

## Session Five

# Discovery Groups

### Begin a Discovery Group

In the Discovery Group you will read a Bible passage and help them understand what the Bible says. The goal of the Discovery Group is that people discover Jesus Christ and obey Him in all things. As they obey Christ they will live like Christ more and more and this will cause their family and friends to want to discover Jesus also.

### Leading a Discovery Group

After welcome and introductions, use this simple outline below to lead the discussion.

\*1. Ask: ***“What are you thankful for this week?”*** At this point the people in the group may not even believe in God, so do not open in prayer. When some people have received Jesus Christ as their Saviour this question will have prepared them to give thanks to God and will become a natural element of prayer. At that point you could say: ***“What are we thankful for this week? Let’s pause and thank God for that.”***

2. Ask: ***“What has stressed you out this week? What do you need for things to be better?”*** (Intercession)

3. Ask: ***“What are the needs of the people in your community?”*** (Ministry)

4. Ask: ***“How can we help each other with the needs expressed?”*** (Ministry)

**Note: 5 through 8 below would not be asked the first time you meet.**

5. Ask: ***“What did we talk about last week?”*** (Accountability)

6. Ask: ***“Did you change anything in your life as a result of last week’s story?”*** (Accountability/Obedience)

7. Ask: ***“Did you get a chance to share the story with (the person you identified last week)?*** (Accountability/Worship)

8. Say: ***“We identified several needs last week and planned to meet those needs”*** Ask: ***“How did it go?”*** (Accountability/Worship)

9. Say: ***“Let’s see what the Bible teaches us this week. Read this week’s passage.”*** (Scripture)

10. ***Ask someone to retell the passage in their own words, as though they were telling it to a friend who wasn’t there.*** (Accountability/Evangelism)

11. Ask the group: **“Do you agree with that retelling? Is there something they added or left out that they shouldn’t have?”** As long as the group doesn’t miss a key element of the passage, continue. If they miss something, read the passage again. If someone states something that isn’t in the passage, ask, **“Where did you find that in this passage?”** Reread the passage, if necessary. (Priesthood of Believers/Group Correction)

12. Ask: **“What does this passage teach us about God?”** (Priesthood of Believers /Discovery/Scripture)

13. Ask: **“What does this passage teach us about humanity?”**  
(Discovery/Scripture/Priesthood of Believers)

14. Ask: **“If we believe this passage is from God, how must we change?”** After several people in the group have received Jesus Christ you could ask: **“Since we believe this passage is from God, how must we change?”**  
(Discovery/Scripture/Obedience/Priesthood of Believers)

15. Ask: **“Who are you going to share this passage with before we meet again?”**  
(Evangelism/Replication)

16. Ask: **“When do you want to meet again?”** This is a practical question. You may not get someone to commit to a twenty-six-week study. But you can give your group the option to meet next week. If they are really seeking and if the meeting is filling a need, they will tell you they want to meet again.

**Note:** \*The above questions are taken from the book *Contagious Disciple making* by David L. Watson and Paul D. Watson

**Very Important Note to Discovery Group Leaders:**

**At any time someone may want to invite friends to your group. While this may be good, it is strongly recommended that you offer to help him/her to begin a Discovery Group of their own with their friends. The goal is not to grow your Discovery Group larger and larger, but to reproduce more and more Discovery Groups!**

**If the person who wants to start a new group is not equipped, you need to be available to lead this new group until you can develop him/her or someone else as the new leader.**

Group members may have a variety of versions of the Bible. That is fine, but they may not have a Bible at all and so you could provide Bibles for them or, because many people have mobile phones you could help them download the Bible on their phones.

On the following page in your workbook is a list of Scriptures that you could use as you begin a Discovery Group with those who are not yet Christians.

In the next session we will have a Discovery Group Experience using these Questions.

To download the Bible on your phone, go to Apps and search for youversion.  
 The Bible is available in a variety of versions and languages.  
 Bible Passages you could use with people who do not know Christ

<b>Genesis 1:1-25</b>	<b>God Created the World</b>
<b>Genesis 2:4-24</b>	<b>God Created Man and Woman</b>
<b>Genesis 3:1-13</b>	<b>The First Sin and Judgment</b>
<b>Genesis 3:14-24</b>	<b>Judgment of a Sinful World</b>
<b>Genesis 6:1- 9:17</b>	<b>The Flood</b>
<b>Genesis 12:1- 8; 15:1- 6</b>	<b>God's Promise to Abram</b>
<b>Genesis 22:1-19</b>	<b>Abraham offers Isaac as a Sacrifice</b>
<b>Exodus 12:1- 28</b>	<b>The Promise of Passover</b>
<b>Exodus 20: 1- 21</b>	<b>The Ten Commandments</b>
<b>Leviticus 4:1- 35</b>	<b>The Sacrificial System</b>
<b>Isaiah 53</b>	<b>Isaiah Foreshadows the Coming Promise</b>
<b>Luke 1:26-38; 2:1- 20</b>	<b>The Birth of Jesus</b>
<b>Matthew 3; John 1:29-34</b>	<b>Jesus is Baptized</b>
<b>Matthew 4:1-11</b>	<b>The Temptation of Christ</b>
<b>John 3:1- 21</b>	<b>Jesus and Nicodemus</b>
<b>John 4:1- 26; 39- 42</b>	<b>Jesus and the Woman at the Well</b>
<b>Luke 5:17- 26</b>	<b>Jesus Forgives and Heals</b>
<b>Mark 4:35- 41</b>	<b>Jesus Calms the Storm</b>
<b>Mark 5:1- 20</b>	<b>Jesus Casts out Evil Spirits</b>
<b>John 11:1- 44</b>	<b>Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead</b>
<b>Matthew 26:26- 30</b>	<b>The First Lord's Supper</b>
<b>John 18:1- 19:16</b>	<b>Jesus is Betrayed and Condemned</b>
<b>Luke 23:32- 56</b>	<b>Jesus is Crucified</b>
<b>Luke 24:1-35</b>	<b>Jesus Conquers Death</b>
<b>Luke 24:36-53</b>	<b>Jesus Appears and Ascends</b>
<b>John 3:1- 21</b>	<b>We Have a Choice</b>