

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

WHY DBS?

This simple, reproducible discipleship method helps people grow in knowledge and obedience no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. Rather than depending on curriculum or content experts, DBS encourages people to learn directly from God and His Word, and then to set a pattern of obeying Him.

GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- **Ask questions, resist teaching.** People are more convinced by the answers they discover themselves. Sometimes the best answer to someone's question is another question. "What do you think?" "How could we find the answer to your question?"
- **Stick with the text.** Resist rabbit trails that draw the group off the key passage of Scripture. Even if it seems helpful to look into other parts of Scripture, only do so with the agreement of the group.
- **Focus on obedience.** Discipleship is about more than learning; it is about learning to obey. Help each other write "I will" statements that are specific. "I will worry less," is an example of a statement that is not very specific or measurable. A more specific statement would be, "Each morning this week, I will write down things that I am worried about, and give them to God in prayer."
- **Share with someone.** In a world where we tend to be inward focussed, Jesus set the example of reaching out. There is someone you know who could use a word of encouragement or a positive story. Maybe God is preparing their hearts to do a Discovery Bible Study, too!

WHAT'S NEXT?

If you tried DBS and would like to keep going, talk to your group about what they would like to do. You could go through a book of the Bible, or do a cross-section of Scripture like "From Creation to Christ," or you could pick a topic like marriage or money or sibling rivalry, and find Scriptures related to that topic. Discoverapp.org has a helpful app for iPhone and Android that has built in discovery plans.

NEED HELP?

You can find lots of resources online related to Discovery Bible Study. If you need some coaching, please contact Aaron Winowiski (aaron@newdaywi.com or 715-581-6694 (mobile)).