

The Discovery Bible Meeting Process

Read, obey, and share

This is a Template for weekly use

Suggested time frame: 2 hours

The focus of a Discovery Bible Meeting is: read – obey – share; it is really quite simple, but very deliberate.

Here is **what a Discovery Bible Meeting looks like**:

I. **OPENING THE MEETING** - 50 minutes

Begin by drinking tea together. While drinking tea cover the following social questions.

1. Share: (5 min) Open by introducing myself.

Express your gratitude to the host for inviting you.

Express appreciation to each one present for coming.

Share names – (each time new comers are present let everyone share their names)

Share gift (something each man can give to his wife or child). This helps them to get started about sharing the gospel at home. (minimally do this once a quarter)

Begin by sharing one thing you are thankful for this week, *plus* one thing that is stressing you out.

2. **Discover Gratitude:** (10 min) Ask: What are you thankful for this week? (It is crucial to include every person) Now state that you would like to offer a prayer of praise and thanks for how God has blessed us this week. **Do Prayer/Worship** (*The leader must do the prayer himself – not the attendees*)

3. **Discover Difficulties:** (10 min) Ask: What has stressed you out this week? What has been difficult or bothering you this week? What do you need for things to be better? (It is crucial to include every person.) Follow that with a prayer and ask Jesus to meet our needs. (Pray specifically for needs mentioned by item or name) **Pray intercessory now** (*The leader must do the prayer himself – not the attendees*)

4. **Discover Needs:** (5 min) Ask: What are the needs of the people in your community?

Have the group identify people in need and commit to meeting those needs.

5. **Ask:** (5 min) How can we help each other with the needs we expressed? (Group response) Guide discussion, make conclusion, assign tasks. Write down the activities agreed upon.

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6. **Ask:** (5 min) What did we talk about last week? (*or the last lesson*)

7. **Ask:** (5 min) With whom did you share what we studied last week?

8. **Discover Spiritual Growth:** (5 min) Ask: Did you change anything in your life as a result of last week's Bible story (*or the last lesson*)? How did you apply this week what we studied last week? How did that go?

II. DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY - 40 minutes

Let's see what we **discover** from the Bible this week.

9. **Say:** (10 min) Let's see what the Bible teaches us this week.

(a) Have someone read out loud this week's passage. (Scripture on _____)
Have each one read along in their Bible. (using the eye gate)

(b) Let's read it once more – choose new reader, while all others close their Bible and listen. (using the ear gate)

10. **Ask:** (5 min) one person in the group to retell the passage in his own words. (using the mouth gate) Like he would tell it to a friend. Allow others to add to the retelling, as necessary.

11. **Ask the Group:** (5 min) Do you agree with their retelling? Is there something they added or left out that they shouldn't have? As long as the group doesn't miss a key component of the passage, continue. If they miss something, read the passage again. If someone states something that isn't in the passage, ask, "Where did you find [what is said] in this passage?" Reread the passage, if necessary.

12. **Discovery Questions:** (15 min)

Ask: What does this passage teach us about God? God's desire for us?

(Let people share their own questions first)

Ask: What does this passage teach us about humanity – man – us - life?

(Additional questions on DBS page 4-en)

III. CLOSING THE MEETING - 35 minutes

The Leader should assist each one in the group to answer these last 3 questions (13,14,15) before they leave.

13. **Discovering Opportunities for Action.** Leader: (10 min) Use the above **discovery questions** (in point **12**) to encourage the group to engage with this passage. Challenge the group to obey God's Word like: "*If we believe this passage is from God, how must we change? How will we be obedient to what we've learned today? We don't read the Bible for knowledge only.*" "Let's be specific, so that we can follow through, and help one another to be accountable. How can you / will you apply this to your life?" Have each person share what they think they should do to obey the passage over the next two days. "Do you need to make a change in your life? What should you do differently?"

14. **Ask:** (10 min) each person in the group to identify people they will share the passage with during the next two days. "With whom will you share what you've learned this week? How are you going to share a thought from this passage with a man later this day or tomorrow? ((*Write down a name or names here*))

15. **Remind the group of #s 4 & 5.** (10 min) Reconfirm assignments of tasks and commitments to meet those needs. Offer to personally help them. (! Remind them to also do the activity in the **next 2 days!**) ((*Write down an activity here*))

16. **Close with BLESSING** (5 min)

Close by praying a blessing over them – (perhaps by name) A blessing of peace; joy; well being; for God to give a good week; that God would show himself real to them, etc. (this is based on Num. 6:24 and Phil. 4:8)

It is important to let out at the time you promised