

## Discovery Bible Study

Use the topics and passages listed below to do DBS activities.

### 7 studies for disciples of Jesus

1. Repent, be baptized & receive the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:36-41
2. Follow Jesus, fish for people - Mark 1:14-20
3. Stay in Jesus - John 15:1-11
4. Take up your cross - Mark 8:27-38
5. Meet as a church - Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:41-47
6. Seek first the kingdom - Matthew 6:25-34
7. Love God and obey - Matthew 22:37-40; John 14:15-21

### Commands of Christ

- 1. Repent and Believe:** Matthew 4:17; Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus) *Additional:* Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9-10
- 2. Be Baptized:** Matthew 28:19; Acts 8:26-39 (Philip & the Ethiopian) *Additional:* Romans 6:3-4, Matthew 3: 13-16, Acts 2:38
- 3. Holy Spirit:** Luke 11:13; John 14:12-26 (The promise of the Holy Spirit) *Additional:* Matthew 3:11, Acts 11:16
- 4. Jesus Christ is Lord:** Acts 5:31; Philippians 2:6-11 (Exaltation of Christ) *Additional:* Acts 4:11-12
- 5. Pray:** Matthew 6:5-15 (Jesus teaches how to pray) *Additional:* Luke 10:2
- 6. Go ... Make Disciples:** Matthew 28:19-20, John 4:4-42 (The Samaritan woman) *Additional:* Luke 10:1-11
- 7. Love:** Matthew 22: 37-39; Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan) *Additional:* John 15:13, 1 Corinthians 13, John 13: 34-35, Matthew 22: 37-39, John 14:15, 21:17

### Stories of Hope

1. Sinful Woman (Luke 7:36-50)
2. The pharisee & tax collector (Luke 18:9-17)
3. A hole in the roof (Luke 5:17-26)
4. Two lost children (Luke 15:11-32)
5. Death and forgiveness (Mark 15:16-39)
6. New life, new purpose (Matthew 28:1-20)
7. What soil are you? (Mark 4:1-20)
8. An unexpected guest (John 20:19-31)
9. Merciful King (Matthew 18:21-35)
10. Healings in response to faith (Luke 8:40-56)
11. Demon-possessed man & pigs (Luke 8:26-39)
12. How should we live? (Luke 6:39-49)
13. The final judgement (Matthew 25:31-46)

### **8. Praise Through Perseverance:**

Matthew 4:10; Acts 16:25-34 (Paul and Silas in prison)

**9. Lord's Supper:** Luke 22:19-20; Luke 22:7-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 (Institution of the Lord's Supper) *Additional:* Acts 2:42

**10. Give:** Matthew 6:1-4; Mark 12:41-44 (The widow who gives) *Additional:* 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Matthew 6:1-4, Acts 4:34-35

**11. Persevere in the Doctrine:** 1 Timothy 4:13; Acts 17: 1-12 (Rampage in Thessalonica) *Additional:* 2 Timothy 3:16, Romans 15:4

**12. Signs and Wonders:** Matthew 10:8; Luke 5: 17-26 (Jesus heals a paralytic) *Additional:* Acts 4:30, Acts 14:3

**13. Gather:** Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:36-2:47 (The First Church) *Additional:* Acts 5:42, 17:5-7, 18:7, 19:9, 20:20; Romans 16:1-5; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 1:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:31

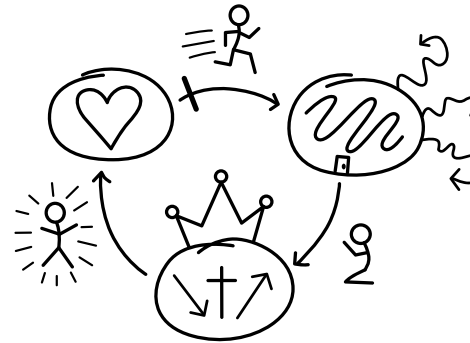
**14+. Long-term** discipleship begins; Gospel of Mark (1 section per meeting)

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Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus said: Make disciples

1. Why? make disciples - It's our identity (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
2. Who? to reach/disciple (John 17:20)
3. What? to say (your testimony & the gospel message of Jesus)
4. When? will you do it (daily & weekly)



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**Friends I want to be closer to God**

On each line write the name of a friend you spiritually care about and pray for.

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### Strategic prayer for lost people

In the empty spaces below, say the name of the person who is living far from God.

