

Discovery Bible Study DBS (Making Disciples who Make Disciples)

The Process (7 Step = 7 Sets of Questions)

****Take turn to facilitate.** The facilitator begins with a short prayer to ask God to lead and guide the process. Then the facilitator read the steps and the questions, one at a time. Participants take turns answering each question. The facilitator also answers each question at the end**

1. **RECONNECT** (Practice thanksgiving and praying for each other. Ask both questions at the same time. When one finishes answering, the next one prays for him/her, then goes on sharing...)

- What is the one thing that you are thankful for today / this week?
- What is the one difficulty or challenge that you are struggling with, or what is the one thing that you concern for the church or for other people?

2. **REVIEW** (Look back to refresh memory and hold each other accountable for spiritual growth. Do this session from the second time onwards)

- Can someone retell the story from last time?
- How did it go with your “I will ...” statement from last time?
- Did you share what you learned with someone and invite to DBS? What was the response?

3. **READ** (Practice attentive reading. Pay attention to the content of the passage)

- Invite two people to read the same passage two times, one person at a time. (If the group has more than one translation, read the same passage from two different translations).

4. **RETELL** (Practice internalizing and communicating the word of God. Close the Bible before answering the questions in this section.)

- Can one person retell the content of the passage in your own words?
- How about the others, is there anything to add to the content of this passage?

5. **OBSERVE** (Practice engaging in the word; to know God, people/self, and listen. Open the Bible before answering these questions) ****see appendix one for hints****

- What does this tell you about God, about Jesus, or about the Holy Spirit?
- What does this tell you about people, or about yourself?
- Which verses from this passage touches your heart? Or What do you sense God speaking to you through these verses?

6. **RESPOND** (Practice immediate obedience in life. Specify what action and when) ****see appendix one for hints****

- How would you respond to what God is speaking to you? Or how can you put your learning into action? (Use a notebook, take two minutes to think and write your responses in an “I will...” statement)
- Do you sense God wanting us to do something as a group? (If there is a suggestion, discuss it in the group. If the group comes to agreement, then each one write a “We will... statement)

7. **REACH OUT** (Practice immediate witnessing the words and multiplying disciples) ****see appendix one for hints****

- Who and how would you like to share that which you learned today? (Please take notes)
- Who would you like to invite to do DBS with you? (Please take notes)

****The facilitator closes the study with a short prayer to thank God for the words given and ask for strength to fulfill the “I will...” and “We will ...” statements, and to witness and invite others to DBS****

Appendix One: Hints to Steps 5, 6, and 7

Step 5:	Step 5:	Step 5:	Step 6:	Step 7:	Step 7:
What do you observe about God, including the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?	What do you observe about people or about yourself?	What is God speaking to you personally?	How would you respond to God?	Whom to share with? What to share? and how to share?	Whom to invite to DBS with you?
Hints:	Hints:	Hints:	Hints:	Hints:	Hints:
Focus on the text.	Focus on the text.	Focus on the text.	Write your response in an "I will..." statement.	Write down the name of the person. And think of what and how you would like to share?	Prayerfully make a list of your social circle such as: -
Try to observe about God, such as: -	Try to observe human nature and pattern, such as: -	Which verse/thought /observation stands out to you?	Use a short sentence!	Pray about it before sharing.	Family members
His Attribute	Behavior/attitude	Or what is convicting or touching for you?	Think of one action that is practical and relevant to that which God is speaking to you	If no one comes to mind, that is alright. Just pray and ask God to put someone in your heart or open an opportunity for you to share.	Relatives
His Character	Inclination/ tendance				Friends
Relationship within the God Head or with His people	Cultural norms				Fellow servants, brothers, and sisters
His Purpose	Desires				Colleagues
What did He say? Why?	Actions				Neighbors
What did He do? Why?	Expectations/ demands etc.				Classmates
His Desire and plan for His people	What nature and pattern are at work in you? Or in the church? Or among non-believers?				roommates
His Kingdom value and standards etc.					Playmates etc.
					Pray for them before inviting

