

DBS — PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Review this material prior to doing the practical assignments below.

A LEADER'S PREPARATION

Topic: Discovery Bible Study uses three steps of Discovery.

Using the Discovery Bible study method is an excellent way to prepare for developing a sermon plan or leading a Bible study with seekers — Persons of Peace.

This is a very simple inductive Bible study method which can also easily be used by both unbelievers and believers.

The method is based on using three parts.

Copy Bible text	Paraphrase	Application
		- I will... -What does this passage say about God, man?, my life?

In the first part, we write the Bible text verbatim.

The question is why write it out word for word? Everyone agrees that the process of writing things down assists in a deeper understanding of the text rather than simply reading it. Copying provides for prayerfully reading the text over 5 to 10 times. Therefore the text is remembered better, faster, and longer.

In the second part we will retell what we've read.

This is where we learn how to retell the text in our own words.

In the third part we write what we are going to do after studying the Biblical text.

That's the part of obedience. That part begins with the words: I will. The Bible is meant to be used — applied in our lives — daily.

What does the text say about God and mankind, and how does it apply to my life?

We all need to discover God's activities in our lives.

SAMPLE LESSON

We learn from God. We are going to listen to God and learn from Him. The rules need to be set from the very beginning. The main rule is that we are going to learn about God from the Bible the way He wrote it there about himself.

Next: Read Deuteronomy 6: 1-9. We will use 3 parts for the passage of verses 4-9.

30 minutes are given for this assignment.

10-15 minutes. As a group write down phrase by phrase what you've learned from this passage.

This is a very important text for those who want to work with unbelievers. People do not read the Bible, they read us.

Verse by verse Application

Verse 4. -There is only one God. -God has the right to rule over us. -God requires our attention. -We have to listen closely to God. -To listen means to hear and obey.

Verse 5. -The love for God is a commandment, not a suggestion. -The love for God is made visible in your mood, behavior, motives of your actions.

Verse 6. -Memorize Scripture. -Be obedient, this is what love is.

Verse 7. -Faith in God is not individual, it is for the whole family. -Share your love to God with your children. -Communicate the Scriptures to your children. -Demand obedience to God from your children. -In order to teach your children, you need to be obedient to God yourself.

Verse 8-9. -Reflect on the commands day and night. -Tell people around you about God. -Live out your faith in God in your family. -Write the word of God everywhere where you look. -Your home should reflect the love of God.

DBS Differs from other methods – The focus of DBS is Personal Discovery

Today everyone wants to promote his own religion. The teacher teaches, and the student listens. But in this method everyone equally ponders on the Bible and discovers its principles for their lives. This is not teaching, this is discovering.

DBS PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS

1. Immediately begin using the Discovery Bible Study personally.
2. Apply the Discovery Bible study to your very first sermon.
 - Take note if you receive positive comments.
3. Prepare several sermons with the Discovery Bible Study method.
4. Train at least one other preacher with this method and mentor him to implement it.
5. Gather a group of people and begin implementing the Discovery Bible Study method with them.
 - A sample format for your very first lesson was provided above.
 - A DBS Form is supplied below.

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