

# Discovery Bible Study Lab

August 7, 2021

1. Get into groups of 3 (no more than 4)
2. Share:
  - What is the best thing that happened to you this week?
  - What is the most stressful thing that happened to you this week?
3. Choose a Bible discussion leader
4. Discuss the following passage using your normal Bible discussion methods.

## **John 2:13-23**

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<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

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<sup>23</sup> Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>24</sup> But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. <sup>25</sup> He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

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## **Discovery Bible Study Discussion**

### **Rules** (if needed for new members)

1. Everyone share in sentences, not paragraph (no one dominating)
2. Focus only on what *this passage* is saying (not other passages)
3. Focus only on what *this group* is seeing (not other people or materials)
4. Give people *time to respond* (don't be afraid of silence). Note: anyone can say "pass"
5. Facilitate, don't teach (using the Facilitator Guide). (Note: The "coach"—outsider helping to start the group—is there to help. advice outside of the group and to silently pray during the group, not lead.)

### **CONNECT**

**Care** – What are you thankful for this week? What difficulties & stresses have you experienced this week? How can this group help you?

**Share** – With whom did you share what you learned last week? What happened? In what ways did you experience God this past week?

**Prayer** – Thank God for bringing everyone today. Ask for God's provision/care concerning members' needs shared above. Ask God's Holy Spirit to enlighten each person regarding truth in the passage being explored today.

### **DISCOVER**

#### ***Explore***

Step 1: Have participants take turn reading aloud while others follow.

Step 2: Ask participants for words they don't understand. Have group figure out definitions.

Step 3: Have one person read the passage & others just listen (closed Bibles)

Step 4: Have each person paraphrase a verse or paragraph

Step 4b: Ask what others would add or see differently.

OPTIONAL: Identify repeating words, phrases, or ideas in the passage. Use a different symbol to identify them (underline, circle, square, etc.).

Step 5: Discussion Questions (below)

**Engage** – Again, don't be afraid of silence. Affirm answers by repeating them *and* writing them down. Use one person's answer to ask for more information. i.e. "I liked what she said about ... Can you tell me more?"

- What does it tell us about people? Who are the people in this passage? What does it tell us about one of these people (e.g., Gen 4 – Cain, Abel; John 1:43-51 – Andrew, Peter, Philip, Nathanael)?
- What does it tell us about God?
- What does it tell us about the relationship between God & people?

(Optional: At this point, you can have someone summarize the things that have been discovered about each person & God – *this requires that at least you have been note-taking & can loan them your notes.*)

- What did you like or find significant in this passage?
- What bothers you or what don't you understand? Why?
- What other questions do you have about this passage?

### **APPLY**

#### ***Obey***

- If this passage is true, how does it change how you personally view God?
- If this passage is true, how should it change how you personally treat others?
- If this passage is true, how should it change how you personally live life?
- What, specifically, will you do differently this coming week in light of this passage?

#### ***Share***

With whom will you share what you've learned this week? What will you share?

- God's **Word** – How has this passage spoken to you? What has this passage shown you?  
[Next two are optional]
- God's **Work** – How is God working in or changing your life?
- God's **Ways** – How is God answering prayer and providing for you?

#### ***Serve***

Do you know anyone outside this group who needs help? How can you/we help them?

#### ***Pray***

Thank God for:

- What you have learned
- Help/Provision for mentioned needs

# Anatomy of a Discovery Bible Study ⇔ = Most Important DNA Elements

## Review

- ⇒ • What are you thankful for this week?
- ⇒ • What difficulties and stresses have you experienced this past week?  
[Optional: Have someone pray for what was shared above]
- ⇒ • How can this group help you?
- ⇒ • With whom did you share what you learned last week? What happened?
- ⇒ • How did you obey what you learned last week?

**DNA of Prayer/Worship** - Have each person share one thing they are thankful for and one thing that is stressing them out. After 1 or 2 weeks, share that prayer in its simplest form is telling God the things that we are thankful for and the problems we currently have. If most of the group believes in Jesus, transition this from group sharing to an open, interactive prayer and worship time. This form of "prayer" is interactive and gets the quietest people involved in group prayer. You can also eventually add worship music, etc.