Appendix Two: Suggestions to Facilitators

1. Read the study guide and appendix once and twice before facilitating. If snacks are served do so after the Discovery Bible Study so the group will not be distracted.
2. Each person writes down for themselves:
 - I. New insights learned.
 - II. The “I will” and “We will” statements.
 - III. The “witness & invite” plans.
3. Keep check of the time so all questions are discussed before the time runs out. (Suggestion for time allocation: 20% for steps 1-2, 55% for steps 3-5, 25% for steps 6-7. Allow a few seconds of silence while people are listening to the Lord or while writing in their notebooks. Resist the temptation to jump in to answer your own questions or do so only minimally.)
4. If a member of the group speaks too much, say, "Let's hear what others have to share."
5. If a member of the group goes out of the topic in the text, you may need to bring the group back to the text by asking, "How do you see that relating to this passage?"
6. Make sure everyone has the chance to pray and be prayed for. Keep the sharing in Step One and the prayer short and specific.
7. Keep the group size small (5 people is best). If the group size reaches seven or eight, split into two groups. In preparation for this, take turns facilitating so everyone in the group can grow in skill and confidence in preparation for leading their own groups.
7. When another group is formed, keep in touch with the new group leader to encourage and provide help if necessary.
8. Preparation: Pray for the group before and after the study. At the end of the study encourage the group:
 - a. To review the passage and think about things they have just learned.
 - b. Pray for their “I will” and “We will” statements, and for the people whom they plan to share with and to invite to DBS.

Appendix Three: Scripture Groupings for Two Years

If you lead a congregation, you may have your own set of passages or be following a lectionary. Alternatively, the Bible is rich with options and the following are only suggestions and could be explored in almost any order. The passages which follow, if a group met weekly, would guide the group for two years. During that time, it is likely the group will have started other groups. These groups can then also pick topics at their own pace.

The Call to Make Disciples

The Call of Jesus' First Disciples (Matt 4:18-22)

Parable of the Four Soils (Mark 4:13-20)

Jesus Speaks of the Harvest (John 4: 34-38)

Sending of the 12 (Luke 9:1-6 / Matt 10:5-16)

Sending of the 72 (Luke 10:1-12)

The Great Commission (Matt 28:16-20)

Paul's Final Word to His Disciple: building 4 spiritual generations (2 Tim 2:1-10)

God's Heart and Nature

Heart and Nature (Ps 103:1-5)

Heart and Nature (Ps 103:6-16)

Heart and Nature (Ps 103:15-22)

Love justice and hate oppression (Exo 4:1-12)

Servant to redeem His people (Isa 53)

Patient and generous in forgiveness (Luke 15:11-32)

Favors humble and poor (Luke 16:19-31)

Worthy of awe and worship (Rev 4)

Jesus' "I AM's" Statement

John 1:1-18 (Word of God)

John 6: 27-40 (Bread of Life)

John 8: 12-20 (Light of the World) ***

John 10: 1-18 (Good Shepherd)

John 11: 1-44 (Resurrection and Life)

John 14: 1-20 (True Living Way)

John 15:1-17 (Vine who makes Fruitful)

Following Jesus

In Prayer:

God answers prayer (Acts 12:5-19)
Don't be anxious (Philippians 4:4-9)
Prayer brings wisdom (Ephesians 3:14-21)
Jesus teaches prayer (Matthew 6:5-15)
Persevering in prayer (Matthew 7:7-11)

In Obedience:

Love and obedience (John 14:15-21)
True disciples obey (Matthew 7:21-29)
Obedience when we think we know better (2 Kings 5:1-19)
The story of two sons (Matthew 21:28-32)
Hearing and doing (James 1:19-27)

In Serving:

Jesus teaches about serving others (Mark 10:35-45)
Jesus serves (John 13:1-17)
Serving strangers (Luke 11:30-37)
Woman serves (Mark 14:1-9)
What counts in the end (Matthew 25:32-46)

In Generosity:

Encounter with Jesus changes attitude to money (Luke 19:1-10)
Do not be controlled by money (Luke 12:22-34)
Giving to advance the mission of Christ (Phil 4:10-20)
Giving when we have not (Luke 21:1-4)
Giving as sowing (2 Corinthians 9:1-9)

In Bringing Others to Jesus:

People meet Jesus because others introduce them (John 1:35-50)
Where is God already at work (Acts 8:26-40)
If no one tells, who will hear (Romans 10:9-17)
Gentiles hear the good news (Acts 10:9-48)
Boldness in the face of opposition (Acts 5:17-42)

