

Discovery Bible Study as a Multiplication Engine for Any Church

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Who Am I?

- Married for 14 years to Kate
- Three boys, 11, 10, 8
- Co-Pastor The Garden in Muncie, IN
- Elder in the GMC
- Multiplication Chair, GLGMC Connectional Council
- Previous experience in Christian Education
- Former Indiana Conference Staff, Discipleship and Lay Ministry

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Who are You?

- Name
- Church and role
- District
- Why you choose this breakout

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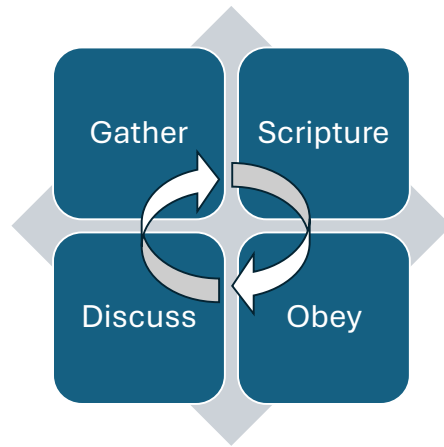
What is Discovery Bible Study?

“Discovery Bible Study (DBS) is a way to discover who God is, who we are, how to live life and how to share him with others. It encourages discipleship by enabling people to read the Bible, discover what it has to say to them, and put it into practice. Simple, memorable questions allow participants to understand the character of God, encourage them to obey what they are learning and help them to share it with others.”

- discoverapp.org

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The DBS Method



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The DBS Method

Gather	Scripture
• Fellowship • Check-in • Review “I Will”	• Read • Summarize • Read again
Discuss	Obey
• What does the Scripture teach about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit? • Humanity or yourself?	• What is one thing you can do to apply what you have learned? “I will...” • Who needs to hear what you have learned this week?

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DBS as a Multiplication Engine

- DBS for Obedience-based Disciple-making
- DBS for Leadership Development
- DBS for Relational Evangelism

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Obedience-based Disciple-making

- Can't stop at Christian education
- Disciple's follow
 - Scripture is meant to be lived and obeyed
 - Must get to the "I will" statement!

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DBS for Leadership Development

- DBS is highly reproduceable
- Apprentice model
 - ICNU
 - I do, you watch, we talk
 - I do, you help, we talk
 - You do, I help, we talk
 - You do, I watch, we talk

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DBS as Relational Evangelism

- Low barrier to engagement
- One-on-one or small groups
- Easy to do in homes and third places (i.e. coffee shop)
- Conversational tool

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DBS at The Garden

- Muncie, IN – pop. ~60,000 (including Ball State University)
- Transition from a prevailing church model to a “church of house churches”
- House churches are the primary context for worship and discipleship
- DBS used for the house church discussion time

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Questions?

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Discovery Bible Study Resources

Websites:

<https://discoverybiblestudy.org/>

- Articles on tips and best practices for discovery bible study

<https://discoverapp.org/discovery-bible-study>

- DBS “how to”
- DBS study plans

www.dbsguide.org

- Intro video (YouTube)
- DBS overview
- DBS study plans

<https://discipleship.org/blog/how-to-lead-a-discovery-bible-study/>

- DBS “how to”
- DBS study plans
- Instructional video

<https://asburychurchplanting.com/discovery-bible-studies/>

- Intro video
- DBS question outline

Books that include DBS in practice:

The Church in Many Houses: Reaching Your Community Through Cell-based Ministry, Steve Cordle

Home Cell Group Explosion: How Your Small Group Can Grow and Multiply, Joel Comiskey

Related Reading:

Making Disciples: Developing Lifelong Followers of Jesus, Ralph Moore

Hero Maker: Five Essential Practices for Leaders to Multiply Leaders, Dave Ferguson and Warren Bird

Use the QR code for a digital copy of this resource page and a PDF of the breakout slides:

