

**HOW TO READ THE BIBLE
WITH A NON-BELIEVING
FRIEND**

WHAT IS A DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY (DBS)?

1. People Discover for themselves
2. The Word is the Teacher
3. 2-6 People
4. Simple Format

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE DBS METHOD?

- 1.They are easy to facilitate
- 2.They can multiply rapidly
- 3.They reach people that a church service
won't reach

DISCOVERY BIBLE GROUP GUIDE

Ground Rules

- Participate, but don't dominate.
- Stick to the passage we are studying.
- Let the Scripture be the teacher.
- Be respectful of each other.

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Look Back

- "What are you thankful for this week?"
- "What are you concerned about currently?"
- "What did we study last week?"
- "How did last weeks 'I will' statement go?"

2

Look Up

- Read the passage together.
- Summarize the passage together.
- "What stands out as important and why?"
- "Does this show us anything about God?"
- "Does this show us anything about humans?"
- "Are there any commands to obey?"
- "Are there any promises to claim?"
- "Are there any examples to follow?"

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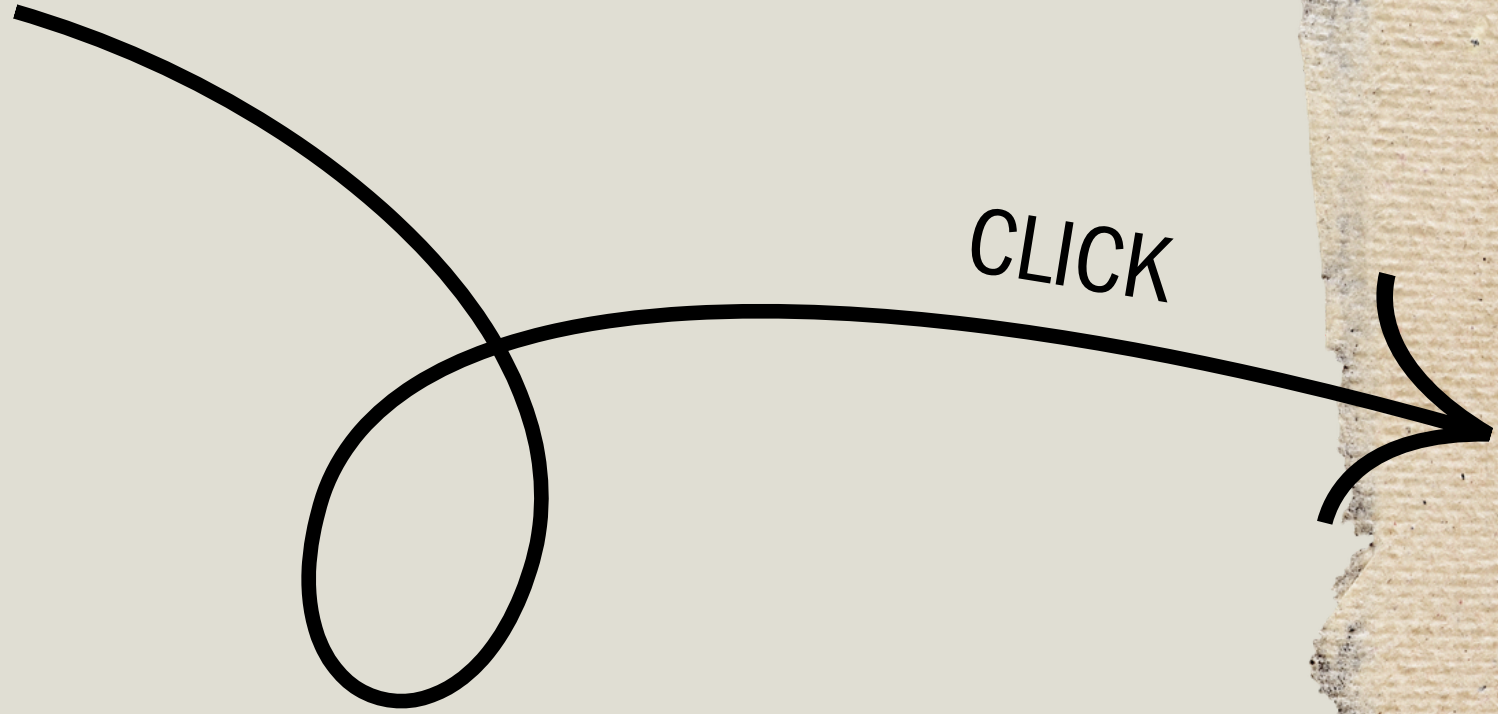
Look Forward

- "How can you apply this to your life?"
- Write down an "I will _____" statement.

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”

Lk 24:27.

VIDEO ABOUT DISCIPL MAKING MOVEMENTS



WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU FROM THE VIDEO?

1. “In the first century, what created a spiritual revolution was disciples, making disciples who made disciples.”
2. The simplicity of the method.

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. The foreground shows a dirt road winding through a dense green forest. Beyond the forest, there are rolling hills with patches of golden-brown fields and green pastures. The background features more distant hills under a clear sky.

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TRY A SHORT DBS: 1 JOHN 1:5-10

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Galatians 6:9

“And let us not grow weary of doing good,
for in due season we will reap
if we do not give up.”

WE CELEBRATE WHEN WE TAKE SWINGS

1. There are unlimited swings and no outs!
Eventually you will get a hit.
2. We don't celebrate "good eye."

HOW TO TAKE A GOOD SWING:

1. “Have you ever read the Bible?”
2. “Have you ever read it with someone?”
3. “Would you like to try that one time?”
4. Set up a time and place ASAP.

ROLE PLAY: PRACTICE DOING AN INVITE

**A BALLPARK
IDEA OF HOW
MANY SWINGS
IT WILL TAKE:**

If you invite 3 people...

2 will say they will come

1 will actually come

*If you want to start a group with 5 people,
approximately how many invites do you need to
make?*

HOW TO BEGIN DOING THIS RIGHT NOW

- Create a new note.
- Jot down the names of those who are not yet fully committed Disciples.
- Choose five who you will invite to a DBS this week.

BEST PRACTICES

- Invite the “most likely” people first.
- Group people together who have some relationship/commonality.
- DO NOT put all your eggs in one basket.