

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

A. ASK

Open by asking **"what has been good this week?"**

This becomes the basis for teaching them to to praise and thank God.

Ask **"what has been difficult or hard this week?"**

This becomes the basis of prayer needs and makes space for God to break through in answering prayers.

PRAY TOGETHER: Thanking God for what has been good and praying for what is needed

Finish by asking **"how did you go with last week's commitment?"**

This becomes the basis of accountability and growth in obedience to Jesus.

B. BIBLE

From the beginning the aim is to teach people to discover God's Word for themselves, rather than relying on a teacher.

Choose a short and simple passage from the Bible (around 5-10 verses).

A story or narrative is a good place to start.

Have someone read it aloud, then ask someone else to **read it again.**

Have them then **retell the story** as if they were sharing it with a friend.

Silently pray for God to speak directly from the reading to the participants.

Then **ask open-ended questions,** such as:

"What does this say about God?"

"What does this say about us?"

"Are there areas that you are bothered by"

"What gives you hope?"

"What is God saying to you?"

Let the participants do most of the talking and don't be afraid of silences - you shouldn't be talking more than those you are discipling.

If the session veers off course, you can ask:

"Where do you see that in the Bible or this passage?"

C. COMMIT

Let them suggest their own commitment to whatever God is saying to them. Also encourage them share what they've learnt with someone else.

Ask them: **"What are you going to do?"** **"Who are you going to tell?"**

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OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES

Gen 1:1-5 First day of creation

Gen 3:1-9 Adam and Eve sin

Exod 3:1-6 Moses and the burning bush

Josh 4:1-7 Altar built after crossing the Jordan river

1 Sam 17: 32-37 David kills Goliath

1 Kings 18:30-39 Elijah calls on God

2 Kings 5:9-14 The healing of Naaman

Dan 3: 19-27 The blazing furnace

NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGES

Matt 7 :24-29 Building on a solid foundation

Matt 21:28-32 Parable of the two sons

Matt 25:1-13 Parable of the ten bridesmaids

Matt 26:6-13 Jesus annointed at Bethany

Mark 1:9-20 To be a disciple

Mark 6:45-56 Jesus walks on water

Mark 4: 35-41 Jesus calms the storm

Luke 5:17-26 Jesus heals a paralysed man

Luke 10:30-37 Parable of the good Samaritan

Luke 17:11-19 Ten healed of leprosy

Luke 18:35-42 Jesus heals a blind beggar

Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus meets Jesus

John 2:1-10 Wedding at Cana

John 5:1-9 Healing at the pool of Bethesda

John 6:5-13 Jesus feeds the five thousand

John 8:1-11 Woman caught in sin

Acts 8:34-40 Baptism and belief