

26TH JUL - 23RD AUG



Doing a Discovery Bible Study

SIMPLE STEPS TO EXPLORE THE BIBLE TOGETHER

The Discovery Method requires no experts or training - you just need to be willing to open the Bible, share and discuss questions, and be ready for what God wants to show you. Here are simple steps you can follow:



- What are you thankful for this week? What has been difficult?
- What are the needs in our community? How can we help?
- Have you followed what God showed you last week?
- Have you shared what you learnt? How did it go?



Choose a Bible passage:

- Read the passage out loud.
- Read the passage again.

As a group, close your Bibles and retell the story together.

Ask these questions:

- What does this tell us about God?
- What does this tell us about people?



- What will you do in response to what we've read?
- Who will you share this with?

TIPS:

- Share the lead; Anyone can lead a Discovery Bible Study
- Don't worry if you don't understand something; keep reading and exploring.
- Remember no experts; stick to the Bible story and questions; try to avoid one person teaching.

We Are Church-Alive



Eph 2: 1-10



- What has been the highlight of your week?
- What has been the lowlight?
- What has God taught you this week?
- What does it mean to be Alive in Christ?



Bible passage: Eph 2: 1-10

- Read the passage out loud.
- Read the passage again.

As a group, close your Bibles and retell the story together.

- What stands out to you?
- What does this tell us about God?
- What does this tell us about people?



- What will you do in response to what we've read?
- How can you continue to live 'Alive in Christ'?
- Who will you share this with?



We Are Church-United



Eph 4: 1-16



- What are you thankful for this week?
- Have you followed what God showed you last week?
- Have you shared? How did it go?
- What does it mean to be united? Is unity in conflict with diversity?



Bible passage: Eph 4: 1-16

- Read the passage out loud.
- Read the passage again.

As a group, close your Bibles and retell the story together.

- What does this tell us about God?
- What does this tell us about people?
- Where else in the Bible does it talk about unity?



- How can we actively be Christ's body in word and deed?
- What will you do in response to what we've read?
- Who will you share this with?



We Are Church-Transformed



Eph 5: 1-21



- What is your God story?
- Have you followed what God showed you last week?
- What does it mean to be transformed?



Bible passage: Eph 5: 1-21

- Read the passage out loud.
- Read the passage again.

As a group, close your Bibles and retell the story together.

- What does this tell us about God?
- What does this tell us about people?
- Where else in the Bible do we see the contrast of light and darkness?



- How can we live lives of thankfulness to God?
- What does living like 'children of light' look like?
- What will you do in response to what we've read?
- Who will you share this with?



We Are Church-Armed



Eph 6: 10-18



- Share some good news stories from your week..?
- How did you go with the response you comitted to last week?



Bible passage: Eph 6: 10-18

- Read the passage out loud.
- Read the passage again.

As a group, close your Bibles and retell the story together.

- What does this tell us about God?
- What does this tell us about people?



- How can we put on the Armor of God?
- What will you do in response to this?
- Who will you share this with?



We Are Church-On the Move



Eph 3: 14-21, Eph 4: 17-24

* * * For this week - Please add your own questions according to the layout of the discovery method.



Ask each person how they went with the previous week's commitment.

"How did you go with_____?"

"Who did you tell?"



Bible passage: For this weeks sermon series.

- Read the passage out loud.
- Read the passage again.

As a group, close your Bibles and retell the story together.

- Ask open-ended questions, such as:

"What do you see?", "What does this say about God?"

"What does this say about us?", "What is God saying to you?"

Let the participants do most of the talking and don't be afraid of silences. If the session veers off course, you can ask, "Where do you see that in the Bible?"



Let them suggest their own commitment to whatever God is saying to them.

Ask them: "What are you going to do?"

"Who are you going to tell?"



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