

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY FORMAT

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This document provides a simple reproducible format for Discovery Bible Study meetings. Below are goals:

1. *To glorify God through worship*
2. *To encourage active participation of each individual*
3. *To promote personal interaction in the Word of God*
4. *To obey the commands of Jesus Christ and improve listening to the Holy Spirit*
5. *To promote accountability*
6. *To replicate DBS small groups*
7. *To develop new leaders for those DBS small groups*

BEFORE THE D.B.S.:

1. **WORSHIP**: God to set the atmosphere for today's meeting.
2. **PRAY**: for God to engage, establish, equip, and empower disciples.
3. **ASK**: "What have you been thankful for this past week?"
4. **ASK**: "What have you struggled with this past week?"
5. **ASK**: "How could this group help with those struggles?"
6. **ASK**: "What did you learn at the last meeting?"
7. **ASK**: "How did you fulfill your "last assignment" from God?"

DURING THE D.B.S.:

8. **PRAY**: For the Holy Spirit to guide today's Discovery Bible Study.
9. **READ**: Several individuals to **READ** aloud the passage for today.
10. **RETELL**: Several individuals to **RETELL** this passage in their own words.
11. **ASK**: "What does this passage say about **GOD**?"
12. **ASK**: "What does this passage say about **PEOPLE**?"
13. **ASK**: "What does this passage say about **ANGELS**?"
14. **ASK**: "What **CONTRASTS** or **COMPARISONS** do you see?"
15. **ASK**: "What do you need **EXPLAINED** from this passage?"
16. **ASK**: "What does this lesson **IMPLY** about **DISCIPLE-MAKING**?"
17. **ASK**: "What **ASSIGNMENT** is God giving you?"
18. **DECLARE**: "This week... with God's help... I will do this... with this individual... in this location..."
19. **ASK**: "With whom should I share what I learned this week?"
20. **PRAY**: For God to help each disciple to fulfill their "assignment" this week!

? AFTER THE DBS ?

21. **ASK**: When will we meet **NEXT TIME**?
22. **ASK**: Who could you **INVITE** to our next meeting?
23. **ASSIGN**: one of the more mature **DISCIPLES** to lead the next meeting (offering to assist).
24. When your group grows, divide the group, and commission a mature leader for this group.

After each meeting, group leaders should re-evaluate progress and adjust future plans.

On the next page there is a suggested "Creation to Christ" Scripture reference guide:



Creation to Christ Scripture List:

1. Genesis 1:1-2:3
2. Genesis 2:4-24
3. Genesis 3:1-13
4. Genesis 3:14-24
5. Genesis 6:5-7:24
6. Genesis 8:1-9:17
7. Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6, 17:1-7
8. Genesis 22:1-19
9. Exodus 12:1-28
10. Exodus 20:1-21
11. Leviticus 4:1-35
12. Isaiah 53
13. Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20
14. Matt 3; John 1:29-34
15. Matthew 4:1-11
16. John 3:1-21
17. John 4:1-26; 39-42
18. Luke 5:17-26
19. Mark 4:35-41
20. Mark 5:1-20
21. John 11:1-44
22. Matthew 26:26-30
23. John 18:1-19:16
24. Luke 23:32-56
25. Luke 24:1-35
26. Luke 24:36-53
27. John 3:1-21