

Sample Discoveries for Groups:

Creation to Christ

Stories of the Beginning		
1.	Creation	Genesis 1:1-8
2.	Creation completed	Genesis 1:26-2:3
3.	Sin of Adam and Eve	Genesis 3:1-8
4.	Consequence of sin	Genesis 3:9-19
5.	Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-16
6.	The Flood	Genesis 4:1-16
7.	The tower of Babel	Genesis 11:1-9
Stories of Abraham		
8.	Abraham son of Terah	Genesis 11:26-32
9.	God speaks to Abraham	Genesis 16:1-9
10.	Hagar in the desert	Genesis 16:1-15
11.	Sacrifice of the Lamb	Genesis 22:1-13
Stories of the Prophets		
12.	Jacob's dream	Genesis 28:10-20
13.	Joseph forgives His brothers	Genesis 45: 1-15
14.	Moses and the Passover Lamb	Exodus 12:21-28
15.	God is Holy and gives the 10 Commandments	Exodus 19:16-25
16.	Hannah, mother of a prophet	1 Samuel 1:1-20
17.	David prays for His son	2 Samuel 12:16-23
18.	Solomon's wisdom	1 Kings 3:16-28 & recite Proverbs 3
19.	Isaiah the Prophet	Isaiah 39:1-8 & recite of Isaiah 40:1-5
20.	The Widow's oil	2 Kings 4:1-7
21.	Prophet Daniel and diviners	Daniel 2:1-19 & recite poetry from Daniel's prayer: Daniel 2:20-22
22.	Ezra prays and fasts	Ezra 8:15-23
Stories of Jesus		
23.	The birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
24.	The prophet John	Matthew 3:1-17
25.	Temptation of Jesus	Luke 4:1-13
26.	Woman who bled for 12 years	Mark 5:1-10 & Mark 5:21-34; recite poetry / the words of Jesus in Matthew 1-10
27.	A paralytic is healed and his sins forgiven	Mark 2:1-12
28.	Zacchaeus and Jesus	Luke 10:1-10
29.	Jesus teaches us to pray	Matthew 6:5-15

30.	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
31.	The lost son and love of a father	Luke 15:11-32
32.	The Widow's offering	Mark 12:41-44
33.	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	Luke 18:1-14
34.	The demoniac of the Gerasenes	Mark 5:1-20
35.	Passover Supper	Matthew 26:17-30
36.	Jesus washes the feet of His disciples	John 13:1-17
37.	The death of Jesus	Luke 23:32-42
38.	The empty tomb	John 20:1-10
39.	The Great Commission	Matthew 28:16-26
The Early Gatherings of Believers		
40.	A story of Stephen	Acts 6:8-15
41.	The Ethiopian Eunuch	Acts 8:25-39
42.	The sorcerer Elymas and Paul	Acts 13:1-12
43.	A slave girl is healed	Acts 16:16-18
44.	Books are burned in Ephesus	Acts 19:23-41
45.	Breaking bread in Troas	Acts 20:7-12
46.	Paul in Malta	Acts 28:1-10
47.	A multitude from every nation washed in the Blood	Revelation 7:9-14

Discovering God Together

(for traditional settings in Africa)

Creation		
1.	Genesis 1:1-25	There is a God and He created the world.
2.	Genesis 2:4-24	God created man and woman.
The Fall and Flood		
3.	Genesis 3:1-24	Man and woman disobey God and are judged.
4.	Genesis 6:5-8:14	God grieves over man and woman's disobedience – there are consequences for disobedience – God uses a flood to destroy humanity and only saves Noah and his family.
God's preparation for a Saviour		
5.	Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6; Genesis 17:1-7; 22:1-19	God blesses Abram and tests his faith.
6.	Exodus 20:1-21	God gives His commandments to His people.
7.	Deuteronomy 4:15-31; Deuteronomy 8:9-12; 30:11-20	Moses declares that God is jealous and He alone is to be worshipped and no mediums.
8.	Deuteronomy 28	Blessings for obedience, curses for disobedience.
9.	Joshua 24:1-27	Joshua's farewell message.
10.	Judges 6:1-32; 8:32-35	The worship of other gods brings God's judgement.

11.	Leviticus 4:1-35	God required offerings for the sins of his people.
12.	Isaiah 8:16-22	Do not consult mediums.
13.	Jeremiah 10:1-12	False gods are not to be feared.
14.	1 Kings 18:16-46	A choice must be made to serve the true God or false gods.
15.	Isaiah 53	God tells of the future suffering of the promised Saviour.
God sends a Saviour		
16.	Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20	Jesus is born according to prophecy.
17.	Matthew 3; John 1:29-34	John testifies that Jesus is the promised Son of God.
18.	John 3:1-21	Jesus is God's only son, sent to save the world.
19.	John 4:1-26, 39-42	Jesus is the promised Messiah.
20.	Luke 5:17-26	Jesus has the authority to forgive sins and heal the sick.
21.	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus has authority over the wind and sea.
22.	Mark 5:1-20	Jesus has authority over evil spirits.
23.	John 11:1-44	Jesus has authority over death.
24.	Matthew 26:17-30; John 18:1-19:16	Jesus predicts his betrayal, makes a promise to his disciples and is betrayed like he predicted.
25.	Luke 23:32-56; 24:1-12	Jesus dies and is resurrected according to prophecy.
26.	Luke 24: 36-53	Jesus died and came back to life to fulfil prophecy and for the forgiveness of sins.
27.	Acts 17:16-31	Turn from idols to serve Jesus.
28.	Acts 2:1-47	Repent and be baptised.

Stories for Muslim settings

Stories of the Prophets		
1.	Adam	Genesis 1:1-21
2.	Noah	Genesis 7:17-24; 8:1
3.	Abraham	Genesis 12:1-9; 22:1-3
4.	Moses	Exodus 12:21-30
5.	David	1 Samuel 16:1-13
6.	Jonah	Jonah 1:1-17
7.	John Baptist	John 1:19-34
8.	The Angel Gabriel	Luke 1:26-38
9.	Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
10.	Jesus and the sign of Jonah	Matthew 12:33-42
11.	The bent over woman	Luke 13:10-24
12.	The Way, the Truth, and Light	John 14:1-11
13.	Death of Jesus	Matthew 27:45-54
14.	The empty tomb	John 20:10-18

Witchcraft and Sorcery

1.	Pharaoh's sorcerers & Moses	Exodus 7:1-13
2.	Commandment	Deuteronomy 18:1-14
3.	Idolatry forbidden	Deuteronomy 4:15-20
4.	Saul and the Witch of Endor	1 Samuel 28
5.	Jezebel and King Jehu	2 Kings 9:1-37 and 10:36
6.	King Manasseh, idols and repentance	2 Chronicles 33:1-20
7.	Prophets of Balak and Balaam	Numbers 23
8.	Israel exiled	2 Kings 17:1-17
9.	The King's sorcerers	Daniel 2:1-23
10.	Simon, the sorcerer	Acts 8:4-25
11.	The Jewish sorcerer	Acts 13:1-7
12.	Elymas, the sorcerer	Acts 13:8-12
13.	Sorcerers burn their scrolls	Acts 19:8-22

Idolatry

1.	Ten Commandments	Exodus 20
2.	Micah's idols	Exodus 32
3.	The Golden Calf	Numbers 25:1-18
4.	Moab seduces Israel	Judges 6, 7, 8
5.	Gideon saves Israel	Judges 17, 18
6.	Solomon's wives	1 Kings 11:1-13
7.	The man of God from Judah	1 Kings 12 and 13:1-10
8.	Jeroboam and the prophet	1 Kings 14
9.	Elijah and the prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18
10.	Ahab and Jezebel	1 Kings 19
11.	Balaam's oracles	Numbers 22
12.	Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego	Daniel 3:1-30
13.	Jeremiah and the clay pot	Jeremiah 19:1-15
14.	Israel's idolatry	Jeremiah 44
15.	Fall of Jerusalem	Jeremiah 52

Warnings against Dead Religion

1.	Matthew 23:1-12	Warning not to imitate bad religious leaders
2.	Matthew 23:13-15	Warning to religious people who keep other people from God
3.	Matthew 23:16-22	Warning to religious people who promote double standards
4.	Matthew 23:23-24	Warning to religious leaders who focus on minor issues
5.	Matthew 23:25-28	Warning to religious leaders who pretend to be holy
6.	Matthew 23:29-39	Warning to religious leaders who persecute men of God

Discovery scriptures for Urban Cultures: “Closer than you think!”

