “friends of God” and here in John we see that Jesus extends His friendship to those that surrender to Him as Lord. Through His substitutionary atonement we are given the privilege and honor of being face to face with the Creator and the call to lay down our lives for others.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

“God is Infinitely Powerful and Intensely Personal” – Matt Chandler

ACTION STEP:

Take your answer from question 6 and make it a priority to do the things that stir your affections for the Lord.

Pair up with someone from the group and check in on each other this week to encourage intentional time stirring affections for Jesus.