**DNA of Group Care** - this develops the DNA of ministry within the body - the ministry of the group to one another

- In what ways did you experience God this past week?  
[Optional] Go over group rules if there are new people.

## Engage Can be paragraphs, 3 verses, even one verse at a time

Step 1: Have participants take turns reading portions of the Bible passage out loud while the rest follow in their Bibles.

Step 2: Ask participants if they don't recognize any words. Have the group figure out the definitions.

Step 3: Have one person read the entire passage out loud while the rest of the group listens. (Bibles closed)

⇒ Step 4a: Have different people in the group retell the passage (one paragraph, a set of verses, or one verse at a time) in their own words. **Step 4b:** For each section, ask the group "What would you add? What do you see differently?"

⇒ Step 5: Use the following questions to guide discovery and application:

**Discover** Facilitator chooses best questions based on time and the passage

- What did you like or find significant about this passage?
- What bothers you or what don't you understand about this passage? Why?
- What does this passage tell us about God?\*
- What does this passage tell us about people?\*
- What does this passage tell us about the relationship between God and people?\*
- What other questions do you have about this passage?

**DNA of Giving Witness & Accountability** - DNA of sharing what God is doing and teaching you in your life (evangelism/teaching) and the importance of immediate obedience to what you learned.

**DNA- Looking for God** - Encourages group members to have a personal time with God and look for him daily involved in our lives. Giving them an opportunity to share allows room for the Holy Spirit to take the group study in a completely different direction than planned.

**DNA of Authority of the Bible** - Emphasizes the Bible as our primary source of authority. Reading, listening, and retelling Scripture is important. This pattern allows different learning styles to engage Scripture. Everyone has time to think about the passage and ask the Holy Spirit to speak through God's Word.

**DNA of Bible Interpretation** - Retelling the passage allows them to interpret what they saw in the passage and to think through sharing this passage with someone outside the group.

**DNA of Self-Correction** - Allowing the group to add to or disagree with the retelling encourages everyone to think about the main points in the passage and encourages quality control through

**DNA of Doing Biblical Theology** - Choice of discovery questions with enough passages over time helps students develop a Biblical theology, for example here, of whom God is, theology proper.

**DNA of Bible Authority - Discipline to Keep the Discussion focused on the Passage.** If someone in your group is well-read (you?), it will be hard to avoid introducing outside materials into the study. As the facilitator, you need to work hard to limit the discussion of extra-Biblical materials or other passages. These things are not bad, but they don't facilitate interaction with THIS passage. Do your best to keep discussion focused on the current. You can change the discover questions based on the genre or the goal of study. (for examples see verse list)

**DNA of Obedience Rooted in Love** - Knowledge of God's Word must translate into personal obedience or it is wasted/rots. Everyone in the group should answer these questions before they leave. If they already obey this passage, have them share how. Focus on specifics. For example, realizing that there is only one God is good, but that realization needs to translate into action. In this case you might encourage them with a follow up question: "Now that you believe there is one God, what do you need to change in your life?"

## Obey

- If this passage is true, how does this passage change how you personally view God?\*
- If this passage is true, how does this passage change how you personally treat others?\*
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- What, specifically, will you do differently this coming week in light of this passage?

**DNA of Sharing** - develops the DNA of sharing what you learn about God right away with others which makes it natural to share about Jesus all the time later

## Share

- With whom will you share what you learned this week?  
What will you share?
  - God's **Word** (how this passage has spoken to you)  
[Next two are optional]
  - God's **Work** (how God is changing your life)
  - God's **Ways** (how God is answering prayer and providing for you)

**DNA of Ministry/Outreach** - this develops the DNA of ministry outside of the community and also is the "proto" version of "making noise for Jesus" which is a "probe" to find & cultivate people of peace.

## Care (for others)

- ⇒ • Do you know anyone who needs help? How can you/we help them?

## Prayer (God-dependence)

- Have someone in the group close in prayer, thanking God for what you learned, and asking for God's help/provision regarding members' needs (shared above).

**DNA of God as our Authority & Provider**

\* Use these for Discovering God (See verse sheet for alternate questions for other series)

## M:28 Bible Study – Facilitator Guide

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#### Share /Witness

With whom will you share what you learned this week? What will you share?