1.	Priceless Treasure	Worth giving up everything for	Matthew 13:44-46
2.	No religion allowed	Jesus slams empty religious practices	Matthew 23:1-15, 25-28
3.	Who is my neighbour?	Loving people from a different culture	Luke 10:25-37
4.	Confirmed with power	Jesus proves the Kingdom is a reality	Mark 2:1-12
5.	Flowers, lilies and fields	Keep the main thing the main thing	Matthew 6:25-33
6.	Four Responses	Not all who hear are fruitful	Matthew 13:1-23
7.	Have a peek and step inside	A religious leader learns from Jesus	John 3:1-21
8.	The angry King	Show mercy and forgive others	Matthew 18:21-35
9.	Upside down Kingdom	Leadership in the Kingdom of Jesus	Matthew 20:20-28
10.	Shared Journey	Doing life in the Kingdom with others	Colossians 3:1-17
11.	Power for living	The Holy Spirit empowers	Ephesians 3:14-20; Luke 10:1-12
12.	There is a difference	True faith and false faith	Matthew 7:13-28; Matthew 21:28-32

10 Stories of Hope

1.	A Party at Levi's	Mark 2:1-17
2.	Nic at Night	John 3:1-17
3.	A Transformed Life	Mark 5:1-20
4.	A Memorable Act	Luke 7:37-50
5.	The lost son returns	Luke 15:11-32
6.	Thanks!	Luke 17:11-19
7.	What God sees	Luke 18:9-14
8.	Coming to your House	Luke 19:1-10
9.	Hungry for God	John 4:1-42
10.	Seeds and soils	Mark 4:1-20

Urban Seed Discoveries

9 Major Categories - 6 Felt Need Issues per Category - 6 Studies per Felt Need- Well suited to Urban Environments

Don't do all of these studies like a curriculum. Find just one that fits your target affinity and do it for six sessions in order to identify the Person of Peace. Then move into a longer series introducing them to who Jesus is. Nearly all of the Scriptures used in these DBS's are narrative in nature. This way pre-believers can enter into discussion. Our desire is to get people quickly into Scripture that is relevant to their lives in order to see who is responding to God.

MEN - MASCULINITY			
<i>"I get mixed messages about what a man should be –somewhere between macho and passive. I know Jesus is God, but is he also someone I can look to as the ultimate man?"</i>			
1.	The Divine Jesus	"God with us"	Matthew 1:18-25
2.	The Human Jesus	"Isn't this Joseph's son?"	Luke 4:14-30
3.	The Initiated Jesus	Baptized and tempted	Matthew 3:13-4:11
4.	The Tough Jesus	Temple cleansing time	Mark 11:12-19
5.	The Tender Jesus	"Jesus wept"	John 11:1-44
6.	The Triumphant Jesus	Jesus' death	Luke 23:44-49
MEN - ACCOUNTABILITY			
<i>"It's about time men got together and got real. I know what's right and what I need to do. I don't need advice, but I do need a group of guys to listen, keep what I say to themselves, and hold me accountable."</i>			
1.	Our Need for Others	Raising the roof for a friend	Mark 2:1-12
2.	Our Need for Accountability	Gehazi caught red-handed	2 Kings 5:1-27
3.	Our Need for Support	David's mighty men	2 Samuel 23:8-23
4.	Our Need for Counsel	Rehoboam needs advice	1 Kings 12:1-24
5.	Our Need for Correction	Nathan rebukes David	2 Samuel 12:1-14
6.	Our Need for Mentoring	Moses commissions Joshua	Numbers 27:12-23
MEN – DISCIPLESHIP			
<i>"Could anyone tell me what it means to be a man of God? I'm tired of pious Jesus talk and Sunday Christians. If I'm going to commit to this, I'm going all the way."</i>			
1.	Fighting Spirit	David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17:12-50
2.	Total Commitment	The rich young man	Mark 10:17-31
3.	Obedience	Abraham's greatest test	Genesis 22:1-19
4.	Teachable Spirit	Peter's stretching vision	Acts 10:1-23
5.	Spreading the Word	Don't just stand there	Acts 1:1-11
6.	God's Man at Home	"As for me and my house"	Joshua 24:1-27
MEN – ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT			
<i>"Pressure is closing in on me. Too many demands. Not enough time. Money. My job. My kids. My marriage. Things are out of control and getting worse. I can't take this rat race anymore."</i>			
1.	Pressures	Three men and a furnace	Daniel 3:1-30
2.	Demands	Moses and spoiled Israel	Numbers 11:4-34
3.	Chaos	Paul and Silas in prison	Acts 16:16-40
4.	Blowing It	Peter denies Jesus	Luke 22:54-62
5.	Family Stress	Fractured family	Luke 15:11-32
6.	Moving On	Peter steps out of the boat	Matthew 14:22-33

MEN – PERFORMANCE ANXIETY

*"I constantly feel like my job is on the line. I'm always afraid I'm not measuring up.
Even when I'm home I worry about work."*

1.	Who is the Boss?	Workers in the vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
2.	What's my Responsibility?	Parable of the talents	Matthew 25:14-30
3.	What's God's Responsibility?	God fights Gideon's battle	Judges 7:1-25
4.	Working for Tyrants	Bricks and straw	Exodus 5:1-21
5.	Worry is Overwhelming	Moses under stress	Exodus 5:22-6:12
6.	Being Content	Abram gives Lot a choice	Genesis 13:1-18

MEN – ISSUES MEN FACE

*"There are some things I need to talk about, although it won't be easy. I'm sure other guys fight the same battles.
We just don't tell each other. I think I'm ready to talk."*

1.	Opening Up	A Pharisee and a tax collector	Luke 18:9-14
2.	Fatal Attraction	David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 11:1-27
3.	My Dark Side	Dirty dancing	Mark 6:14-29
4.	My Doubts	I believe, help my unbelief	Mark 9:14-29
5.	Authority Figures	King Saul fails badly	1 Samuel 13:1-15
6.	Spiritual Responsibility Eli	A failure at home	1 Samuel 2:12-26

WOMEN

WOMEN – REAL BEAUTY

"It's a constant battle! My hair, my shape and my clothes are never quite right. I know I don't need to measure up to the glamorous stereotype, but where can I find a role model for real beauty?"

1.	I Don't Measure Up	Amazing affirmation	John 7:53-8:11
2.	Struggle to Stay in Shape	Leah and Rachel	Genesis 29:31-30:24
3.	Keeping Up My Image	Queen of Sheba	1 Kings 10:1-13
4.	Finding My Own Style	Stylish love	Luke 7:36-50
5.	Staying Focused	Wealthy woman focused	2 Kings 4:8-37
6.	Achieving Real Beauty	Mary's song	Luke 1:39-56

WOMEN – WHEN LIFE IS NOT A PARTY

*"I never thought my life would be like this. I've had so many disappointments and unfulfilled expectations.
I try so hard, but things just don't go the way I've hoped. What am I doing wrong?"*

1.	Where's The Romance?	Rachel and Leah	Genesis 29:1-30
2.	Grown Up, and Doing This?	Swallowing pride	Jonah 1:1-17
3.	Where's My Dream House?	The house built on rock	Matthew 7:24-29
4.	Where's My Dream Family?	Rebekah tricks Isaac	Genesis 27:1-40
5.	Weren't We Best Friends?	Hagar's favor turns sour	Genesis 16:1-16
6.	No More Goodbyes!	Mary must say goodbye	John 20:1-18

WOMEN – BEING A GODLY WOMAN <i>"What does God want me to be like? How can I apply what the Bible says about women to real life today?"</i>			
1.	Seeking God's Truth	Queen of Sheba	1 Kings 10:1-13
2.	Using My Gifts	Priscilla	Acts 18:1-4, 18-28
3.	Caring for Others	Shunammite woman	2 Kings 4:8-37
4.	Being Bold, Yet Wise	Esther	Esther 4:6-17; 7:1-10
5.	Trusting God in the Unknown	Ruth	Ruth 1:1-22
6.	Giving God the Glory	Mary, mother of Jesus	Luke 1:39-56
WOMEN – COPING WITH CHANGE <i>"My head is spinning. Last year we moved. I went back to work. My youngest child is starting school. Can somebody throw me a life jacket to survive all the emotions that go along with change?"</i>			
1.	My Changing Relationships	Ruth chooses a new family	Ruth 1:1-22
2.	My Changing Home	Abram and Sarai on the move	Genesis 11:27-12:9
3.	My Changing Career	First disciples called	Luke 5:1-11
4.	My Changing Children	Mary's changing child	Luke 2:41-52
5.	My Changing Age	Sarah receives a promise	Genesis 18:1-15
6.	My Changing Spiritual Life	Woman gets "living water"	John 4:7-30
WOMEN – HOLDING YOUR OWN <i>"I feel like I'm giving and always giving in. I want to be a giving person, but I have needs too. How and when do I speak up for myself?"</i>			
1.	Empathy vs. Obsession	Jesus mourns with friends	John 11:1-44
2.	Servanthood vs. Setting Limits	Mary chooses not to serve	Luke 10:38-42
3.	Caring for Myself	Accepting help from others	Exodus 18:1-27
4.	Speaking Up	Esther speaks for her people	Esther 4:6-17; 7:1-10
5.	A Strong Woman	Deborah guides Israel	Judges 4:1-24
6.	At Peace with Myself	Jesus at peace in the temple	Luke 2:41-52
WOMEN – ISSUES WOMEN FACE <i>"I wish I could talk to other women about some things I can't escape. Like questions and feelings about career vs. family. About roles at home and in the community. And issues that require trust to even bring up."</i>			
1.	To Work or Not to Work	Lydia the businesswoman	Acts 16:11-15
2.	What About Submission?	One flesh	Genesis 2:4-25
3.	My Role in the Community	Priscilla's gift	Acts 18:1-4, 18-28
4.	Can I Love Too Much?	Learning not to do it all	Exodus 18:1-27
5.	Why Didn't God Help?	Amnon rapes Tamar	2 Samuel 13:1-22
6.	Recovering From Abuse	Jesus heals a bleeding woman	Mark 5:24-34

SINGLES

SINGLES – LOVE AND LONELINESS

"I often go for days without a hug or meaningful conversation. Sometimes singleness is like being a social leper. How can I deal with this isolation?"

