

A Discovery Bible Study

David Watson began Church Planting Movement (CPM) Discovery Groups around the world by using a simple question inductive study. It was designed for start-up groups in areas of the world where large gatherings of Christians was not possible for various reasons or where pastoral leadership was minimal. This can function with small gatherings in person or through groups meeting by different media options(i.e. Zoom, Google hangout, etc.) The goal is to focus together on learning how to love God and others as we journey through life's ups and downs. We do this by going deeper into obedience-based applications of what God asks us to do. This is how we grow in love. When connecting with other sojourners, you can use any passages of Scripture or a few topical passages on one subject for Discovery (i.e. God's love, family, etc)

Suggested Format & Discovery Questions

1. What are you thankful for today? (Beginning of prayer)
2. What has stressed you out or challenged you this week? Pray together over each expressed need. (Beginning of trust)
3. Is there anything we can do to help? ? (Beginning of living out "one another passages")
4. Each week following the first meeting, ask the group to discuss what God told them through His Word since the last meeting. Secondly, ask them to talk about how they were obedient to the previous week's Scripture. Finally ask if they had a chance to share the passages with another person that God might have placed on their hearts.

Discover Passage: As a group, spend 10 minutes rewriting your passage in your own words as if you would tell it to someone not in the group or a child. Once done, go around the group and read what you wrote. Then proceed to the following questions.

5. What does this passage tell us about God? (Knowing God)
6. What does it tell us about ourselves?
7. What do you feel God wants to change in our lives this week from this passage?
How would you finish this statement, "This week I will...?" (Obedience)
8. What are other needs outside of the group that we can pray together for.

During this journey God calls us to learn how to walk with Him by taking deliberate steps to follow Him. Utilizing the wisdom of great coaching, we encourage one another to commit to making clear, measurable "I will statements" to anchor our commitment to follow through on what God is telling us to do.