- God’s Word (how this passage has spoken to you/what this passage has shown you)
- [Optional] God’s Work (how God is working in or changing your life)
- [Optional] God’s Ways (how God is answering prayer and providing for you)

#### Serve

*Do you know anyone outside this group who needs help? How can you/we help them?*

#### Pray

Have someone in the group close in prayer, thanking God for what you learned, and asking for God’s help/provision regarding needs (shared above).

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## 10 “Rules” for an M:28 Bible Study

### Group Rules (Review as a group each time someone new joins.)

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### Facilitator Rules (guidelines for the facilitator)

6. **Keep the session on schedule—Complete all sections if possible** (Note: You may need to shorten the passage selection or have fewer people share.) **Most important** is the “Obey” section (encourage everyone to share).
7. **Responding to questions** —Ask, “**What in this passage helps us answer that question?**” (The goal is to help the group see that “**even they**” can understand the Bible) Facilitators: Don’t contribute your answer/comment to every question. Let the group try to figure it out.]  
**If the question is not about the passage**, say, “**Let’s discuss this further after our group time...**” If it is a genuine question, they will make time afterwards. If not, then it probably wasn’t too important to them. If you don’t know the answer and no one else does, say, “Let’s do a separate study at another time on a passage that answers that question.” (Then afterwards ask your coach for guidance.)
8. **Distracting questions or discussions** (unrelated issues or “digressions”). Ask, “**Where is that found in this passage?**” Or, suggest the group talk about it after the group meeting since, “**The goal for today is focusing on what this passage has to say.**”
9. “**Strange**” or “**wrong**” interpretations: Ask the group if they see the same thing (builds a culture of self-correction). Ask the question, “**Where is that found in this passage?**” If this fails, suggest that you and the person or whole group talk about it after the regular meeting because, “**The goal for today is focusing on what this passage has to say.**”
10. **Close the group after the second or third week.** If someone wants to bring a friend after that, help them start a new group with that friend and their friends.

### Notes

- Many of the “Obey” questions are phrased “**If this is true...**” so that people who don’t yet fully trust the Bible can participate in this Bible study process comfortably. If you know everyone in the group believes in the truth of the Bible, you could change the statement to “**Since this is true...**” If people are having a **hard time saying what they will do differently (Obey section)**, you can introduce them to the SPECK tool. (**S**in to repent of, **P**romise to embrace, **E**xample to follow or not, **C**ommand to obey, or **K**nowledge to adopt).

*Adapted from David Watson’s CPM Training Resources (<http://www.cpmtr.org/resources/>)*

## M:28 Bible Study – Passages (Half Sheet)

For each study, you want to focus on one passage and discover what God wants you to see, understand, share and obey. If you are going through this for the first time, find a coach who can help you. Because we may not have two years of weekly study with the same group in our situations, “Discovering God” is designed to help students get the big picture and meet the God of the Bible within a semester. Start a new group using “Discovering God Series” (Set 1). Set 2

reinforces Set 1, but also explores ideas like God’s law, etc. Use this set for groups who want to continue to explore God for a second semester.

Coaches: You can add or remove passages you think are necessary based on the things you hear in the meetings or from the facilitator. For example, if some couples are struggling with their marriage relationship, you might add a study exploring Ephesians 5:21-33. Using the three verse series’ below students will have a basic understanding of being a follower of Jesus Christ. **Important:** let students discover what the Bible and God say about the topic in each passage.

### Studies to Start Off With (Discovering God Series)

#### Discovering God Series (Set 1)

##### God Creates

Genesis 1:1-25 – God Creates All Things  
Genesis 2:4-24 – God Creates People

##### Man Rebels

Genesis 3:1-13 – People Disobey God  
Genesis 3:14-24 – God’s Response

##### God Makes a Way Back

Genesis 6:5-22, 7:6-12, 7:18-24, 8:18-22 – God Judges His Creation

Genesis 9:1-19 – God Makes Promises to All Creation

Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6, 17:1-8 – God’s Special Promise to One Family

Genesis 21:1-7, 22:1-19 – Abraham’s Big Test  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 – God’s Promised Suffering Servant

Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20 – The Birth of Jesus

John 3:1-21 – Jesus Meets a Man Seeking God

##### Choose one of these:

- Luke 5:17-26 – Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
- Mark 4:35-41 – Jesus Calms a Storm