1.	I Don't Fit Anywhere	Elijah in the wilderness	1 Kings 19:1-18
2.	My Need for a Loving Touch	A touching act	Luke 7:36-50
3.	My Need for Communication	Early connections	Acts 2:42-47
4.	My Need for Companionship	God provides a companion	Genesis 2:4-25
5.	Busyness vs. Loneliness	Jesus' life of balance	Mark 1:29-39
6.	Making the Most of My Life	Lydia: a servant open to God	Acts 16:11-15

SINGLES – PRESSURES

"Panic attack . . . Dirty laundry. Leaking plumbing. Broken car. Checkbook a disaster. Health problems. I'm a capable person, but how can I survive on my own?"

1.	Making My Own Living	Widow become salesperson	2 Kings 4:1-7
2.	Coping With Crisis	Joseph stands under pressure	Genesis 39:1-23
3.	Dealing With My Health	Jesus heals a long sickness	John 5:1-15
4.	Managing My Finances	Making the most of what I have	Matthew 25:14-30
5.	Dealing With Family Issues	God supports Hagar	Genesis 21:1-21
6.	Handling My Emotions	Paul's vision brings comfort	Acts 18:5-17

SINGLES – BEING A COMPLETE PERSON

"Jesus was single. Is it possible God wants me to remain single for life? How can he call singleness a 'gift'? Couldn't I serve him better with a partner? How can I be 'whole' for him now as a single?"

1.	Did Jesus Ever Feel Lonely?	Alone in the wilderness	Matthew 3:13-4:11
2.	The 'Gift' of Singleness	A high calling	1 Corinthians 7:25-35
3.	Am I called to be Single?	Each has his own gift	1 Corinthians 7:36-40
4.	How Can I Best Serve?	The Greatest servant	Mark 10:35-45
5.	How Should I Pray?	Jesus prays for God's will	Mark 14:32-42
6.	A Whole in One	"I can do everything"	Philippians 4:10-23

SINGLES – HOW TO FIND A PARTNER

"The singles bar is a drag . . . but the church scene isn't much better. I'm about ready to give up on a real relationship and forget the whole dating game."

1.	Where Should I Look?	Isaac looks for love	Genesis 24:1-29,50-67
2.	Staying Disciplined	Samson loses control	Judges 14:1-20
3.	Finding the Right Fit	Priscilla and Aquila	Acts 18:1-4,18-28
4.	Making Myself "Right"	Solomon desires God's best	1 Kings 3:1-28
5.	What About My Fears?	Gideon overcomes his fears	Judges 6:1-40
6.	When God Says "Wait"	Jacob and Rachel wait	Genesis 29:1-30

SINGLES – SEXUALITY <i>"The whole world tells me to do it. God gave me these desires. What does he expect me to do with them? Is there anyone out there who struggles with the stuff I struggle with?"</i>			
1.	Are My Desires Normal?	David is tempted	2 Samuel 11:1-27
2.	What Are God's Standards?	Nathan rebukes David	2 Samuel 12:1-14
3.	Isn't Sex an Act of Love?	"Love" takes over Samson	Judges 16:1-22
4.	How Long Can I Wait?	Jacob puts in his time	Genesis 29:1-30
5.	What If I've Made Mistakes?	Jesus A greater power for Elisha forgives a prostitute	Luke 7:36-50
6.	Dealing With My Frustrations		2 Kings 6:8-23
SINGLES – ISSUES SINGLES FACE <i>"What kinds of friends do I look for? How do I keep from being burned again? Should I live in community or alone? Should I go back to school or volunteer overseas? What does God want me to do?"</i>			
1.	Whom to Pick for Friends	David's friendship of character	1 Samuel 20:1-42
2.	When to Risk With Others	Seventy-seven times	Matthew 18:21-35
3.	Where to Live	Israel's cloud of guidance	Numbers 9:15-10:36
4.	How to Spend My Life	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
5.	Where to Use My Talents	David in Saul's service	1 Samuel 16:14-23
6.	What About the Future?	Noah waits on God	Genesis 8:1-22

MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE – GETTING ALONG AT HOME <i>"We don't have a bad relationship, but why isn't marriage more fun? I want to be my spouse's best friend – as well as lover. How can I do a better job of living with the one I married?"</i>			
1.	In Good Times and Bad	Isaac and Rebekah; 1st love	Genesis 24:1-29,50-67
2.	Love, Honor and Cherish	Ruth and Boaz; mutual respect	Ruth 2:1-23
3.	Till Death Do Us Part	Jacob and Rachel; worth the wait	Genesis 29:1-30
4.	Serving One Another	Footwashing; whose job is it?	John 13:1-17
5.	Friends	Adam and Eve; one flesh	Genesis 2:4-25
6.	And Lovers	Celebrate difference!	Song of Songs 6:13-8:4
MARRIAGE – BALANCING WORK AND HOME <i>"We both have so many demands for our time and energy. How can we give our best to our work without it coming at the expense of our family? I don't want to lose what we're supposed to be working for!"</i>			
1.	Teammates	Adam and Eve; one flesh	Genesis 2:4-25
2.	Roommates	Martha in the kitchen	Luke 10:38-42
3.	Work and Stress	Workers in the vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
4.	Stress management	Jesus deals with demands	Mark 1:29-39
5.	Serving Each Other	Footwashing	John 13:1-17
6.	Faithful and Fulfilled	Priscilla and Aquila work together	Acts 18:1-4,18-28

MARRIAGE – COMMUNICATION CONFLICT <i>"Whether it's how to guard an evening or how to spend our income – we have a different point of view. How can we relate to each other in a way that pulls us together instead of apart?"</i>			
1.	Power of Commitment	Joseph marries Mary	Matthew 1:18-25
2.	Power of Words	David and Michal: cutting words	2 Samuel 6:1-23
3.	Acting on Impulse	Abram, Sarai and Hagar	Genesis 16:1-16
4.	Dealing with Conflict	Abraham and Sarah disagree	Genesis 21:1-21
5.	Pulling Apart	Adam and Eve blame each other	Genesis 3:1-24
6.	Pulling Together	Mutual respect	Ephesians 5:22-6:9
MARRIAGE – INTIMACY <i>"The world exalts sex as the ultimate high. But we both have different needs. We'd like more romance and sizzle in our love life. How does God want us to enjoy this gift?"</i>			
1.	God's Gift	Delighting in love	Song of Songs 1:1-14
2.	Sharing Yourself	Wooing words	Song of Songs 1:15-2:15
3.	The Rhythm of Romance	Absence grows love	Song of Songs 2:16-3:11
4.	Only You	Can't keep my eyes off you	Song of Songs 5:9-6:9
5.	Sensitive Sex	Celebrate difference!	Song of Songs 6:13-8:4
6.	Committed Love	The power of love	Song of Songs 8:5-14
MARRIAGE – SPIRITUALLY SINGLE <i>"Since we've been married, my husband won't come to church with me. I want our children to grow up with Christian teaching, but he doesn't back me up. How can I please God and my husband?"</i>			
1.	Don't Give Up	A household conversion	Acts 16:16-40
2.	God's Love and Ours	Abraham pleads for Sodom	Genesis 18:16-33
3.	Putting Things in God's Hands	Abraham's greatest test	Genesis 22:1-19
4.	Who's Number 1?	Take a warning from Solomon	1 Kings 10:23-11:13
5.	God is at Work	Praying for Peter in prison	Acts 12:1-19
6.	Your Spiritual Family	Mary and John at the cross	John 19:16-27
MARRIAGE – MISCARRIAGE <i>"It tears me up to walk past the baby's room. Now I wish we hadn't gotten so excited and made so many plans. I'm dying inside, and I've got to talk to someone who has gone through this."</i>			
1.	When Life Falls Apart	Job's life collapses	Job 1:1-22
2.	Shattered Dreams	Elisha and a grieving woman	2 Kings 4:8-37
3.	Marital Stress	Jacob and Rachel under stress	Genesis 29:31-30:24
4.	Releasing the Pain	Hannah pours out her soul	1 Samuel 1:1-28
5.	God Cares	Jesus weeps over death	John 11:1-44
6.	Life Goes On	David pleads, then accepts	2 Samuel 12:15-25

PARENTING

PARENTING – HOW IT’S DONE

"I got into parenting before I was ready. Other people make it sound so easy. My mother just laughs. My grandmother says everything will be okay. But I'm trying to raise my kids without a map. Please help."

