

How to lead

Discovery
Bible Study

DBS Groups are great for those exploring or new to faith.

Discovery Bible Study or DBS is a simple method of reading the Bible with others.

— *Here is how to lead a Discovery Bible Study* —

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Preparation

[Choose a Bible passage.](#) Use the DBS Guides.
[Prepare yourself.](#) Read the passage beforehand.
Pray for wisdom, sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and
for each person to encounter God.
[Create a welcoming environment.](#) Ensure the
space feels safe and comfortable.

[Link to DBS Guides here.](#)



Begin

Start by reading the passage together (out loud can be helpful).

Set the tone. Remind people that this is about discovering together, not about having "right" answers. Everyone's observations and questions are valuable.

Questions

These are the four main questions we recommend using:

Did anything in this passage capture your attention?

What does the passage tell you about God?

What does the passage tell you about people?

How does the passage challenge you to live differently?

Let people share their initial thoughts and reflections.

Other questions people might have are:

Who are the main characters?

What happens in this story?

When and where does this take place?

What details seem important?

Bonus question you can ask:

Who can you tell about what you have discovered?

Facilitating Well

Ask follow-up questions.

When someone shares an insight, ask "what in the text makes you think that?". This keeps the focus on Scripture rather than personal opinions.

Handle difficult questions.

When you don't know an answer, say so honestly. "That's a great question. I'm not sure, but I'll ask around and get back to you". You can also suggest looking at other related passages together.

Remember that silence is okay.

Give people time to think. Your role is more like a guide than a teacher, helping others discover truth for themselves. The goal is transformation through personal encounter with God's Word.

You were never designed to do this journey alone.

There's a pathway for you that
will help you become more like
Jesus and make other
disciples.



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