

Group Discovery Bible Study Reference Sheet

With people who don't know Christ

1. Ask everyone in the room to share something they are thankful for.
2. Ask everyone in the room to share something that is bothering them or causing them stress.
3. Read the Scripture passage for the day. If you have access to an audio Bible, you may choose to listen to the passage.
4. Ask someone in the room to repeat the story. When they are done, ask the group if the person left anything important out of the story.
5. Ask: "What does this story tell us about God? What does this story tell us about man? What does this story tell us about God's plan. Give them time to answer. Resist the urge to tell them what the story means. If they aren't getting it, read additional passages of Scripture or ask more questions.
6. Ask: "If this story is true, how does that change how we act?"
7. Ask: "What questions do you have about this story?"
8. Ask "Do you know anyone who needs to hear this story?" Encourage them to share the story with anyone they name.
9. Ask: "Is there anyone you know who needs help? What can we do to help them?" Have the group decide what needs to be done and commit to doing it before the next meeting.

With people who follow Christ

1. Share one thing you are thankful for and one thing that is stressing you out in a group prayer process.
2. Ask the group to share what God told them through His Word since the last meeting. Ask them to share how they were obedient to the previous week's Scripture.
3. Read Scripture out loud while people follow along in their Bibles.
4. Have someone else read the same passage out loud while the group listens.
5. Have someone in the group retell the passage in their own words. Allow the group to add to the retelling, if necessary.
6. Use discovery questions to encourage the group to engage the passage.
7. Challenge the group to obey God's Word. Have each person share what they are going to do to obey the passage over the next week.
8. Have the group identify people they will share the passage with during the next week.
9. Have the group identify people in need and commit to meeting those needs

Luke 4:1-13

You are part of developing this curriculum! Please take the time to write a few notes as you reflect on the following:

How did the group respond to the passage?
Did their response surprise you? If so, what surprised you?

Did the questions guide them to discovering more about God?

How did they say their lives would change if they believed God's Word to be true?

Is there anything you think the curriculum development team needs to know about this lesson?

Review

Who did you share last week's passage with?
How have you experienced God since the last time that we met?

Discover

What are you thankful for this week?
What problems do you have this week?
Is there any way this group can help you?

Discovery Passage: **Luke 4:1-13**

Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that: **Disciples use Scripture to overcome temptation.**

What happens in this passage?
What does this passage say about our relationship with God?
What does this passage say about our relationship with each other?

Now that the group members have discovered truths from God's Word, help discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

Obey

Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific "I will"... or "we will" statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.

Help them move from a general statement such as 'I will love God.' to a specific statement, 'I will love God by ...'

At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement. If they are willing, have them share it with the group. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.

How do I need to change how I relate with God?
How do I need to change how I relate to others?
What am I going to have to struggle with to obey this passage?
How can my fellow Christ-followers help me obey this passage?
What other questions do you have about this passage?

Share

Do you know anyone you can share this story with?
Do you know anyone who needs help? What can this group do to help them?

Please email your notes on this lesson to
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