

HOW TO DO DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDIES (DBS)

WELCOME Make everyone feel at home by sharing a meal, drink, or snack, and discuss:
- *What are you thankful for today? What challenges are you facing? How can the group support you or others?*

PRAYER We express our gratitude to God for what he has done, and we lift our burdens and challenges to him.

FEEDBACK Starting from the second time we meet, feedback from each participant is essential: - *Have you applied last week's passage in your life? How? Have you shared it with anyone? What did you learn? Have you started a new group?*

- TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE**
- Choose a Bible passage (it is beneficial to follow a Bible plan to understand God's overall plan or for deepening and discipleship training in various areas.)
 - Someone reads aloud, and everyone follows along in their Bibles (if they have one).
 - Another person reads aloud, and everyone listens without following in their Bibles.
 - A participant retells the message of the passage in their own words. Others may fill in or correct.
 - Then it is time for everyone to open their Bibles again, and the discussion begins based on the five questions.

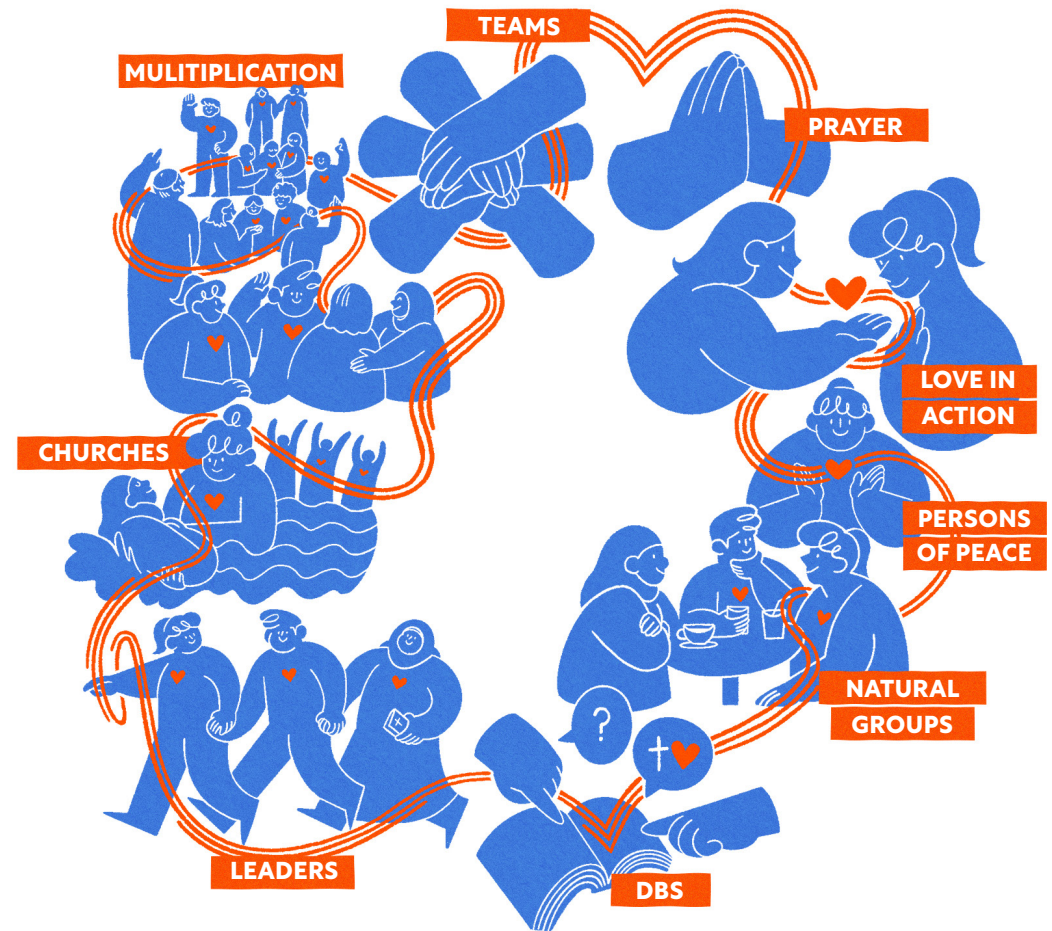
QUESTIONS Below are the five important questions to guide your discussion:

