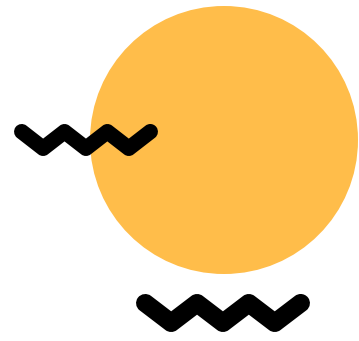


Pathway to Spiritual Growth

Intentional Relational Discipleship



Pathway 3
Participant



How to Run a Discovery Bible Study Group?

- A. Meal and catch up time (Please NOTE: Meals can become very complex. We would suggest a simple plan. For example: hot dogs and chips, cereal and juice, soup and bread, etc. By doing this, it keeps the focus on God's Word and sharing not on preparation of the meal.) *Realize that the facilitator needs to take charge otherwise the meal time will be about chit-chat and not get to the questions below. Maybe mention to the group that we have set aside this much time for our group and we want to hear from everyone.*
 1. How are you doing?
 2. What good things are happening/are you thankful for?
 3. What are your challenges/stressors?
 4. What gospel initiative did you take this week? (Examples: did a DBS with another person, told my spiritual story to someone, shared gospel somehow, put out some feelers to someone to see if they had spiritual interests, prayed for someone in their presence without knowing their spiritual condition)
- B. Vision:
 1. Reminder about why we're meeting—*as part of our mission to make, to mature and to multiply fully committed followers of Jesus Christ by equipping each other to move from being spiritual children (learners) to spiritual parents and to do the same for others.*
 2. Explain why we're covering today's lesson—the particular spiritual dynamic we're covering and the group action/outcome.
- C. Passage: (use either the Quadrant 0 simpler form or the Quadrant 2 and following blank Bible study form based on the maturity of the people studying. Quadrant 2 drops writing the scripture out and in your own words and adds observation and interpretation columns)
 1. Observe: it is often hard to keep this as observation as people tend to move into explaining what the passage means as opposed to observations as to what they see in the passage. As lead facilitator, keep a separation between observations and interpretations.
 2. Interpret- What does it mean?
 - 3.
- D. Break down to men/women in separate areas for privacy:
 1. Apply/I will (leader for next time writes down the "I will" statements)
 2. Look back: What did you do with the last "I will statement" and person you were going to tell about it?
 3. Ask the question: Who will I tell about this "I Will"? (Note for follow up next week—"Were you able to tell....?")
 4. Any other prayer items.
- E. Next lesson:
 1. Who will lead?
 2. When will we meet?
 3. Remind them to keep the menu simple.
 4. Next leader summarizes the "I will" statements and who you will tell from this week.

- F. Time Considerations: There are basically 3 sections of each evening. One group reported that 45 minutes for the meal, 30 for the study, and 45 for the men/women breakouts worked for them. If you include a training segment, cut down to 30 minutes each.
- G. After Quadrant 0, make sure everyone in the group has an accountability partner to check in with during the week. As lead facilitator be looking for the FAT people in your group. These are the people that will need to be challenged to begin to disciple others and the ones you might want to meet with.
- H. Context: In quadrants 1-4, it will be helpful to offer some context to the passage that will be studied. This can be accomplished by asking the person/group to read the chapter prior to and right after the passage being studied as well as the whole chapter that the segment comes from. This will need to be mentioned the week before the passage is assigned.

Small Group Covenant

Love one Another – Care Intentionally

John 13:34, 1 Peter 4:8, Ephesians 4:15

Be earnest in my love at all times

Always speak the truth in love

Listen to understand, don't assume or accuse

Pray for one another with compassion

Forgive One Another – Pursue Unity

Ephesians 4:1-32, 1 Corinthians 1:10; Matthew 18:15-20

Be quick to forgive and ask forgiveness

Let personal offenses roll off my back or to God in prayer

Model unity by resolving conflict quickly

Get the whole story, including both sides in personal conflict.

Serve One Another – Minister Actively

Galatians 5:13, Exodus 17:11-12, Proverbs 19:20; 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

Be intentional in blessing others

Stay teachable and show deference

Be flexible to meet situational needs

Maximize my strengths and recognize my constraints

Be committed to the whole, not just the part

Submit to One Another – Esteem Others Highly

Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5, Philippians 2:3-4, Matthew 7:3-5

Be the first to lead in humility and honor

Serve others' interests before my own

Check my motives and expectations before speaking

Know my limits and respect the boundaries of others

Encourage One Another – Cultivate Redemptive Relationships

1 Thessalonians 5:1, Romans 1:12, Ephesians 4:29

Be a safe person to get real with

Seek to build up always and never tear down

Complement other's character when I think it twice

Value the person more than their performance

Point to Christ for hope and help

Be Devoted to One Another – Commit Wholeheartedly

Romans 12:5-10, Proverbs 17:17, Proverbs 13:3

Be there in the hard times

Seek reconciliation between others

Guard my relationships with truth and love

Go gently if correction is needed

I will avoid speaking or listening to unhealthy criticism of others and solve conflict biblically. I will be discrete in my communication, correct slander and gossip immediately, and speak directly with those involved. I am committed to living out the values outlined above and will model Christ-like character and build up the church for Christ's glory.

_____ Signature

_____ Date

Discovery Bible Study

Pathway 3 -- Connect with the Resources God Gives

Week	The Bible	Study	Training Segment
1	The Importance of the Word	Psalms 1	Go over together the new three-column study method included: observe, interpret, apply
2	The function of the Word	2 Tim. 3:14-17	Ways to be in the Word: read, memorize, hear, study & meditate
Prayer/Disciplines			Debrief prior section over meal
3	Private prayer	Matthew 6:5-15	
4	Intercession	Colossians 1:9-14	
5	Stewardship	2 Corinthians 9:6-11	
Our Identity in Christ			Debrief prior section over meal
6	Lordship/God's Will	Romans 12:1-8	
7	Sanctification	Romans 6:1-10; Gal 5:5	God's work and our work
The Family of God			Debrief prior section over meal
8	Connect at Worship	Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:23-25	
9	Praying for those who don't believe	Colossians 4:2-6	Use the salvation prayer list
10	Gray areas	Romans 14:1-4, 13-18	
11	Forgiveness	Matthew 5:21-24	Cover "The Four G's" of Peacemaker Ministries http://peacemaker.net/project/the-four-gs/
12	12 Reconciliation	Matthew 18:15-17	
Circumstances			Debrief prior section over meal
13	Trials	James 1:2-8	
14	Discipline	Hebrews 12:4-11	
15	Victory	Romans 8:26-32	
Heart for God			Debrief prior section over meal
16	Him first	Philippians 2:1-11	Read "My Heart Christ's Home" https://www.usna.edu/Navigators/_files/documents/MHCH.pdf

Salvation Prayer List

Date	Name	Statement about the person	Action taken

Three Column Study

<p>Content: What do you see in the passage? (observations)</p>	<p>Analysis: What do the verses mean? (interpretation)</p>	<p>Reflection: How can I apply these verses? (application)</p>
		<p>Action: What will I obey this week?</p>

I will through the help of God...

Have everyone share an "I will statement"

Name	I will through the help of God

