



Discovery Bible Study

You are about to embark on a great adventure! Whether you are in a small group of 3 or 4, or a Core Group, this tool will help you and your friends discover more of who God is through understanding the Bible. The Discovery Bible Study method is not like other Bible studies. There is no lesson to prepare, nor specific text questions. The outline given below is all you need to facilitate a great discussion!

Connect

What is one thing you are thankful for this week?

What is one thing that has been difficult or stressful this week?

Discover

Read the Story

Ask one student to read the passage aloud.

Close Bibles for the remainder of the study. Ask another student to read the passage aloud while everyone else listens without reading.

Have another student retell the story in their own words.

Ask the group to help fill in more details.

Discuss

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about people?

What does this passage tell us about the relationship between God and people?

What other questions do you have about the passage?

During discussion, keep the following ground rules in place:

1. **Keep discussion to the passage.**
 - a. It is important to reign in students who have more Bible knowledge and may be prone to drawing connections with passages that are unfamiliar to others in the group.
2. **Don't teach, facilitate conversation through questions.**
 - a. If a student makes a questionable comment, rather than correcting, ask, "Can you show me where in the passage you see that?" Or ask, "What does everyone else think about that idea?" Allow the group to self-edit.
3. **Keep to the time allotted and redirect tangents.**

Apply

Have each student share an "I will..." statement.

Have each student identify a friend they will share the passage with this next week.

Serve

In closing, return to the needs shared at the beginning of the study and discuss how as a group you can help one another as a group this week.

Prayer

Close the study with prayer.