Our Anchor in Days of Trouble and Anxiety

Who is greater than worry? (Matt 6: 19-34)
With Jesus in the storm (Mark 4:35-41)
The demand to bow to the godless (Daniel 3)
Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6)
Walking by faith and not by sight (Hebrews 11:1-12:3)

Stories of Forgiveness and Hope:

A Disreputable Woman Anoints Jesus (Luke 7:36-50)
The Pharisee and Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-17)
The Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18:18-30)
The Merciful King (Matthew 18:21-35)
Christ Crucified: Two Responses (Luke 23:32-49)
Jesus' Resurrection Appearance (Luke 24:33-53)
The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

God's Promises

Salvation for Everyone Who Calls (Acts 2:17-21; John 6:35-40)
Faithful to Forgive (1 John 1:5-10)
With You Always and Everywhere (Joshua 1:1-9; Matthew 28:16-20)
Steadfast Love (Romans 8:35-39; Psalm 103:17)
Ears Attentive to the Cries of His Children (Psalm 86:5-8; Psalm 34:15)
Every Need Supplied (Matthew 6:25-33)
A Present Help (Psalm 46:1-11)
Strength in Weakness (Isaiah 40:26-31; 2 Corinthians 12:9)
Slow to Anger (Psalm 103:1-18)
Everything for Good (Romans 8:18-30)
Walking with us in Trials...to the Reward (2 Corinthians 4:1-17)

Story of the Bible - Creation to Redemption

God Creates (Genesis 1:1-25)
God Creates Man and Woman (Genesis 2:4-24)
Man and Woman Eat the Fruit (Genesis 3:1-13)
God's Responds to Sin (Genesis 3:14-24)
God Regrets His Creation (Genesis 6:5-8)
God Saves Noah and His Family (Genesis 6:9-8:14)
God's Covenant with Noah (Genesis 8:15-9:17)
God's Covenant with Abram (Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6, 17:1-7)
Abraham Gives His Son as an Offering (Genesis 22:1-19)
God Spares His People (Exodus 12:1-28)
The Commands of God (Exodus 20:1-21)
The Sin Offering (Leviticus 4:1-35)
God's Righteous Servant (Isaiah 53)
Jesus is Born (Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20)
Jesus is Baptized (Matthew 3; John 1:29-34)
Jesus is Tested (Matthew 4:1-11)
Jesus and the Religious Leader (John 3:1-21)
Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-26, 39-42)
Jesus and the Paralyzed Man (Luke 5:17-26)
Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)
Jesus and the Man with Evil Spirits (Mark 5:1-20)

Jesus Raises a Man from the Dead (John 11:1-44)
Jesus Talks about His Betrayal and the Covenant (Matthew 26:17-30)
Jesus is Betrayed and Faces Trial (John 18:1-19:16)
Jesus is Crucified (Luke 23:32-56)
Jesus is Resurrected (Luke 24:1-35)
Jesus Appears to the Disciples and Ascends to Heaven (Luke 24:36-53)
Enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:1-21)
Life Forever (Revelation 21:1-27) ***

Parables of the Kingdom

Parable of the Sower (Matt 13:1-23)
Growing till the End (Matt 13:24-33)
The Value of the Kingdom (Matt 13:44-46)
The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
The Lost Sheep and Coin (Luke 15:4-10)
The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32)
Parable of workers in the field (Matt 20:1-16)
The Vine and the branches (John 15:1-8)
The Ten Young Women (Matt 25:1-13)

Salvation Now and Always

Effects of sin are everywhere (Romans 3:9-20)
Jesus is the Way (John 14:1-9)
Trusting Christ (Romans 10:6-13)
Entrance into the Kingdom (John 3:1-17)
Salvation into Eternity (Revelation 22:1-21)

Paradigm Shifts for DNA of DMM

Invitation: High bar vs low bar (Matt 16:21-28)
Abiding in love = obeying Christ (John 15:1-17)
Start sharing right away (John 4:27-42)
New in Christ; "preaching" ambassador (2 Cor. 5:14-21)
Healthy disciples multiply the next generation (Isaiah 12:1-6)
Suffering and Persecution are expected & we are supported (1 Peter 4:3-13)