

Discovery Bible Study (DBS) - *simple instructions*

1. Catching up:

Ask: "What are you thankful for this week?"

"How did you **do** what you learned last week?"

"What needs do you have that you would like to share?"

Pray together for the needs expressed. Also pray for the Bible Study.

2. Reading:

Let **2 people read** the passage, if possible in different translations.

Make sure everybody finds the passage before you start. If no one has a Bible, then you read the passage twice yourself.

3. Re-tell the story:

Let 2 people tell the passage in their own words. Help them to **stick to the content**, not to interpret the scripture (that is going into the meaning and significance of it). If people make many mistakes or miss major sections, read that portion again from the Bible.

4. Questions and discussion:

Facilitate a conversation about the passage, steering the group back to the scripture if the discussion gets out of hand. Don't talk too much, and make it simple. Here are some examples of questions:

- Who are the main characters in the passage?
- What do we learn about them?
- What do we learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
- Is there a good example to follow?
- Is there a bad example to avoid?
- *for parables*: Who is Jesus talking or responding to? Who do the different characters represent? What is the "message" of the parable then and today?
- Is there a command that we can obey today?
- Is there a promise from God for us today?
- How will we obey what the scripture teaches us? Make an "I will..." statement.

5. Closing:

Ask: "Who are you going to share this passage with this week?"

"Is there anybody you could invite to this DBS?"

*Ideas for passages from the New Testament of **people who met Jesus**:*

Demon-possessed man	Luke 8:26-39	Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
Rich man	Luke 18:18-30	Samaritan woman	John 4:1-26+39-42
Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10	Blind man	John 9:1-13+35-41
2 men from Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35	Mary and Martha	John 11:17-45
Paul	Acts 9:1-22	Peter	John 21:1-22

*Ideas for passages from the New Testament of **parables of Jesus**:*

The builders	Matt 7:21-27	Lost son	Luke 15:1-7+11-32
Unmerciful servant	Matt 18:21-35	Shrewd manager	Luke 16:1-13
Fig tree	Luke 13:1-9	Persistent widow	Luke 18:1-8
Banquet	Lk 14:1+12-24	Tenants	Luke 20:9-19