

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY 1.0

Leader's Guide

Discovery Groups and Spiritual Families utilize the Discovery Bible Study method for discipleship (we disciple to salvation and *through* salvation).

We prioritize shared leadership, graceful accountability, obedience-based discipleship, and an outward, missional focus.

Discovery Bible Study is reproducible to facilitate movement and multiplication among disciple-makers.

MEETING FRAMEWORK

PRAY

We cultivate the relational priority of the gospel, learning to be with God and be with each other.

KEY DNA – AWE

1. What are you thankful for today? Where have you seen God this week?

KEY DNA – TRUST

2. What is challenging me right now? Where do I need to see God this week?

Your choice as a leader: Pray as the Spirit leads, over every person who shares, or covering everyone at the end.

PRACTICE

GRACEFUL ACCOUNTABILITY

- What do we remember from last week?
- Did we do our I Will statements?
- Who did we share with and how did they respond?

Review the rules:

Be curious.

Focus on what's in this text.

Don't correct.

Direction: Stop and pray for God to reveal and draw us closer to Himself through His Word.

Open to this week's passage.

Have at least 2 people read the verses out loud.

KEY DNA – DISCOVER

3. *What does this passage teach us about God? How can I know Him better?*

KEY DNA –FORM

4. *What does this passage teach us about people? How can I know myself better?*

RETELLING

Have the group re-tell the passage in their own words.

Everyone helps/participates until we've exhausted the passage.

(Principle: *If we can't retell it, we don't know it.*)

KEY DNA – EMBODY

5. *What measurable action step can I take this week in response to this passage? (I will...)*

PARTNER

KEY DNA – SHARE

6. *Who should I share with this week? How can I partner with his grace already at work in his Beloved?*

Note: Ideas for what to share:

- Scripture passage (retell the story in your own words)
- Share your faith story with someone you encounter this week
- A relevant principle (truth) or relatable concept from the Scripture passage
- What you heard God saying specifically to your heart through this Scripture passage

- How you plan to apply/obey/respond to what God said (“I will...” statement/commitment)
- Something you learned in the group discovery/discussion—without breaking confidentiality!
- What God is doing in your life (changing your thinking or behavior in some area?)
- The DBS method: Invite family/friends/neighbors/co-workers to do a Discovery Group!

KEY DNA – SEND

7. What needs can we meet, near and abroad? Where can we be ministers of Shalom (God’s peace) this week?

Stop and pray for the needs of the group and our communities.

CLOSING DIRECTIONS (when applicable)

Make sure new members get the App.

Take tithes and offerings. (Point to App or pass QR Code)

Make tangible plans to follow up on meeting needs.

Determine who is going to lead DBS next week.

Determine who is going to help with kids next week.

Who needs extra shepherding or follow-up this week.

Provide opportunity for salvation, personal healing & deliverance prayer.