1. Lord I pray that you would draw \_\_\_\_\_ to yourself (John 6:44)
2. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would hear and believe the word of God for what it really is (1 Thess. 2:13)
3. I ask you to prevent the god of this world from blinding \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth (2 Cor. 4:4; 2 Tim. 2:25-26)
4. Holy Spirit, I ask you to convict \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and need for redemption in Christ (John 16:7-14)
5. Lord, I ask that you give the opportunity, the courage, and the right words to share with \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 4:3-6)
6. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would turn from sin and follow Christ (Acts 17:30-31, 1 Thess. 1:9-10)
7. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would put all of his/her trust in Christ (John 1:12, 5:24)
8. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would confess Christ as Lord, take root and grow in faith, and bear fruit for Your glory (Romans 10:9-10, Col. 2:6-7, Luke 8:15)
9. Lord I ask that you would send others to \_\_\_\_\_ to share the gospel (Mat. 9:37-38)
10. I pray too for the people that will hear the message through my friend \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:20)

## Pattern of Discipleship for Christian Meetings

### 1. Pastoral Care & Testimonies of Obedience

- share a recent highlight & something positive that you share thankful for
- how are you & your family?
- share a testimony of how you obeyed Jesus
- pray & give thanks to God

### 2. Worship God

- listen to songs; sing (a Psalm, some songs, etc.)
- the Lords supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-29);
- Collect offerings (Acts 4:34-35, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

### 3. Discovery Bible Study

- Pray for understanding
- Tell the story/passage
- Read the story in the Bible
- Repeat the story in own words
- Analyze the Bible passage

### 4. Practice

- practice telling the Bible story, 3 circles, testimonies etc.

### 5. Vision

- share something to help remember our responsibility to reach lost people.
- Read Acts 2:36-47 (Church Circle)

### 6. Set Measurable Goals

- connect with Jesus
- obey Jesus
- share Jesus

### 7. Prayer

- for help obeying Jesús
- for lost people we know
- for other needs we have etc.

## Simple questions to ask when reading Scripture

*Before you read from the Bible, pray and ask God to show you something special.*

1. What most **stands out** to you in this passage?
2. What does this passage teach us about **God** or Jesus?
3. What does this passage teach us about **people**?
4. What are the characters in the passage like? Which **character** do you **identify** with the most? Why?
5. According to this passage, what **sins** should we avoid? And what **promises** does it teach?
6. Is there a **command** to obey or an **example** to follow?
7. If you believe this passage is from God, what will you do to **obey** what you have learned?
8. Who could you **share** this with?

## Simple ABCC Meeting Format

1. How is your family and those friends close to you?

### Abide

2. What is your abiding looking like on a moment by moment basis?
3. How are you listening and responding to what Jesus says?
4. How did it go with sharing the Gospel?
5. How did it go with making disciples?

### Barriers

6. What personal and ministry oppression you are facing?
7. What barriers are preventing growth in your personal life?
8. What obstacles need to be overcome that are preventing multiplication in your ministry?

### Celebrate

9. What obedience to Jesus can be celebrated?
10. What other good things is God doing?

### Commitments

11. What are some daily, weekly and monthly measurable goals that you will commit to that will overcome these barriers? e.g. *retraining, tweaking, doing more (or less) of something.*
12. Pray for the commitments and barriers etc.

Have you struggled to believe that God:  
is the Provider of all you need?  
is the Giver of everything to enjoy?  
is our Defender, Fortress and Refuge?  
has forgiven you completely?

## Accountability Questions

1. How have you seen God at work?
2. Are you abiding daily in Jesus?
3. Are you disciplined in your rest/sabbath?
4. Have you been sexually pure in your thoughts, words & actions?
5. Have you acknowledged God's ownership in your use of money?
6. Have you coveted anything?
7. Have you hurt someone's reputation or feelings by your words?
8. Have you been dishonest in word or action or exaggerated?
9. Have you given in to an addictive (or lazy or undisciplined) behavior?
10. Have you been a slave to work, or possessions, or schedule?
11. Have you failed to forgive someone?
12. What worries or anxieties are you facing? Have you complained or grumbled? Have you maintained a thankful heart?
13. Have you been honoring, understanding and generous in your important relationships? (Marriage, parenting, Timothy's)
14. How have you battled pride?
15. Have you put your personal goals above what God wanted you to do?
16. Have you balanced well your time of ministry with your family time?
17. Is it God or you who is in control of your ministry (and life)?
18. Have you lied at all during this gathering?

*"Encourage one another daily ... so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."  
Hebrews 3:13*

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