Matthew 26:17-30 – Jesus Shares a Last Meal

Luke 23:32-49 – Jesus Dies on a Cross

Luke 23:50-24:12 – Jesus Rises from the Dead

John 1:1-18 – Series Summary: Becoming a Child of God – (IMPORTANT)

#### Discovering God Series (Set 2)

##### God Creates

Psalms 19 – Creation a Testimony to God, His Word Makes Us Wise

Psalms 139:1-18 – Man’s Special Relationship with God

##### Man Rebels

Psalms 14 and 53 – All Have Turned Away from God

##### God Makes a Way Back

Deuteronomy 5:1-21, 5:32-6:2 – God’s Commands

Leviticus 4:13-31 – Sacrifices for Sin

Psalms 32 – The Blessing of Forgiveness

Psalms 2 – How We Will Know the Messiah/Christ

John 1:19-34 – Jesus is Baptized

Matthew 4:1-22 – The Testing of Jesus

John 4:1-26, 39-42 – Jesus Meets the Samaritan Woman

Choose one of these:

- Mark 5:1-20 – Jesus’ Authority Over Spirits

- John 11:1-44 – Jesus’ Authority Over Death

John 14:1-14 – How to See God

John 19:28-42 – Death and Burial of Jesus

Luke 24:13-35 – Jesus Meets Disciples after Rising Again

John 1:1-18 – Summary: Becoming a Child of God

##### Studies about Living as a Follower of Jesus

#### Following Jesus Series

Luke 5:1-11 – Followers of Jesus Leave Everything

John 14:15-31 – Followers Demonstrate Their Love by Obeying

Philippians 2:1-13 – Followers Have the Same Perspective as Jesus

Luke 4:1-13 – Followers Overcome Temptation Using God’s Word

John 1:35-51 – Followers Introduce Others to Jesus

Acts 4:23-31 – Followers Will Experience Persecution

Matthew 6:5-18 – Followers Apply Jesus’ Model of Prayer and Fasting

Matthew 5:38-48 – Followers Show Love for Enemies

Luke 8:22-25 – Followers Don’t Fear Circumstances

Matthew 6:25-34 – Followers Don’t Worry about tomorrow

Matthew 18:15-35 – Followers Forgive and Seek to Restore Broken Relationships

#### Following Jesus Series (cont.)

1 Corinthians 7:1-17, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 –

Following Jesus in Marriage, Part 1

Matthew 19:1-12, Ephesians 5:21-33 – Following Jesus in Marriage, Part 2

Matthew 5:33-37 – Followers Keep their Word

Ephesians 4:15-31 – Followers Behave Differently as They Mature in Christ

#### Some Suggested Discover Questions For This Series:

- What do these verses say about following Jesus/God?
- What do these verses say about relating to one another?
- Based on these verses, what should we expect if we follow Jesus?

#### Some Suggested Obey Questions For This Series:

- Fill in the blank: “Based on these verses, I will \_\_\_\_\_.” (be specific)
- What in my life will cause difficulty in obeying these verses?
- What can people in the group do to help me in obeying these verses?

#### Growing in Maturity Series

2 Timothy 2:1-7 – Followers Pass On What They Know and Stay Faithful

Matthew 28:16-20 – Followers Make Disciples

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 – Followers are Christ’s Ambassadors

John 4:4-26, 39-42 – Followers Share Their Story

Act 26:2-29 – Followers Share Their Story

Luke 10:1-12, 16-20 – Followers Look for People of Peace and Help People See Jesus

Hebrews 10:23-25 – Followers Continue to Meet Together

Matthew 16:13-21 – Followers Understand That Jesus is Building His Church

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 – Followers Understand they are a Part of Christ’s Body

Acts 2:42-47 – Followers Practice Community

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 – Followers Understand God is One

Colossians 1:15-20 – Followers Understand the Role of the Son

Psalms 139:1-8 – Followers Understand the Role of the Father

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 – Followers Understand the Role of the Holy Spirit

John 17 – Followers Pray Based on Their Relationship with God

Ephesians 1:3-14 – Followers Live in Light of their position in Christ.

