

Mobilizing People in Austria for Jesus

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Discovery Bible Study of Matthew 28:16-20

Discovery Bible Study

Advantages

- simple
- fresh
- memorable
- reproducible
- depends on the Holy Spirit to speak
- alone or with other “persons of peace”



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Rules

- Read as if you're reading in the Bible for the first time.
- Allow every opinion and idea in the group (for now)
- Trust that "God speaks today" & effectively
- Read it as if it is true.



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| 8. What are you going to do? | —> obedience |
| 9. Who are you going to tell? | —> evangelism, multiplication |
| 10. Would you like to do this again? | —> regular fellowship |



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*Disclaimer:

To be sure, some Bible passages can be easily misunderstood, requiring further study and better understanding of context, but we come humbly and patiently, leaving room for questions and relying on the Holy Spirit to enlighten, convict and convince our hearts and minds of the truth of this living, active and powerful Word of God.



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- Discíples worshiped Jesus
 - Jesus commanded/taught these people, what they should also teach/command others
 - Someone (God?) gave Jesus all authority to give these people a charge to make discíples, who obey what Jesus taught/commanded
 - God —> Jesus —> 11 discíples —> nations



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My Questions:

- Who gave Jesus all authority?
- What & where is Heaven?
- What are disciples?
- How does one make disciples?
 - baptizing & teaching?
- What does "baptize" mean? In the name?
- What all had Jesus commanded them?
- How is/will Jesus be with them always?
- What is the "end of the age"?



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- Jesus directed disciples
 - Jesus was worshiped by disciples
 - Jesus was doubted by some disciples
 - God (I suppose) gave all authority to Jesus
 - Jesus came, told
 - Jesus taught, commanded,
 - Jesus sent, reassured, accompanied them
 - God called Father, Son, & Holy Spirit



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- 11 are called disciples
 - They followed Jesus' instructions
 - could meet with Jesus
 - some worshiped Jesus, others doubted
 - can be approached and talked to by Jesus
 - can be taught, commanded, sent
 - can be made into disciples, can make disciples
 - live in/as nations
 - can be baptized, can baptize,
 - can obey, can teach to obey
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Maybe I should...

- do the same as Jesus commanded them
- go to meet Jesus, worship Jesus
- know that Jesus has all authority
- go & make disciples of all nations
- baptize & teach them to observe what Jesus commanded his disciples
- remember that Jesus is with me



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This week, I am going to prayerfully go to Jesus and ask Him who I should specially invest in this year, so that they become a disciple-maker.



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Go for it!

With whom?

"Person of peace"?



Commissioning

Try a Discovery Bible Study

- 1) Pray for VIPs to start a Discovery Bible Study with
- 2) Find a “person of peace”, someone who shows some openness to spiritual things.
- 3) Ask them if they would like to try reading the Bible with you.
- 4) If “yes”, ask if they know anyone else who might want to join in.
- 5) Set a time & place and do DBS with them.
- 6) After a couple times, ask the others to lead the next times
- 7) Encourage them to do it on their own. Encourage them to do it with others.
- 8) Coach/Mentor/Disciple them as they go.
- 9) Where to start/study? For not-yet-believers, consider a “Creation to Christ” overview study or one of the Gospels.



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Multiplication - Generations

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entrust to **faithful people**, who are also
able to teach **others**." - 2. Timothy 2:2



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Prayer