1.	Preparation	Mary and Joseph become parents	Luke 2:1-20
2.	Dedication	Jesus presented in the temple	Luke 2:21-40
3.	Expectations	A mother's high hopes	Matthew 20:20-28
4.	Confrontation	Eli's failure to restore his sons	1 Samuel 3:1-21
5.	Consecration	Abraham's greatest test	Genesis 22:1-19
6.	Celebration	Homecoming party	Luke 15:11-32

PARENTING – FAMILY TIME

"We want to create memories as a family.

Will our kids remember their childhood in a way that feels good to them and honours God?"

1.	Proper Priorities	God commands a day off	Exodus 16:1-35
2.	Time Together	Supper time	John 13:1-17
3.	Family Traditions	Passover: a family ritual	Exodus 12:1-30
4.	Family Vacations	A "vacation" with 5000 surprises	Mark 6:30-44
5.	Worshiping Together	The fellowship of believers	Acts 2:42-47
6.	Lasting Values	Stones of memorial	Joshua 3:14-4:24

PARENTING – STRONG-WILLED CHILDREN

"My daughter always wants to paint outside the lines. She is really a good kid, and I love her a lot, but I don't know what to do. How do you raise a child who was born with a strong will?"

1.	Where Are My Instructions?	Jesus was a strong-willed child	Luke 2:41-52
2.	Born to Be Wild	The devil made me do it	Genesis 3:1-24
3.	Necessary Discipline	Eli: a parent who failed	1 Samuel 3:1-21
4.	Dealing with Anger	Moses faces his critics	Numbers 11:4-34
5.	When the Kids Drive You Crazy	Little Jacob grabs for power	Genesis 25:19-34
6.	Happy Endings	Jacob's strength comes through	Genesis 32:22-32

PARENTING – ADOLESCENTS

"My teenager is about to drive me crazy. The music. Posters. Clothes. It's outrageous! We can't even talk about it without shouting. How can we make it through adolescence?!"

1.	Stressful Times	Trouble in the family	Luke 15:11-32
2.	Confusing Times	When Jesus didn't come home	Luke 2:41-52
3.	Angry Times	The golden calf	Exodus 32:1-35
4.	Decisions, Decisions!	Samson's dating dilemma	Judges 14:1-20
5.	A Parent's Responsibility	Eli's failure to restrain his sons	1 Samuel 3:1-21
6.	Getting Along	Joseph: a kid with an 'attitude'	Genesis 37:1-11

PARENTING – CHALLENGING ISSUES, SPECIAL NEEDS <i>"God have me a very special child. Now, I need the wisdom to raise this child. I feel somewhat alone and nobody understands."</i>			
1.	Adopted Children	Moses: an adopted child	Exodus 1:22-2:25
2.	Children of Divorce	Ishmael: Rejected and dejected	Genesis 21:1-21
3.	Single-Parent Children	Double blessing for a single parent	1 Kings 17:1-24
4.	Children With Disabilities	Why was he born blind?	John 9:1-34
5.	Gifted Children	Jesus perplexes his parents	Luke 2:41-52
6.	Substitute Parents	Esther: raised by a relative	Esther 2:1-18
PARENTING – PARENTS IN PAIN <i>"Where did we go wrong? I never dreamed our son would make the choices he has. Didn't our values sink in at all? And how do we relate to him now? What should or shouldn't we say to him?"</i>			
1.	Sharing Your Story	Prodigal: a parable of pain	Luke 15:11-32
2.	Coping With Grief	Eli and his wayward sons	1 Samuel 2:12-26
3.	Dealing With Disappointment	Chaos in David's family	2 Samuel 13:23-39
4.	Knowing How to Relate	David longs for Absalom	2 Samuel 14:1-33
5.	Feeling Their Pain	Peter disowns Jesus	Luke 22:54-62
6.	Believing in Miracles	Jesus forgives Peter	John 21:1-25

YOUTH

YOUTH – DISCOVERING MY REAL IDENTITY <i>"I know I'm good at some things and not so good at others. I don't want to be weird, but I do want to be myself. What makes me unique? How can I be all that I was meant to be?"</i>			
1.	Being Real	A Pharisee and a tax collector	Luke 18:9-14
2.	My Uniqueness	Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
3.	My Personality	Mary and Martha	Luke 10:38-42
4.	My Abilities	Using your 'talents'	Matthew 25:14-30
5.	Strengths and Weaknesses	Gideon's fears	Judges 6:1-40
6.	God's Call	Following Jesus	Luke 5:1-11
YOUTH – FINDING FRIENDS AND FITTING IN <i>"I always feel out of place. It's so hard to fit in. I don't want to come off like I'm either shy or obnoxious. Can I be myself and still have friends?"</i>			
1.	Acceptance	Paul's struggle for acceptance	Acts 9:20-31
2.	Fitting In	"The Lord looks at the heart"	1 Samuel 16:1-13
3.	Being Myself	David can't use Saul's armor	1 Samuel 17:12-50
4.	Feeling Secure	David and Jonathan – Part 1	1 Samuel 18:1-30
5.	Getting Close	David and Jonathan – Part 2	1 Samuel 20:1-42
6.	True Friends	Four friends who cared	Mark 2:1-12

YOUTH – WHAT DO I BELIEVE? <i>"I've done the church thing. It's easy to let all that teaching go in one ear and out the other. I think it's time to know what I really believe, and really believe what I already know."</i>			
1.	God the Father	Almighty Maker of heaven and earth	Genesis 1:1-2:3
2.	Jesus Christ	An angel visits Mary	Luke 1:26-38
3.	Holy Spirit	The Spirit shakes things up	Acts 4:1-31
4.	Christian Church	The cost in "being there"	Acts 4:32-37
5.	Forgiveness of Sins	Jesus: my substitute	Mark 15:1-15
6.	Resurrection and Life	A new day dawns	Matthew 28:1-20
YOUTH – SURVIVING DAY TO DAY <i>"I have to buy my own clothes. Beg people for a ride. Make a C average in school just to stay on the team. Everybody's on my back. And my best friend didn't call tonight. Life stinks."</i>			
1.	Stressed Out	Facing storms	Mark 4:35-41
2.	Daily Grind	Slaving away in Egypt	Exodus 5:1-21
3.	Making the Grade	Parable of the talents	Matthew 25:14-30
4.	Feeling Alone	Jesus in Gethsemane	Mark 14:32-42
5.	Dealing with Disappointment	Jesus is betrayed and arrested	Matthew 26:47-56
6.	Facing Failure	Peter disowns Jesus	Luke 22:54-62
YOUTH – GETTING ALONG WITH PARENTS <i>"In my parents' eyes, I can't do anything right. I don't look right, act right, study right, spend money right or pick friends right. As long as I'm still at home, will I always be wrong?"</i>			
1.	Parental Requests	Jesus and his mom at a wedding	John 2:1-11
2.	Parental Expectations	A mother's dream	Matthew 20:20-28
3.	Family Tension	When Jesus didn't come home	Luke 2:41-52
4.	Dealing with Frustrations	Jesus and his family	Mark 3:20-35
5.	Arguing over Relationships	Samson and his women	Judges 14:1-20
6.	Making Things Right	A son returns home	Luke 15:11-32
YOUTH – HOT ISSUES FOR YOUTH – <i>"My friend is pregnant. Another is talking about suicide. What do I do? School is a jungle. People get beat up. Drugs are everywhere. If my parents knew what I have to face every day, they would freak out!"</i>			
1.	Life in the Jungle	Jesus is tempted	Matthew 3:13-4:11
2.	Loose Morals	David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 11:1-27
3.	Hidden Secrets	David – you are the man!	2 Samuel 12:1-14
4.	Don't Get Used	Dirty Dancing	Mark 6:14-29
5.	Just Say No	Daniel stays 'clean'	Daniel 1:1-21
6.	Take a Stand	Daniel in the lion's den	Daniel 6:1-24

MARKETPLACE

MARKETPLACE – RELATIONSHIPS AT WORK

*"I don't know which is worse – working under someone or supervising others.
I've done both and either way I've been frustrated. How can I get along with the people I work with?"*

1.	Life with My Co-workers	Who is greatest?	Mark 10:35-45
2.	Life with My Boss	David spares Saul	1 Samuel 24:1-22
3.	Life as a Supervisor	Boaz lets Ruth glean	Ruth 2:1-23
4.	Life with my Competitors	Elisha deals in strength & grace	2 Kings 6:8-23
5.	Letting God Be The Boss	Gideon takes orders from God	Judges 7:1-25
6.	Letting the Spirit Guide Me	Paul follows the Lord's lead	Acts 18:5-17

MARKETPLACE – TOO MUCH STRESS!

