

Discovery Bible Study

We can study the Bible and learn together. Life Groups are a place where all are welcome - from any church or none, those who know Jesus and those who don't but are interested to find out more. Life Groups meet together regularly, study the Bible, grow in faith, and love their community.

Invite friends and neighbours! You can help them to know Jesus by inviting them to explore the Bible with you. If you use the Bible and the questions on this leaflet you will never run out of material to study together.

Welcoming everyone and invite people to share how they are. Explain that everyone should join in the discussion. Read a Bible passage and go through steps 1-8. It will take you about 1 hour.

1. Remember

- What was the message last week?
- Who did you tell this week?
- What went well last week?
- Thank God.

2. Read

- Read the Bible passage.

3. Retell

- Get one or two people to tell the story or explain the main points from the Bible passage in their own words.

4. Ask Questions

- What does today's Bible reading tell us about God, Jesus or His plan?
- What does today's Bible passage tell us about ourselves or people?
- What ideas is God giving us?
- What must we do as Christians?

5. Put it into Action

- How can we apply what we have read from the Bible passage to our lives?
- What have we learnt about God and how does that change how we live our lives?
- What have we learnt about ourselves or people from the Bible passage and how does that change how we should live our lives?
- What are we doing well? What do we need to stop or change? What more can we do?
- How can we help each other put what we have learnt into practice?

6. Pray

- Think - about how great God is and thank him for who he is. You can sing a worship song if you would like.
- Remember - what we have learnt today and ask the Holy Spirit to help you put it into practice.
- Ask God to help you and others.
- Allow God to speak. Be quiet and by yourself ask God to change you and guide you in what he wants you to do.

7. Tell

- Who will you tell what you have learnt this week?
- Perhaps a neighbour, work colleague or family member.
- You could meet someone from this group to talk and pray about the thing we learnt this week.

8. Do

- What does God want you to do this week?
- Plan something small to do this week.
- For example:
 - show someone God's love by helping them.
 - pray with a friend
 - if there is a bigger need, work together as a group (this may take several weeks).
- Every week spend some time alone praying and reading the Bible and thinking about what you have learnt.

Bible study resources are available in a number of languages at:

www.dignityonline.org.uk/publications

The suggested passages overleaf are taken from the **Foundations** books.



The questions here are adapted from the Discovery Bible Study developed by David L. Watson and Paul D. Watson. Find out more at <https://www.dbsguide.org/>

1. Meet each week with friends.

You can meet anywhere. Your home, outside, a church, your workplace.

2. Be real and honest. Ask questions, listen, and share problems and solutions.

3. Be kind to each other.

Listen and let everyone speak. Support each other in practical ways.

4. Choose one passage each week to study

by going through the questions on the other side of this leaflet. You will explore and learn from the passage. Once you have studied all these there is still plenty more to learn from the Bible!

Why not study some books of the Bible in the same way?

Read a section of part of a chapter each week and go through the questions. You could start with Mark, Acts, Matthew, Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, John, Galatians, Luke, Ephesians, Hebrews, Philippians...and many more!

Life Begins

New Life from God **Ephesians 2:1-9**

God's Life in Us **2 Corinthians 4:1-12**

New Life Grows **Ephesians 4:11-15**

Sharing New Life **John 4:4-30**

Growing in God's Family **Matthew 4:18-22**

In a Quiet Place with God **Mark 1:21-39**

What is the Bible? **2 Timothy 3:14-17**

How to Study the Bible **Psalms 19:7-11**

What is Prayer **Matthew 6:9-13**

Praying Together **Acts 4:23-31**

Worshipping Together **1 Chronicles 16:23-27**

The Holy Spirit Gives Life **Matthew 3:11-17**

Summing Up **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Life Grows

John 14:15-21 Who is the Holy Spirit?

Ephesians 5:8-20 Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Made in God's Image

1 John 3:16-18 God's Character is Love

Galatians 5:16-26 The Fruit of the Spirit (Character)

Philippians 2:1-11 Blessing Those Around Us

Psalms 51:1-12 A Disease That Kills (Sin)

Luke 15:11-32 What it Means to Forgive (Grace)

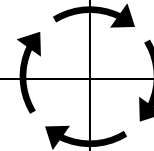
Ephesians 1:1-14 We Belong to God (Redemption)

Romans 3:22-26 We are Clean Before God (Justification)

Romans 8:14-17 Adoption into God's Family

Mark 6:30-34 Being Compassionate to Others

Mark 4:26-29 Summing Up



Life Matures

Changing Lives (Discipleship) **Matthew 28:18-20**

Everything is God's (Sacrifice) **Romans 11:33 - 12:1**

Dying to Self **Mark 8:31-38**

Obedying God **Luke 5:1-11**

How God Has Led His People **Hebrews 11:6-12**

What Does God Want Me to Do? **Romans 12:1-2**

Godly Ambition **Matthew 25:14-30**

Sharing Our Wealth **2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

Sharing Our Lives **Matthew 26:26-30**

Living by Faith **Genesis 22:1-18**

Taking Responsibility (Leadership) **2 Timothy 1:3-7**

Finishing Well **2 Timothy 4:1-8**

Summing Up **Isaiah 61:1-11**

Life Creates

Deuteronomy 6:4 God as Community

Matthew 4:18-22 God's Community - Church

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 What are my Gifts?

Romans 12:3-8 How do I use my Gifts?

Matthew 14:22-33 Trust and Faith

Ephesians 6:10-18 Spiritual Warfare

1 Timothy 2:1-8 Praying for our Community

Acts 1:8 / Matthew 5:14-16 Witness - Why and How?

Luke 10:1-20 Go and Tell Others

Isaiah 42:1-9 Justice

James 1:19-27 Bringing Justice

Acts 2:42-47 Helping Others to Grow

James 2:14-18 Summing Up