

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY (DBS)

The **Discovery Bible Study** method is a simple set of questions to help you and a few others look at a passage of the Bible and hear from God. No matter your experience level with the Bible, working through these questions with others can help you **discover, do, and share** what God is telling you right now.

Set aside 45-60 minutes to connect with a few people and ask God to help you hear from Him. Then take a story of Jesus or other given scripture and work through the questions below.

DISCUSSION TIME

RECONNECT:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing stress for our neighbors and people around us?
- What can we as individuals or as a group do to help?

RECAP:

- Have someone retell the story from your previous meeting.
- Did you live out your response from last week?
- Did you tell anyone else about the story from last week?

Note: Be sure to celebrate every small step in Jesus' direction!

DISCOVER WHAT GOD IS SAYING:

READ AND RETELL THE BIBLE STORY:

- One person reads the story out loud to the group
- Someone else in the group retells the story in their own words as they remember it, and others fill in what's missing.

READ AND LOOK:

- Read the passage again (different version if possible)
- **What does this passage say about God, Jesus, or His plan?**

READ AND LOOK AGAIN:

- Have 1-2 more people retell the story as if they were telling a neighbor outside their home.
- **What does this passage say about people in general?**

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DOING WHAT GOD IS SAYING:

- Give everyone a quiet minute to consider...
- **What in me needs to change to better DO what God is showing me today?**
- How will you respond to/obey this passage in a tangible, perhaps even costly ways in the next 48-72 hours?
Note: Be sure to celebrate every small step in Jesus' direction!
- Have someone record these for prayer time, and for the beginning of the next meeting.

SHARING WHAT GOD IS SAYING:

- Who in your life needs to hear this story?
- Who could you invite to study the Bible like this?

PRAYING TOGETHER:

- Take prayer requests
- Pray together

BIBLE STUDY TIPS

- Don't over complicate the process. Try to stick to the questions as you understand them.
- Focus on the words of this passage. Don't refer to other passages or things you read elsewhere.
- Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs.
- Give people time to respond. Silence is okay.
- The facilitator should facilitate discussion, not teach.

FACILITATOR GUIDELINES

- Keep the session on schedule and complete all sections, though not necessarily all questions.
- Respond to questions by asking group "What in the passage helps us answer that question?"
- Respond to distracting comments by asking, "Where is that found in this passage?"
- Respond to "strange" answers by asking, "Help us understand what you are thinking."
- Try to have everyone in your group tell the story in their own words.

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