

Basic Paradigm Shifts:

1. **Persons of Peace** (Matt 10 and Luke 10): We want to follow Jesus in learning to seek out and recognize 'persons of peace' (POP) (i.e. person who wants peace with God, within themselves or with others).
2. **Fourth (Spiritual) Generation:** We want to relate to the persons of peace with this end in view: the POP's spiritual grandchildren (4 'generations' in the future).
3. **Pre-Existing Groups:** Focus were possible on groups in which the POP already has influence (rather than seeking to form groups of unrelated individuals).
4. **Multiply Discovery Groups:** We want to help POPs lead their own 'discovery groups.' We do not lead discovery groups, POPs do. (We'll experience a discovery group shortly.)
5. **Level the Playing Field:** Switch from teaching, to simply asking questions. This enables POP/new believers to lead discovery groups themselves. No experts. Just the Bible. (even if we are asked to teach {response: better to look in the Bible and tell me what you think you've found} or if initial responses 'stray')

Overview of the Discovery Group process:

Connecting:

- 1) What are you happy about this week?
- 2) What challenge are experiencing (e.g. in your life, family, work)?

Note: if the group is 2-5 people, everyone who wishes can share.

If the group is over 5 people, 2-3 people share. Small groups are best for vulnerability.

Looking back:

- 3) Let's think back to last time we met...

What did you experience last week when you applied what you learned?

Who did you share this with? (*How did he or she respond?*)

Discovery Bible Study: new passage on a small number of verses...

What does it say? Write 2-3 verses (in left column).

What does it mean? Write your understanding / how the verses speak to you (in center column)

What does it mean for you? Write (in right column) what will you do differently in response to the verses, e.g. "I will..."

Scripture	My Words	I Will

Oral adaptation: Ask one or two people to read the verses aloud slowly.

Ask one or more people retell it in their own words.

4) What do you learn about God (or Jesus) from this passage?

5) What do you learn about people from this passage?

Looking ahead...

6) What will you do to apply from what you learned in this passage, this week? (*"Can you be more specific?" "Do you have a "I will" statement?"*)

7) With whom will you share what you are learning, this week? (*For whom will this be good news?*)

[Note: Unbelievers can share what they are experiencing too, without viewing it as evangelism.]

Prayer: for what we want to apply from scripture and what we want to share with others, as well as about joys and challenges shared earlier.

Thoughts and Questions....

Next: Key/Persons of Peace ...

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