*"The stress I'm under every day is incredible. Deadlines, projects, personnel – plus home and family.
If I don't find a way to release some of this pressure, I'm gonna crack!"*

1.	Stress From My Work	Calm for the storm	Mark 4:35-41
2.	Stress on the Job	Sexual harassment	Genesis 39:1-23
3.	Stress in a Secular World	Abraham pleads for Sodom	Genesis 18:16-33
4.	Stress from a Changing World	Tower of Babel	Genesis 11:1-9
5.	Balancing Work and Rest	Jesus feeds 5000	Mark 6:30-44
6.	Keeping Stress under Control	Moses gets a grip	Exodus 17:1-16

MARKETPLACE – BUSINESS ETHICS

*"It sounds easy to succeed in the business world, but how many 'shortcuts' am I prepared to make?
Is it really possible to do the right thing in regards to other people and still get ahead?"*

1.	Life of Integrity	Job loses it all	Job 1:1-22
2.	Lack of Integrity	Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11
3.	Values of Integrity	Rich fool faces regret	Luke 12:13-21
4.	Integrity and Conscience	Parable of the shrewd manager	Luke 16:1-15
5.	Integrity and Authority	Paying taxes to Caesar	Mark 12:13-17
6.	Rewards of Integrity	Job receives just reward	Job 42:7-17

MARKETPLACE – FINDING THE RIGHT JOB

*"For years I felt like I was in over my head. Then I didn't even have a job for a while.
And now I'm overqualified and unfulfilled! Will I ever be content?"*

1.	Overqualified	Jesus takes a job beneath him	John 13:1-17
2.	Over My Head	Moses asked to do too much	Exodus 18:1-27
3.	Laid Off	Joseph loses his job	Genesis 37:12-36
4.	Unemployed	Moses called in the desert	Exodus 3:1-22
5.	Unfulfilled	Bored as a brickmaker	Exodus 5:1-21
6.	Finding My Passion	Paul's passion revealed	Acts 16:1-32

MARKETPLACE – BORED AND BURNED OUT

"My job is like a broken record. The same thing over and over. By 10 a.m. I'm already tired. By noon, I'm ready to go home. Is it me . . . or my work? Maybe I need an attitude adjustment."

1.	Why Work?	A bedridden paralytic	John 5:1-15
2.	Why Am I Here?	Philip does productive networking	Acts 8:26-40
3.	Where Am I Heading?	Abram's call to move out	Genesis 11:27-12:9
4.	How Can God Use Me?	Peter's windfall	Luke 5:1-11
5.	How's My Attitude	Trouble on the horizon	Jonah 1:1-17
6.	To Stay or to Go?	Gideon seeks God's guidance	Judges 6:1-40

MARKETPLACE – ENTREPRENEURS

"I was excited to start my own business, but now I'm not sure. Rather than working when I want to, I'm working all the time. It's a huge investment. Will my dream become a nightmare?"

1.	Following My Dream	Jacob leaves Laban	Genesis 31:1-21
2.	Risking My Reputation	Laban pursues Jacob	Genesis 31:22-55
3.	Paying the Price	Jacob's financial & emotional toll	Genesis 32:1-21
4.	Forfeiting My Stability	Jacob wrestles with God	Genesis 32:22-32
5.	Putting in My Time	Jacob's slow going	Genesis 33:1-20
6.	Measuring My Success	Jacob returns to Bethel	Genesis 35:1-15

SPECIAL NEEDS

SPECIAL NEEDS – SELF-ESTEEM

"No matter what others do to show their love for me, I just can't seem to accept it. People say that since God created me I'm special. I want to believe that, but I'm having a hard time feeling it."

1.	By Design	Created in his image	Genesis 1:1-2:3
2.	Accepted by God	Jesus and Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
3.	Chosen by God	David chosen for his 'heart'	1 Samuel 16:1-13
4.	Healthy Humility	A Pharisee and a tax collector	Luke 18:9-14
5.	Gifted and Endowed	God empowers Moses	Exodus 4:1-17
6.	Making a Contribution	The widow's offering	Mark 12:41-44

SPECIAL NEEDS – FINANCIAL STRESS

"My house isn't paid for. And I've got all these other loans to pay off. And now these credit card bills. How did I get myself into this mess? I could ask a relative for a loan, but I would rather die than admit I've blown it. What do I do?"

1.	Hard Times	Hitting bottom	Luke 15:11-32
2.	Facing the Stress	Jesus faces pressure	Luke 4:14-30
3.	Taking Responsibility	Parable of the talents	Matthew 25:14-30
4.	Tough Decisions	Parable of the shrewd manager	Luke 16:1-15
5.	Mutual Aid	Believers share their possessions	Acts 4:32-37
6.	In God We Trust	The widow's oil	2 Kings 4:1-7

SPECIAL NEEDS – LIVING WITH PAIN <i>"I feel like I'm dragging a ball and chain around with me. How can I deal each day with the pain I'm in, plus the guilt I feel for being such a burden to others?"</i>			
1.	Where is God When I Hurt?	The pool paralytic	John 5:1-15
2.	Pain and Blame	Why was he born blind?	John 9:1-34
3.	Pain and Shame	Jesus heals an 'unclean' woman	Mark 5:24-34
4.	Pain and Comfort	Four friends who cared	Mark 2:1-12
5.	Pain and Perspective	The suffering of Job	Job 2:1-10
6.	Pain and Persistence	Parable of the persistent widow	Luke 18:1-8
SPECIAL NEEDS – CAREGIVERS <i>"I want to help any way I can, but their constant demands are so draining on me. How can I care for others without burning out myself?"</i>			
1.	Taking a Break	Manna and the Sabbath	Exodus 16:1-35
2.	Dealing with Demands	Moses gets weary	Exodus 17:1-16
3.	Sharing the Load	Moses decides to delegate	Exodus 18:1-27
4.	Setting Limits	Mary chooses what's better	Luke 10:38-42
5.	Surviving the Stress	Jesus withdraws to pray	Mark 1:29-39
6.	Heeding the Call	The sheep and the goats	Matthew 25:31-46
SPECIAL NEEDS – EMPTY NESTERS-WHEN THE KIDS ARE GONE <i>"I guess I wasn't prepared for the kids being gone. It's like part of my identity went with them. I feel like it's halftime and a whole new strategy needs to be made for the second half of life."</i>			
1.	Tough Times	Naomi: a bitter empty nester	Ruth 1:1-22
2.	New Perspective	Naomi gets a grandson	Ruth 4:1-22
3.	Looking Ahead	Parable of the rich fool	Luke 12:13-21
4.	Hearing God	The call of Abram	Genesis 11:27-12:9
5.	Investing Yourself	Moses and the burning bush	Exodus 3:1-22
6.	Taking Risks	Peter steps out of the boat	Matthew 14:22-33
SPECIAL NEEDS – GROWING OLDER <i>"Others may say I'm too old, but I want to feel like the best is yet to come! How can I look back with gratitude, and look ahead by passing on to someone else what I've learned?"</i>			
1.	Faith Journey	The call of Abram	Genesis 11:27-12:9
2.	Never Too Old	Noah builds a boat	Genesis 6:5-7:12
3.	The Power of Blessing	Simeon and Anna bless Jesus	Luke 2:21-40
4.	Leaving a Legacy	Moses commissions Joshua	Numbers 27:12-23
5.	Looking Back	Remembering God's faithfulness	Joshua 23:1-16
6.	Looking Ahead	Jesus raises Lazarus	John 11:1-44

RECOVERY

RECOVERY – HEALTHY HABITS

"I've read so many books. I've tried so many diets and exercise plans. They either don't work or I don't stick with them. I hate what I've become and I can't stand to look at myself in the mirror. What do I do? I feel like giving up."

1.	Frustrations	The disciples in Gethsemane	Mark 14:32-42
2.	Healthy Habits	Daniel's discipline	Daniel 1:1-21
3.	Living in Balance	Enough manna for each day	Exodus 16:1-35
4.	A Matter of Control	Israelites crave other food	Numbers 11:4-34
5.	Don't Give Up	Children of Israel turn back	Numbers 13:26-14:45
6.	Consistent and Persistent	The walls of Jericho	Joshua 5:13-6:21

RECOVERY – HEALING BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

"My family and I have hurt each other in the past. That's why I turned my back on them. But time is running out and in my heart I want to try to make things right. But I'm afraid and need some help."