- *What do we learn about God in this text?*
- *What do we learn about man and man's response to God in this text?* (How does God want us to live?)
- *How is the message of this text relevant today?*
- *If this message is the word of God, if it is true, then what do we have to change in our lives or behavior to live as the text tells us?* (To make it very practical, you can think about how you should live or act differently within the coming 24 hours. Encourage everyone to be very practical. Never force anyone.)
- *Who will we share our discovery with?* (Encourage everyone to name the person or group they intend to share with, preferably by repeating this DBS format. Again, never force anyone.)

SECURITY QUESTION If someone strays from the passage or adds too much, we don't correct them directly but ask: *"Where did you see that in this passage?"* This fosters a group culture of careful study, avoiding additions or overly creative interpretations. We trust God, Jesus, the Word, and the Spirit as our guide.

DISCIPLE JOURNEY

HEAR
DO
SHARE



ACTS 16:25-34

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

Each principle is important and remains active throughout the entire disciple journey. Under each principle, you will find Bible passages that allow you to explore what Scripture teaches on the topic (...and you can find many more through reading the New Testament).

Take time to reflect on how Jesus taught, lived, and demonstrated each principle and how the apostles applied and continued these teachings. Consider the role of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in each context, as well as our role in understanding, living out, and sharing these truths with others.



ENGAGEMENT

TEAMS | How did Jesus teach, live, and demonstrate the concept of a team? What about the apostles? What is the role of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit? What is our role?

Scripture: Luke 10:1-22

PRAYER | How did Jesus teach, live, and demonstrate prayer and fasting? What about the apostles? What is the role of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit? What is our role?

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

LOVE IN ACTION | How did Jesus teach, live, and demonstrate love in action, relationships, and service? What about the apostles? What is the role of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit? What is our role?

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

DISCIPLESHIP

PERSON OF PEACE | How did Jesus teach, live, and demonstrate the concept of a Person of Peace? What about the apostles? Was Jesus a Person of Peace? Do the apostles show that they were? Did Jesus find Persons of Peace? Did the apostles? What is the role of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit? What is our role?

Characteristics of a Person of Peace:

- Generous and hospitable
- Open to conversations about spiritual matters
- Influential, a gateway to a family, a group in society, a special interest group, a people group, etc.

Scripture: Luke 10:5-11

NATURAL GROUPS | How did Jesus teach, live, and demonstrate the concept of natural groups? What about the apostles? What is the role of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit? What is our role?

Scripture: Matt 9:9-13

DBS | The goal is for the disciple to understand, live, and pass on questions related to topics such as salvation, baptism, baptism in the Spirit, the church, leadership, etc.

How did Jesus teach, live, and demonstrate these DBS principles? What about the apostles? What is the role of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit? What is our role?

Scripture: Matt 28:16-20

LEADERS | Characteristics of a leader, the same as those of a Person of Peace (POP), with two additional aspects:

- Obedience to God's Word
- Serving in a way that uplifts others instead of standing on them and pushing them down.

How did Jesus teach, live, and demonstrate the process of setting apart, training, and teaching leaders from within? How did the apostles teach and act to raise up leaders from within? What is the role of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit? What is our role (both in being, identifying, equipping, and supporting leaders)?

Scriptures: Acts 18:1-11, Acts 18:18-28

CHURCHES | How did Jesus teach, live, and demonstrate the concept of the church? What about the apostles? What is a church? What is the role of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit? What is our role (both in being the church and in planting, leading, and supporting churches)?

Scripture: 1 Cor 16:19

MULTIPLICATION | Reproduction – Everything good that has life multiplies. How did Jesus teach, live, and demonstrate the principle of multiplication? What about the apostles? What is the role of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit? What is our role?

Scripture: Gen 1:1-31

SUSTAINABILITY