

# Discovery Bible Study

A Disciple-Making Process Leading  
to Personal Transformation and Reproduction

# Overview

- Discovery Bible Study begins with the Person of Peace or a close existing relationship
- The purpose of the DBS is to lead a person/family/group to discover and follow Christ.
- The method used is simple – three columns ...
  - The Text
  - Write / Repeat the Text in your own words
  - What should you do about what you have learned (about God, about how to respond to God) from this Text?
- A process of facilitating discovery (not teaching)

# Three Column Inductive Study

<b>Scripture</b>	<b>My Words</b>	<b>I Will</b>

# Primary Values

- Group Interaction - Leads to Prayer, Ministry, and Worship as people come to Christ.
  - What are you thankful for this week? (Leads to prayer and worship)
  - What needs do you or others have? (Leads to intercession)
  - How might we help meet these needs? (Leads to ministry)
- Accountability
  - How did you apply what you learned last week? (Develops obedience)
  - With whom did you share last weeks lesson? (Leads to evangelism)

# Process

- Bible Study –
  1. Just read or listen to the focal verses. Better – write the verses for greater understanding. (Don't explain or teach)
    - For pre-believers you will start with Creation and work through Bible to Christ, focusing on the attributes of God
    - For new believers you will start with commands of Christ
    - Focus is on the Scripture, not human opinion
  2. How would you restate / write this in your own words? (Understanding the Scripture)
    - If they significantly mis-state anything *important* – ask where did the scripture say that...? Your hope is for the group to start asking these questions as you go further in the process. (Group Self-correction)

# Process ...

- Bible Study –
  3. What does this teach us about God? (Knowing God)
  4. If this is true, how would we respond? (Obedience)
  5. With whom do you plan to share what you just learned? (Replication/Evangelism)

# Summary Overview (I)

- Opening Interaction
  - What are you thankful for this week? (Prayer and Worship)
  - What needs do you or others have? (Intercession)
  - How can we help meet the needs expressed? (Ministry)
- Review of last lesson
  - What did we learn last week?
  - What changes in behavior or thoughts did we experience in response to what we learned in last week's lesson?
- Reports about sharing during the week
  - With who did you share about these changes in your life as you follow Christ?
  - How did they respond? What is your next step in follow-up?

# Summary Overview (II)

- New Scripture Passage (DBS)
- Plans for sharing in the coming week:
  - Is there someone you know who would benefit from learning what you learned today?
  - What might be a setting in which you will be able to share this?
  - Let's pray for the people we will share with this week...
- Plans for meeting the needs expressed as the group began in the coming week:
  - E.g. "Person A shared their problem with.... What might we be able to do to help?" Discussion and decision and prayer.
- Plans for the next conversation: when and where?
  - Do not assume weekly. Let the person of peace or group decide.