1.	I Have a Dream	Parable of the Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32
2.	Heart's Desire	Longing for reconciliation	2 Samuel 14:1-33
3.	Called to Reconcile	The unmerciful servant	Matthew 18:21-35
4.	Taking the Initiative	Joseph reaches out	Genesis 45:1-28
5.	Anxious Anticipation	Jacob prepares to meet Esau	Genesis 32:1-21
6.	Homecoming	Jacob and Esau reunited	Genesis 33:1-20

RECOVERY – PICKING UP AFTER DIVORCE

"The divorce is final, but I still feel numb. On the outside, things haven't changed that much. But on the inside, it's another matter. I feel lost. Alone with my anger. How can I ever start to heal?"

1.	The Death of a Dream	Naomi: empty and bitter	Ruth 1:1-22
2.	Dealing with Anger	Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-26
3.	Taking the High Road	The unmerciful servant	Matthew 18:21-35
4.	Lost Identity	Jesus heals an 'unclean' woman	Mark 5:24-34
5.	God Cares	Elijah and a single mother	1 Kings 17:1-24
6.	Hope for Healing	On the road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35

RECOVERY – GRIEF AND LOSS

"Since he died, I've felt like half of me died too. Why did he die and leave me so alone? I keep waking up in the night, thinking he's there. What stages do I have to go through to get some relief?"

1.	Denial	Elisha and a woman in denial	2 Kings 4:8-37
2.	Anger	Naomi: empty and bitter	Ruth 1:1-22
3.	Bargaining	David "bargains" with God	2 Samuel 12:15-25
4.	Depression	Jacob mourns for Joseph	Genesis 37:12-36
5.	Acceptance	The suffering of Job	Job 2:1-10
6.	Hope	Jesus raise Lazarus	John 11:1-44

RECOVERY – ABUSE

"The hardest thing I ever did was share my darkest secret. Now that I've dared to open up the wound, what can I do to heal the pain? I know I'm not alone, but who can help me through this?"

1.	Expressing Emotion	Tamar raped by her half brother	2 Samuel 13:1-22
2.	No More Shame	Jesus heals an 'unclean' woman	Mark 5:24-34
3.	Matters of the Heart	The unmerciful servant	Matthew 18:21-35
4.	You're Not Alone	God speaks to Elijah	1 Kings 19:1-18
5.	Walking in Love	David spares Saul	1 Samuel 24:1-22
6.	Hope for Healing	On the road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35

RECOVERY – 12 STEPS

"I'm hooked, and this thing is stronger than I am. I know I need a 'Higher Power' and I know that 'Higher Power' is God. How can God help me break the stranglehold of this addiction?"

1.	Going Beyond Denial	A Pharisee and a tax collector	Luke 18:9-14
2.	Naming the Higher Power	Elijah and the prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:16-40
3.	Coming to God	A possessed man set free	Luke 8:26-39
4.	Confession	Josiah's reform	2 Kings 23:1-25
5.	Making Amends	Zacchaeus makes things right	Luke 19:1-10
6.	An Addiction-Free	Lifestyle Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14:5-31

Sample Discoveries

Learning about Gatherings

What is a gathering (church)?		
Biblical metaphors	The body of Christ The flock of God God's field and building God's household The church of God A spiritual house built with living stones, a holy priesthood. The bride of Jesus	Ephesians 4:12, 16 1 Peter 5:2 1 Corinthians 3:9 Ephesians 2:19 1 Corinthians 1:2 1 Peter 2:4-5 Revelation 19:7-9
Everyone involved	Unity and diversity All participate	1 Corinthians 12:7-25 1 Corinthians 14:26
Water baptism		
Why and who?	A command from Jesus The first disciples obeyed it	Matthew 28:19 Acts 2:38, 41
	Only faith is required Identification with Christ	Acts 10:46-48 Romans 6:3-4
Worship		
Honouring God, being thankful	Spirit and truth Giving in secret Creation worships Everything that has breath The Creator of all	John 4:21-24 Matthew 6:1-4 Psalm 63 Psalm 150 Revelations 4:11 etc.
Community		
What builds the gathering?	Meeting physical needs Loving one another even as... Doing life in the Kingdom with others	1 John 3:16-17 John 15:8-14 Colossians 3:1-17
Nurture		
Growing together, looking out for individuals	Shepherds beware Faith that lives has... Staying on mission	Ezekiel 34:1-24 James 2:13-18 2 Timothy 4:1-5
Mission		
God's heart	The lost sheep and the 99	Matthew 18:12-14
The Great Commission	"Who shall we send?" (Isaiah 6:8)	John 20:21-23 Matthew 28:16-20 Luke 24:45-49 Acts 1:8 Mark 16:15-18
Who is my neighbour?	Loving people from a different culture	Luke 10:25-37

Learning to be a Disciple

1.	Disciples use scripture to overcome temptation	Luke 4:1-3
2.	Disciples leave everything to follow Jesus	Luke 5:1-11
3.	Disciples introduce others to Jesus	John 4:28-30
4.	Disciples are wise and sincere when they relate to unbelievers.	Acts 17:16-34
5.	Disciples will be persecuted just as Jesus was persecuted.	Acts 4:23-31
6.	Disciples shouldn't be afraid to die as Jesus did.	Acts 21:1-14
7.	God helps disciples endure persecution.	Acts 18:1-11
8.	Disciples reconcile broken relationships.	Luke 15:11-32
9.	Evil begins in the heart and eventually leads to action.	Mark 7:14-23
10.	Marriage is a lifetime commitment.	Mark 19:1-12
11.	Disciples keep their word.	Matthew 5:33-37
12.	Disciples love their enemies.	Matthew 5:43-48
13.	Disciples humble themselves before God.	Luke 18:9-14
14.	Disciples look to God as their Father.	Luke 15:11-24
15.	Disciples must surrender their will to God's will.	Matthew 26:39-42
16.	Disciples forgive others as the Lord forgives them.	Matthew 18:21-35

Learning from James

1.	Faith & Endurance	James 1:1-8
2.	Temptation	James 1:9-18
3.	Listening and Doing	James 1:19-27
4.	Warning against Prejudice	James 2:1-13
5.	Faith without Good Deeds is dead	James 2:14-26
6.	Controlling the Tongue	James 3:1-12
7.	True Wisdom	James 3:13-18
8.	Drawing close to God	James 4:1-10
9.	Don't judge & warning about self-confidence	James 4:11-17
10.	Warning to the Rich	James 5:1-6
11.	Patience & Endurance	James 5:7-12
12.	The Power of Prayer	James 5:13-20

Parables of the Kingdom

1.	Parable of the soils	Matthew 13:1-23
2.	Parable of the weeds	Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43
3.	Parables of the mustard seed and the yeast	Matthew 13:31-35
4.	Parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl	Matthew 13:44-46
5.	Parable of the net	Matthew 13:47-52
6.	Parable of the lost sheep	Matthew 18:10-20
7.	Parable of the unmerciful servant	Matthew 18:21-35
8.	Parable of the workers in the vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
9.	Parable of the two sons	Matthew 21:28-32
10.	Parable of the tenants	Matthew 21:33-46
11.	Parable of the wedding banquet	Matthew 22:1-14
12.	Parable of the ten virgins	Matthew 25:1-13
13.	Parable of the talents	Matthew 25:14-30
14.	Parable of the sheep and goats	Matthew 25:31-46

More stories and parables

1.	The Sower	Luke 8:4-15; Matthew 13:1-5; Mark 4:1-20
2.	The Weeds	Matthew 13:24-40; continued Matthew 13:36-43
3.	The Mustard Seed	Matthew 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-34; Luke 13:18-19
4.	The Yeast	Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20-21
5.	The Hidden Treasure	Matthew 13:44
6.	The Pearl	Matthew 13:45
7.	The Net	Matthew 13:47-50
8.	The Lost Sheep	Luke 15:3-7; Matthew 18:10-14
9.	The Unmerciful Servant	Matthew 18:23-35
10.	The Workers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
11.	The Two Sons	Matthew 21:28-32
12.	The Tenants	Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-18
13.	The Wedding Banquet	Matthew 22:1-14
14.	The Ten Virgins	Matthew 25:1-13
15.	The Talents	Matthew 25:14-30
16.	New Garment, New Wineskins	Matthew 9:16-17
17.	The Wise and Foolish Builders	Luke 6:46-49
18.	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37

19.	The Rich Fool	Luke 12:13-21
20.	The Watchful Servant	Luke 12:35-48
21.	The Great Banquet	Luke 14:15-24
22.	The Tower	Luke 14:28-30
23.	The King that goes to war	Luke 14:31-33
24.	The Lost Coin	Luke 15:8-10
25.	The Lost Son	Luke 15:11-32
26.	The Shrewd Manager	Luke 16:1-15
27.	The Rich Man and Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31
28.	The Persistent Widow	Luke 18:1-8
29.	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	Luke 18:9-14
30.	The Ten Minas	Luke 19:11-26