#### Growing in Maturity Series (cont.)

John 10:25-30 – Followers Are Secure in Their Relationship with Christ

Hebrews 12:5-11 – Followers Accept Discipline from God

John 15:5-17 – Followers Remain in Christ

Mark 12:28-34 – Followers Love God and Love Others

Ephesians 4:1-6 – Followers Keep Unity in Christ

1 Corinthians 1:10-17 – Followers Keep Unity in Christ

Psalms 1 – Followers Delight in God’s Word Which Brings Wisdom for Living

2 Peter 1:16-21 – Followers Hear God Speaking Through Scripture

2 Timothy 3:14-17 – Followers Understand the Role of Scripture in Their Lives

Matthew 6:5-13 – Followers Pray with Purpose

John 14:12-14 – Followers Are Assured that God Will Answer Prayers

Philippians 4:4-7 – Followers Are Not Anxious But Pray

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – Followers Pray All the Time

Mark 1:14-17 – Followers Leave Their Past and Follow Jesus to Become Fishers of Men

Luke 9:57-62 – Followers Count the Cost of Following Jesus

Acts 8:9-13 – Followers Believe and Are Baptized

Romans 6:1-7 – Followers Are Baptized into Christ

Acts 8:26-38 – Followers Are Baptized After Believing

Luke 22:14-23 – Followers Remember Jesus in Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-33 – Followers Remember Jesus in Communion

Acts 10 – Followers Understand the Gospel is for All People

Matthew 22:34-40 – Followers Practice God’s Greatest Commandments, to Love.

Luke 10:25-37 – Followers See Loving your Neighbor is Loving Everyone

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 – Followers Give

2 Corinthians 9:1-15 – Followers Give

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## **How to Prepare for DBS** – Example: Genesis 1:24-28

**Preparation:** You really DON'T NEED to prepare beyond prayer because of the emphasis on *being transferable*. But for those who insist:

1. Identify & define words you suspect they may not understand. Try to come up with a 2-3 word definition, not a long theological treatise.
2. Identify repeated words, phrases, or ideas in the passage.
3. Then do the complete "Engage" section yourself

### **Background Information (brief & only necessary):**

- Have them notice that Gen 1 is in Hebrew poetic form (as seen by indents), as opposed to prose of most of the rest of the Bible. It doesn't mean it's not true or literal. Just that it's poetic – Hebrew poetry elements are not rhyme & rhythm, but repetition and rephrasing. (I like to call it the "Song of Creation")
- Introduce them to chapters & verses. When they have an observation, have them tell you in what verse they found it.
- Have them look & circle phrases that repeat (repetition shows something is important) i.e. – "And God said," "it was so," "it was good," etc.
  - You can later use these repetitions to guide your questions about what does it tell us about people or God.

**Outcomes** – these come from the looking at the repeated words or ideas. You may or may not "discover" all your outcomes. They are meant to help you guide the discussion. If they are having trouble, you can ask them about a certain repeated word/phrase or to look at a certain box to answer one of the questions. ***They are not lecture points!*** Turn these points into supplemental questions to the main six.

1. "And God said..." "and it was so." (What does this tell us about God)
  - a. He creates by speaking - "Creates out of nothing"
  - b. His Word is powerful
  - c. About Him? (character)
2. "It was good..." (What does this tell us about God)
  - a. He made the world good (what happened? We'll find out in a couple of weeks!)
  - b. God was the only one who was qualified to judge His own work
3. What does the creation of people tell us about people & God?
  - a. Compare how people & the rest of the world were created. (speaking vs forming)
  - b. "In His image..." What do you think this means? Why is it important? What does that tell us about people? (stick with THIS passage) About God? (if time, ask how are people different from animals? We can plan, create, TALK, etc... these are all things God did in this passage & animals can't do).
  - c. "Rule" & "Subdue" What does that tell us about people? God?
4. What does "bless" mean? (to accept & therefore bestow good upon)
  - a. What does it tell us about God that He "Accepted" us & His creation as "Good" & "Very Good."
5. What do you think about the job description? (to multiply, rule, subdue)

### **Observations** - you can make (at the end):

God's created order of creation is from simple to complex. What does that mean to you?

Does it contradict science? (do NOT mention EVOLUTION, just science).

The Bible is not a science book – it primarily addresses the questions of who GOD is and WHY we were created