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# DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

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A PATHWAY IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## Discovery Bible Study Process

**Read, obey, and share.** That's the process in a nutshell. A spiritual journey by which a community discovers God and a lifestyle of following Jesus through a simple bible study process. We move from *knowledge of God* to learning to listen and *live obediently to God* and through the process, we discover an ever-expanding adventure!

## Discovery Journeys

1. **Discovering God** /// Beginning with Creation through Christ
2. **Discovering Obedience** /// Transitioning into a Life of Commitments
3. **Discovering Leadership** /// Leading like Jesus
4. **Discovering Church Planting** /// Starting and developing families of faith.

These journeys utilize a simple process for exploring God's Word and learning to embed it into our lives. Group facilitation is rotated, and everyone has the opportunity to share.

**Here is a simple format to follow when facilitating the discussion -- its easy!**

1. Each person shares **1 thing they are thankful for & 1 thing stressing them out.**
2. Ask "What have you been hearing from God lately?" "What have you been doing about it?" "How can we help you?"
3. Read the selected text through once, then another person reads it through a 2<sup>nd</sup> time.
4. A third person try to "tell the story" of the text in their own words.
5. Ask these and other questions as prompts: What does this text say? // What bothered you? // What does it say about God? // About our relationships with each other?
6. Take a moment to digest everything that has been said, then go around and let each person the chance to give a specific "I will..." statement. Through God's power, how will you be obedient to what you heard from God through the text and the discussion?
7. Finally, over the next 24-48 hours, and then at the next gathering, report back successes and set-backs on your "I will..." statement, and who you may have shared the text with.

### Discovering God—Beginning with Creation through Christ

God Creates	Genesis 1:1-25
God Creates Man and Woman	Genesis 2:4-25
The Serpent and the Tree	Genesis 3
A World Gone Wrong	Genesis 4:1-16, 6:5-8
God Rescues a Family	Genesis 6:9-8:14
God's Covenant to Humanity	Genesis 8:15-9:17
God's Covenant to Abram	Genesis 12:1-9 /// 15:1-6 /// 17:1-8
Abraham's Ultimate Sacrifice	Genesis 22:1-19
God's Protection from Death	Exodus 12:1-28
God's Peculiar Way of Life	Exodus 20:1-21
Sin Ends in Death	Leviticus 4:1-35
God's Servant	Isaiah 53
Jesus is Born	Luke 1:26-38 /// 2:1-20
Jesus Survives a Flood	Matthew 3
What Kind of King are You?	Matthew 4:1-11
Jesus Overcoming Racial Prejudice	John 4:1-42
Life Beats Law	Luke 5:17-26
Peace and Chaos	Mark 4:35-41
An Oppressive Occupation	Mark 5:1-20
A Betrayal and a Promise	Matthew 26:17-30
Truth on Trial	John 18:1-19:16
The Death of Jesus	Luke 23:26-56
He is Risen, Indeed!	Luke 24:1-34
Commissioned and a Homeward Journey	Luke 24:36-53
Joining Jesus on the Journey	John 3:1-21

### Discovering Obedience—Transitioning into a Life of Commitments

Life Transformation	Romans 12:1-21
Public Commitment to Christ's Life	Matthew 3:13-17
You are Not Alone	John 14:15-31
Radical Lifestyle	Matthew 5:1-16
Radical Lifestyle Part 2	Matthew 5:17-48
Secrecy	Matthew 6:1-18
What to Trust	Matthew 6:19-34
A Solid Foundation	Matthew 7:1-29
Letting Go of Everything	Matthew 19:16-30
Religion brings Death	Matthew 11:25-30 /// 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
The Kingdom Brings Life	Matthew 13:1-53 /// 6:33
Take Risks and Bear Fruit	Matthew 25:14-30
Show the Gospel with Actions	Matthew 25:31-46 /// James 2:14-26
Loving Your New Family	1 John 3:11-24 /// John 15:4-12
Disciples Make Disciples	Matthew 28:18-20

**Discovering Leadership—Leading like Jesus**

Leaders Imitate Christ	1 Cor 4:1-17 /// Philipians 2:6-11
Seeking Approval	Matthew 6:1-18
Leaders Pray	Matthew 14:22-36 /// 26:36-46
Leaders Handle Conflict Wisely	Matthew 7:1-6 /// 18:15-20
Conflict Part 2	Romans 14:1-10 /// 1 Corinthians 6:1-8
Leaders Obey God	Matthew 7:13-27 /// Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Leaders Love Social Outcasts	Matthew 9:1-13
Bold Faith	Matthew 8:5-13 /// 15:21-28 /// 17:13-21
The OTHER Lord's Prayer	Matthew 9:35-38 /// Luke 10:1-11
Prepare for Persecution	Matthew 10:16-31 /// John 15:18-27
Leaders Meet People's Needs	Matthew 14:1-21 /// 15:29-39 /// Philipians 2:1-5
Leaders Accept the Cost	Matthew 16:13-28 /// Luke 14:25-33
Leaders are Servants	Matthew 20:20-28
Leaders Stay Faithful	Matthew 24:1-51
Leaders Prepare the Church to the Work	Ephesians 4:1-16
Grace is for Leaders too	Matthew 26:31-46 /// 26:69-75
Leaders Teach Others Obedience to Jesus	Matthew 28:34-40 /// Deuteronomy 6:1-9

### Discovering Church Planting - Starting and Developing Families of Faith

Love and Obedience	Matthew 22:24-40 /// Deuteronomy 6:1-6 /// John 14:15-26
The Great Commission	Matthew 28:16-20 /// Acts 1:8
Draw People to Christ	John 12:20-33 /// John 20:21 /// 1 Corinthians 9:1-27
Overcoming Barriers Part 1	Acts 10:9-48
Overcoming Barriers Part 2	Acts 17:15-34
Overcoming Barriers Part 3	Mark 16:15-16 /// Acts 28:1-10
Overcoming Barriers Part 4	Luke 24:13-27 /// 24:45-49
Overcoming Barriers Part 5	John 20:21 /// Acts 13:1-4
Overcoming Barriers Part 6	John 18:15-27 /// John 21:15-19
Spiritual Warfare Part 1	Ephesians 6:10-18
Spiritual Warfare Part 2	2 Chronicles 20:1-30
Spiritual Warfare Part 3	Exodus 17:8-16 /// Matthew 24:9-14
Imitate Christ	1 Corinthians 4:1-17
Imitate Christ Part 2	Philippians 2:1-11
Person of Peace	Luke 9:1-6
Person of Peace Part 2	Luke 10:1-20 /// Revelation 7:9-14
Living Sent	Matthew 10:5-20
Organic Outreach	Acts 16:11
Organic Church Part 1	1 Corinthians 12:12-20
Organic Church Part 2	Acts 2:41-47
Leadership Part 1	Ephesians 4:1-16
Leadership Part 2	Ezekiel 34
Leadership Part 3	1 Peter 5:1-11
DNA of the Church	Matthew 22:34-40 /// Matthew 28:16-20