

Discovery Bible Study (DBS)

1. What are you thankful for today?
2. What is a current concern of yours?
3. How can we help with these concerns?
4. How did you put into practice the scripture/story we studied last time we met?
(Week 2 and beyond)
5. Who did you share with since we last met and how did it go?
(Week 2 and beyond)
6. Someone read the passage aloud while the others follow along.
7. Now read the passage again while the rest of you are NOT looking at it.
(A different version is good)
8. Someone retell this passage in your own words?
(Group fill in any missing details)
 - What was the most meaningful to you and why?
 - What does this passage tell you about God?
 - What does this passage tell you about people?
9. If this passage is true, how would God have you apply it to your life this week?
(Use "I will..." statements.)
10. Who will you share this passage with this week?
(Try to name someone)(Be intentional)
11. Who do you know in need and how can we help them?
(Make a measurable plan to meet the need within the next week if possible.)
12. When and where would you like to meet again?

The following scriptures are suggested to work through using the DBS method in smaller huddles (groups of 3-5), Life Groups, or in 1-on-1 relationships.

- Each “Journey” is a movement from something (our old self) to something new (our new life in Christ).
- These journeys do not need to be done in any particular order. You can bounce around according to whatever you sense is right for you and the people you’re leading.
- There is an initial verse to be studied that sets up the journey we’re on, and there are a couple of subsequent verses in case you’d like to sit in one particular journey for more than one week. You can also use these additional verses for individual study in between when you meet again. We recommend the 3 Column Bible Study Method to do when they study on their own.
- The “Mantra” is a simple statement to help understand the vein of each particular journey.
- We trust that the Spirit will lead you as you seek to invest in others!

JOURNEY 1: FROM EARNER TO HEIR- TRUST

KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: TITUS 3:5–6

He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

MANTRA: You are worse off than you think but more loved than you’ll ever know.

BIBLE READING LIST:

- John 3:1–18. Jesus is God’s only Son, sent to bring us back to a life with God.
- Luke 15:11–32. God longs for our return to His family.
- Romans 5:1–11. Jesus’ death and resurrection paid our debt to God and makes our return to God’s family possible.

JOURNEY 2: FROM SELF-DIRECTED TO GOD-DIRECTED- OBEY

KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 12:1–2

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he

will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

MANTRA: What God says matters most.

BIBLE READING LIST:

- Luke 9:23–25. Following Jesus is a life of surrender.
- 1 John 2:1–6. Obedience is God's love language.
- Proverbs 3:5–6. Obedience is trusting God rather than self.

JOURNEY 3: FROM RECEIVER TO GIVER- SHARE

KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14–21

Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

MANTRA: Lost people matter to God, so they ought to matter to me.

BIBLE READING LIST:

- Matthew 28:16–20. Go teach the world to obey Jesus.
- Matthew 5:13–16. Serving others brings to light the change in us.
- 1 Corinthians 9:19–23. The mission should mold our relationships.
- Luke 19:1–10. Jesus came to find and reconnect people to God

JOURNEY 4: FROM ISOLATION TO COMMUNITY- RELATE

KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 10:24–25

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

MANTRA: Made in the image of God, I was designed to live in community.

BIBLE READING LIST:

- Philippians 2:3–8. Jesus' sacrifice sets the standard for our relating.
- Ecclesiastes 4:9–10. Strength is found in relationships, not in isolation.
- Acts 2:41–47. Life together focused on the Bible sustains a life of healthy community.
- John 13:34–35. When love defines our relationship, Jesus is recognized as our leader

JOURNEY 5: FROM CONSUMER TO SERVANT- SERVE

KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 PETER 4:7–11

The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen

MANTRA: Life is found in giving it away.

BIBLE READING LIST:

- Romans 12:3–8. I must use the gifts God has given me to experience the riches of His family.
- 1 Peter 2:1–9. God calls His family to be priests and spread His message.
- Mark 9:33–35. Followers of Jesus must be the servants of all.

JOURNEY 6: FROM OBLIGATION TO EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY- GIVE

KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6–8

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

MANTRA: If there is anything I have I can't give away, I don't own it; it owns me.

BIBLE READING LIST:

- Luke 12:13–21. The abundant life Jesus promised is a life that is rich toward God.
- Luke 18:18–25. Money is a rival of God that can keep us from God's family.
- 1 Timothy 6:6–10. The desire for money can rob us from a life with God.
- 2 Corinthians 8:1–7. It is a privilege and responsibility to give to God's work.

JOURNEY 7: FROM TRAVELER TO GUIDE- DISCIPLE MAKER

KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 28:18–20

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

MANTRA: I was made to make disciples.

BIBLE READING LIST:

- 2 Timothy 2:1–7. Following Jesus means impacting the lives of others.
- John 15:1–8. Essential to making disciple-makers is learning to stay connected to the source of fruit bearing.
- Matthew 7:21–27. Doing what Jesus said is the litmus test of a disciple-making disciple.