50 Commands of Christ

1.	Repent (Humility)	Matthew 4:17
2.	Follow Me	Matthew 4:19
3.	Rejoice	Matthew 5:12
4.	Let Your Light Shine	Matthew 5:16
5.	Honor God's Law	Matthew 5:17-18
6.	Be Reconciled	Matthew 5:24-25
7.	Do Not Commit Adultery	Matthew 5:29-30
8.	Keep Your Word	Matthew 5:37
9.	Go the Second Mile	Matthew 5:38-42
10.	Love Your Enemies	Matthew 5:44
11.	Be Perfect	Matthew 5:48
12.	Practice Secret Disciplines	Matthew 6:1-18
13.	Lay Up Treasures	Matthew 6:19-21
14.	Seek God's Kingdom	Matthew 6:33
15.	Judge Not	Matthew 7:1
16.	Do Not Cast Pearls	Matthew 7:6
17.	Ask, Seek, and Knock	Matthew 7:7-8
18.	Do Unto Others	Matthew 7:12
19.	Choose the Narrow Way	Matthew 7:13-14
20.	Beware of False Prophets	Matthew 7:15
21.	Pray For Laborers	Matthew 9:38

22.	Be Wise as Serpents	Matthew 10:16
23.	Fear God, Not Man	Matthew 10:26
24.	Hear God's Voice	Matthew 11:15
25.	Take My Yoke	Matthew 11:29
26.	Honor Your Parents	Matthew 15:4
27.	Beware of Leaven	Matthew 16:6
28.	Deny Yourself	Luke 9:23
29.	Despise Not Little Ones	Matthew 18:10
30.	Go to Offenders	Matthew 18:15
31.	Beware of Covetousness	Luke 12:15
32.	Forgive Offenders	Matthew 18:21–22
33.	Honor Marriage	Matthew 19:6
34.	Be a Servant	Matthew 20:26–28
35.	Be a House of Prayer	Matthew 21:13
36.	Ask in Faith	Matthew 21:21–22
37.	Bring in the Poor	Luke 14:12–14
38.	Render to Caesar	Matthew 22:19–21
39.	Love the Lord	Matthew 22:37–38
40.	Love Your Neighbor	Matthew 22:39
41.	Await My Return	Matthew 24:42–44
42.	Remember Christ's sacrifice in communion	Matthew 26:26–27
43.	Be Born Again	John 3:7
44.	Keep My Commandments	John 14:15
45.	Watch and Pray	Matthew 26:41
46.	Feed My Sheep	John 21:15–16
47.	Baptize My Disciples	Matthew 28:19
48.	Receive God's Power	Luke 24:49
49.	Give	Luke 6:38
50.	Make Disciples	Matthew 28:20

Sample Discoveries

Prayer in the Bible

Note to the storyteller: please tell the story based on the narrative verses before you recite the prayer. You may want to weave the prayer into the narrative.

1.	A prayer of Abraham	Genesis 15:1-19
2.	A prayer of Abraham's servant	Genesis 24:1-27
3.	A prayer of Jacob	Genesis 32:9-21
4.	A prayer of Moses	Exodus 4:10-17
5.	A prayer of Samson	Judges 16
6.	A prayer of Hannah	1 Samuel 1:1-28 & 2:1-10
7.	A prayer of David	2 Samuel 7:18-29
8.	A prayer of Solomon	1 Kings 3:1-15
9.	A prayer of Elijah	1 Kings 18:16-46
10.	A prayer of Jehoshaphat	2 Chronicles 20:1-30
11.	A prayer of Hezekiah	2 Kings 18 and 19 or Isaiah 37:14-20
12.	A prayer of Job	Job 42
13.	A prayer of Ezra	Ezra 9:4-19
14.	A prayer of Nehemiah	Nehemiah 1:1-11
15.	A prayer of Jeremiah	Jeremiah 32:17-25
16.	A prayer of Daniel	Daniel 2:17-23
17.	A prayer of Jonah	Jonah 1:1-2:10
18.	A prayer of Simeon	Luke 2:21-35
19.	A prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer)	Matthew 6:5-15
20.	A prayer of Jesus on the Mount of Olives	Luke 22:39-46
21.	A prayer of Jesus for the believers	John 17:20-26
22.	A prayer of the Early Believers	Acts 4:23-31
23.	A prayer of Stephen	Acts 7:54-60
24.	A prayer of Paul for the Philippians	Ephesians 1:15-23 & 3:14-21 (see also Ephesians 1:1-2 & 6:21-23. Paul probably wrote these and prison in Rome)
25.	A prayer of Paul for the Ephesians	Philippians 1:9-11 (see also Philippians 1:1-2)

Listening to God, hearing Him and moving forward

Old Testament examples		
1.	Abraham	Genesis 15:1-21
2.	Abimelech	Recite Genesis 20:3
3.	Jacob's dream of the stairway	Genesis 28:10-22
4.	Jacob's dream of goats	Genesis 31:1-21
5.	Joseph	Genesis 37:5-41:40
6.	The dream about Gideon	Judges 7:1-25
7.	Solomon	1 Kings 3:5-15
8.	Nebuchadnezzar's dream	Daniel 2:1-49
9.	Daniel Interprets dreams	Daniel 4:1-37
10.	Daniel's dream of four beasts	Daniel 7:1-28
11.	Prophet Joel on dreams	Recite Joel 2:28
New Testament examples		
12.	Joseph's dream	Matthew 1:18-25
13.	Visit of Magi	Matthew 2:1-12
14.	Escape to Egypt	Matthew 2:13-23
15.	Dream of Pilate's wife	Matthew 27:11-19
16.	Paul's conversion	Acts 9:1-9
17.	Ananias' vision	Acts 9:10-19
18.	Peter's vision on food	Acts 11:1-18
19.	Peter's vision in jail	Acts 12:1-19
20.	Paul's vision of Macedonia	Acts 16:6-10
21.	Paul's vision in Corinth	Acts 18:7-10
22.	Paul's vision of Jesus	Acts 26:12-20

Jesus Launches a Team

1.	Luke 5:27-32; Luke 6:12-16	Launch: Jesus launches a team
2.	Acts 4:18-31; Luke 6:12-16	Pray: for your team and your city
3.	Luke 19:41-44	Identify: your mission
4.	Luke 10:30-37	Engage: look for opportunities to serve - noticing, caring...
5.	John 4:1-30	Engage: Initiate spiritual conversations
6.	Luke 10:1-9	Engage: look for People of Peace
7.	Numbers 6:24-26	Engage: bless households
8.	Luke 11:14-20	Engage: show and share the Kingdom
9.	Acts 8:26-40	Disciple making
10.	2 Timothy 2:1-7	Multiply disciple makers
11.	Acts 2:42-47	Gather: start new movement churches
12.	Acts 13:1-5; John 20:21	Send teams
13.	Mathew 20:20-27	A request for James and John
14.	Matthew 26:39-42	Disciples must surrender their will to God's will
15.	Acts 16:6-10	Work where God is at work
16.	John 15:12; John 17:18-24	Team life

Power Encounters

1.	The temptation of Jesus	Luke 4:1-13
2.	Jesus drives out an evil spirit	Mark 1:21-28
3.	Jesus raises a widow's Son	Luke 7:11-17
4.	Jesus calms the storm	Mark 4:35-41
5.	Healing a demon-possessed man	Mark 5:1-20
6.	Jesus and Beelzebub	Matthew 12:22-29
7.	The Canaanite's daughter	Mark 7:24-30
8.	Jesus heals woman with a spirit	Luke 13:10-17
9.	Healing a boy with a demon	Matthew 17:14-21
10.	The fig tree withers	Matthew 21:18-22
11.	Jesus and Lazarus	John 11:1-43
12.	Death of Jesus and the temple curtain	Matthew 27:45-56
13.	The resurrection of Jesus	Matthew 28:1-20
14.	Simon, the sorcerer	Acts 8:9-25
15.	Peter's escape from prison	Acts 12:1-11
16.	The sorcerer, Elymas, meets Paul	Acts 13:1-12
17.	A slave girl is healed	Acts 16:16-18
18.	Paul in Malta	Acts 19:1-20
19.	Eutychus raised from the dead	Acts 20:7-12
20.	Paul in Malta	Acts 28:1-10

Healings in the Bible

1.	Abraham and Abimelech	Genesis 20:1-18
2.	Moses' hand restored	Exodus 4:6-7
3.	The bronze snake	Numbers 21:4-9
4.	The man of God heals	1 Kings 13
5.	The widow's son healed	1 Kings 17:7-24
6.	The Shunammite's son raised	2 Kings 4:8-37
7.	Naaman healed of leprosy	2 Kings 5
8.	King Hezekiah's illness	2 Kings 20:1-11
9.	The King's dream and healing	Daniel 4:1-37
10.	Jesus heals the sick	Matthew 4:23-25
11.	The man with leprosy	Matthew 8:1-4
12.	The faith of the Centurion	Matthew 8:5-13
13.	Jesus heals many	Matthew 8:14-17
14.	Jesus heals demon-possessed	Matthew 8:28-34
15.	Jesus and the paralytic	Matthew 9:1-8
16.	Jesus heals blind and mute	Matthew 9:27-34
17.	Faith of Canaanite woman	Matthew 15:21-28

