

DISCOVERY GROUP GUIDE

use these questions to guide your discovery group

STEP ONE - BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

- What are you thankful for?
- What's a challenge you're facing?
- How did you do with last week's 'I Will' statement?
- Did you share what we talked about with anyone?

STEP TWO - FOLLOWING JESUS

- Read a passage of scripture.
- What do you see happening in this scripture? Retell it in your own words.
- What stands out to you? Why does that stick out to you?
- What does this text say about God?
- What does this text say about people?
- If this is God speaking, what do you think he wants you to learn right now?

STEP THREE - MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

- How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days?
- Can you create an 'I Will' statement to put what you learned into practice?
- Who are you going to share with about what you are learning?

TIPS FOR FACILITATORS

LEADERS FACILITATE - THEY DON'T TEACH

- This allows everyone to participate and discover truth together.
- This makes it possible for to reproduce because they're discovering truth themselves.
- This allows the Holy Spirit to be the teacher, not a person.

DON'T SKIP THE MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES STEP

- Obedience is the main goal, not acquiring knowledge.
- By always focusing on what to do and who to share something with, we help form new disciples who possess the DNA of surrendering to Jesus and proclaiming his truth from the very beginning.

TRY TO STAY FOCUSED ON THE PRESENTED PASSAGE

- This allows everyone to stay on the same page, no matter how mature or undeveloped people are in their faith journeys.
- Often people who are new to discovering God can feel like an outsider if others keep referencing different passages in the Bible.
- Zooming in on one story helps focus the group instead of tackling too much at once.

PASS OFF LEADERSHIP

- Do this ASAP - It helps groups not be dependent on one dominant leader.
- Model and pass off. This actually serves to train people how to make disciples. Anyone can ask the questions.

CAST VISION FOR MULTIPLICATION

- Set this vision from day one.
- The goal is not necessarily to "grow" groups by addition, but instead to multiply by having participants to reach their own friends and family by starting a Discovery Group on their own.
- They don't need to be an expert. There's no qualifications needed to be a DBS facilitator, just a willingness to discover God together.
- Sometimes people will stay in the original group while starting new groups; sometimes they won't. Many factors play into this and it's different for every setting, but the goal remains the same: Multiply. The goal is to make disciples who make disciples so that the life resurrecting power of Jesus is unleashed among everyday, ordinary people.