



DBS

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Discovery Bible Study is designed to introduce international students to the major concepts and themes of the Bible. You can use DBS in group settings or one-on-one. On the reverse side, choose a topic or two from each of the seven themes to cover with your group during the semester. Be sure the group understands the ground rules for group discussion before you begin each meeting, and then work through the questions in the columns below.

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Ground Rules for Group Discussion

1. The facilitator shares first to model pace and vulnerability.
2. Ask every question.
3. No one teaches or dominates discussion.
4. Share briefly.
5. Start and end every meeting on time.
6. Have everyone use the same, clear translation.
7. Take notes on OBEY responses to remember for next meeting.
8. For comments that are strange or outside the passage, ask, “Where is that in this passage?”

1 Connect

THANKFUL

▶ Ask: “What are you thankful for this week?”

CHALLENGE

▶ Ask: “What was a challenge you had this past week?”

HOW DID IT GO?

▶ Ask: “How did your ‘I will,’ sharing, and challenge go from the last time we met?”

2 Read

READ & REREAD

▶ **Read** the entire passage out loud, **define** confusing words, then have another person **read** the passage out loud.

RETELL

▶ Have someone else retell the passage in their own words.

DETAILS

▶ Together fill in any missing details.

3 Discover

GOD

▶ Ask: “What does this passage say about God?”

PEOPLE

▶ Ask: “What does this passage say about people?”

OBEEDIENCE

▶ Ask: “What does obedience look like from this passage?”

4 Obey

“I WILL”

▶ Ask: “In light of this passage, how will your week be different this week?” Have everyone create an “I will” statement.

SHARE

▶ Ask: “This week, who can you tell what you learned today?”

CHALLENGE

▶ Ask: “What is an ongoing or upcoming challenge that we could help with or pray for?”