Persecution

1.	The oppression of Israel	Exodus 2:1-12
2.	Bricks without straw	Exodus 5:1-6:12
3.	Opposition	Ezra 4:1-24
4.	Queen Esther	Esther 3
5.	Jeremiah threatened with death	Jeremiah 26:1-18
6.	Jeremiah in prison	Jeremiah 37:1-21
7.	Shadrack, Meshach, Abednego	Daniel 3:1-30
8.	Daniel in the lions' den	Daniel 6:1-28
9.	Parable of the sower	Luke 8:1-15
10.	Apostles persecuted	Acts 5:12-42
11.	Stoning of Stephen	Acts 6:8-15 and 7:51-59 and 8:3
12.	Conversion of Paul	Acts 9:1-19
13.	Peter's escape from prison	Acts 12:1-19
14.	Paul is stoned	Acts 14:1-19
15.	Paul's story	Galatians 1:11-24
16.	Heroes of the faith	Hebrews 11

Sample Discoveries

Mentoring

To help you grow as a mentor, we encourage you to work through the following discovery passages in your own time.

1.	A mentor serves in team and is concerned with the welfare of others.	Philippians 2:19-24
2.	A mentor's life is an example that others can pattern their lives after.	Philippians 3:12-21
3.	A mentor prays for those he is leading.	Colossians 1:9-14
4.	A mentor is willing to suffer and work hard.	Colossians 1:24 – 2:9
5.	A mentor is not after money, but seeks to please God.	1 Thessalonians 2:4-12
6.	A mentor gives clear warnings, instruction and encouragement.	1 Timothy 4:1-16
7.	A mentor gives clear warning, instruction and encouragement.	1 Timothy 6:1-21
8.	A mentor encourages faithfulness to the gospel.	2 Timothy 4:1-8
9.	A mentor helps interpret suffering.	1 Peter 4:12-19; Hebrews 10:32-39
10.	A mentor encourages servant leadership.	1 Peter 5:1-7
11.	A mentor warns against false teachers and teachings.	2 Peter 2:1-22
12.	A mentor talks of the second coming and judgment.	2 Peter 3:1-18

The Apostles – 66 Stories

From approximately the year 30 After Christ		
1.	The Ascension of Jesus and the replacement of the twelfth apostle	Acts 1:1-26
2.	Pentecost and Peter's speech	Acts 2:1-47
3.	Peter and John at the Temple	Acts 3:1-26
4.	The arrest of Peter and John and their release	Acts 4:1-31
5.	Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 4:32-5:11
6.	Arrest and persecution of the apostles	Acts 5:12-42
From approximately the years 33—35 AD		
7.	The choosing of the seven and the arrest of Stephen	Acts 6:1-15
8.	Stephen's speech	Acts 7:1-53
9.	Stephen is stoned	Acts 7:54-8:4
10.	Gospel in Samaria	Acts 8:5-25
11.	Phillip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40
12.	Saul becomes a believer and travels to Arabia	Acts 9:1-25 also Galatians 1:11-17
From approximately the years 36—39 AD		
13.	Saul Goes to Jerusalem, Tarsus and Cilicia	Acts 9:26-27, Galatians 1:18a; Galatians 1:18b-24, Acts 9:28-31
14.	Peter, Aeneas and Tabitha	Acts 9:32-43
15.	Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10:1-48
16.	Peter explains his actions toward the Gentiles	Acts 11:1-18
From approximately the years 43—46 AD		
17.	Foundation of the church at Antioch	Acts 11:19-30
18.	Peter's arrest and miraculous deliverance	Acts 12:1-19 (and as an option recite 1 Peter 4:12-19 on persecution)
19.	Death of Herod the Persecutor	Acts 12:20-25 (and as an option recite 2 Peter 2:1-10)
From approximately the years 46—48 AD		
20.	Missionary call of Saul and Barnabas	Acts 13:1-12
21.	Gospel to the Province Of Galatia	Acts 13:13-43
22.	The people's response	Acts 13:44-52
23.	Paul and Barnabas plant churches in Galatia	Acts 14:1-20
24.	Paul Teaches the New Churches	Acts 14:21-25 (and as an option recite Galatians 5:16-26 and 6:1-2 on the fruit of the Holy Spirit)

From approximately the year 48—50 AD		
25.	Return to Antioch	Acts 14:26-28
26.	Controversy at Antioch	Acts 15:1-2a and Galatians 2:11-21
27.	Meeting in Jerusalem	Acts 15:2b-21
28.	The letter to Gentile believers	Acts 15:22-35
29.	The letter of James	Recite these words from James' letter, James 1:1-27
From approximately the year 50—51 AD		
30.	Paul, Barnabas, Mark, Silas and Timothy strengthen the churches	Acts 15:36-41 and 16:1-5
31.	Paul in Philippi	Acts 16:6-15 (and as an option recite from Paul's letter: Philippians 2:1-11)
32.	Paul and Silas in prison	Acts 16:16-40 (and as an option Recite from Paul's Philippians 4:4-9)
33.	Paul's ministry in Thessalonica	Acts 17:1-9 and narrative from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-9
34.	Paul at Berea and Athens- the Unknown God	Acts 17:10-34
35.	Moves to Corinth for 18 months	Acts 18:1-17 and narrative in 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
36.	Paul writes to the Thessalonians from Corinth	1 Thessalonians. 1:1-10 and 2:17-3:6 (option: recite from 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 - the Second Coming)
From approximately the year 52—54 AD		
37.	Paul goes to Syria	Acts 18:18-23
38.	Priscilla, Aquila and Apollos	Acts 18:24-28
39.	Paul goes to Ephesus	Acts 19:1-9 (and as an option recite from Paul's letter: Ephesians 4:32-5:2)
40.	Paul Teaches the Ephesians	Acts 19:10 (and as an option Recite from Paul's letter: Ephesians 4:2-6, 11-16)
From approximately the year 55—56 AD		
41.	Paul Teaches at the School of Tyrannus	Acts 19:11-22 (and as an option recite from Paul's letter: Ephesians 6:10-18 on the Armor Of God)
42.	From Ephesus Paul writes to the Corinthians	1 Corinthians 1:1-9 and 16:19-24
43.	Silversmiths' riot in Ephesus	Acts 19:23-41
From approximately the year 57 AD		
44.	Third visit to Corinth, Greece	Acts 20:1-3a (and as an option recite from Paul's letter: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 on Love)
45.	Paul writes a letter to the Romans	Romans 1:10 and 15:22-23 (and as an option recite from his letter: Romans 12:9-21)
46.	Paul in Troas	Acts 20:3-12
47.	Paul meets with the Ephesian Elders	Acts 20:13-38
48.	Paul's journey continues	Acts 21:1-16
49.	Paul's arrest in Jerusalem	Acts 21:17-36
50.	Paul speaks to the crowd	Acts 21:37-40 and 22:1-29
51.	Paul and the Sanhedrin	Acts 22:30 and 23:1-22
52.	Paul escapes to Caesaria	Acts 23:23-35 and 24:1-26

From approximately the year 59 AD		
53.	Return to Antioch	Acts 24:27 and 25:1-12
54.	Paul appeals to Caesar	Acts 25:13-27
55.	Festus consults the King	Acts 26:1-32
56.	Paul tells his story to King Agrippa	Acts 27:1-12
57.	Paul sails for Rome	Acts 27:13-44
58.	At Malta	Acts 28:1-10 (and as an option recite James 5:13-16 on prayer for the sick)
From approximately the years 60—64 AD		
59.	Paul arrives in Rome	Acts 28:11-29
60.	Paul's home in Rome	Acts 28:30-31 (and as an option recite from Romans 5:1-8)
61.	Paul sends a letter to the Ephesians	Ephesians 1:1-2 and 6:21-22 (and as an option recite Ephesians 5:21-33 and 6:1-4)
62.	Paul sends a letter to the Philippians	Philippians 1:1-2; 2:25-30; 4:21 (and optionally recite from Philippians 4:10-23)
63.	Paul sends a letter to the Colossians	Colossians 1:1-2 and 4:7-18 (option: recite Colossians 3:12-17 - characteristics of believers)
64.	Paul sends a letter to Philemon of Colosse	Philemon 1-18
65.	Paul writes a letter to Timothy	1 Timothy 3:1-15
66.	Paul writes to Titus	Titus 1:1-5 (and as an option recite Titus 1:6-9 on qualifications of elders)

