



Acknowledgment —

Discover Jesus is our adaption of the Discover Bible Study Method (DBSM) developed by David Watson and used widely by disciple making movements around the world as a tool for sharing Jesus.



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Discover Jesus

HOW TO USE 'DISCOVER JESUS' WITH THOSE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT JESUS

People's stories matter.

They reveal who we are, what is important to us, what gives us life, joy, purpose and what causes us pain, despair, and discontent. As we make time to hear people's stories and get to know them, we allow space and time to share our story with them.

For followers of Jesus, our story has been forever changed by Him, what is important to us, our values and motivations.

As we share our life and faith, some people will ask questions and express an interest that leads to conversations about God/Jesus. If they appear open and interested, you can ask:

"Would you be interested in reading some of the Bible with me and discover more about Jesus?"



SIX SIMPLE STEPS

01 Plan a time and place to meet regularly, preferably somewhere comfortable with few distractions.

02 Ask if there is anyone else they know who may be interested in joining you. If it is appropriate and helpful, you could invite friends from your Disciple Community to join you.

03 Ask if they would prefer to download the You Bible App, or use a hard copy of the Bible. If they would like to use the app, take them through the download and how it works. If they prefer a hard copy of the Bible, offer to purchase one for them or let them know where they can purchase one for themselves.

04 Suggest a version of the Bible that is appropriate for them. ESV, NIV, NLT or “Easy.” Easy English by Wycliffe is helpful for those with English as a second language or who find reading difficult.

05 As they read by themselves, encourage them to write down, text, or call you with any questions, things they want to discuss, or are finding difficult to understand.

06 If they show interest in reading the Bible between your meetings, suggest the Reading Plans in this booklet on page 14.



Becoming a
follower of
Jesus begins
with a journey





of discovery
in who He
is and what
He has done.

A Simple Pattern

WE USE A SIMPLE REPRODUCIBLE
PATTERN TO HELP PEOPLE
DISCOVER JESUS

01

STORIES

Share stories of gratitude in your lives.
Choose some of these questions:

- *What was the best thing that happened since we last met?*
- *Have you learned something about God that touched your life this week?*
- *Were you able to apply anything from what we have been reading?*
- *Did you have the opportunity to share what you learnt last week with someone?*
- *What are you thankful for?*

02

DISCOVER BIBLE

- Read, Reveal, Reflect, Respond.
Choose a reading plan that you think might be helpful. Each week ask:
- *Was there something you read during the week that stood out to you?*
 - *Would you like to read and discuss it?*
 - *Did you have any questions?*





We follow a simple 4 step pattern when we meet with people to read about Jesus in the Bible. The pattern is designed to help you build a relationship with them as they begin to discover Jesus for themselves. We use this same pattern in the way we do Disciple Communities.

03

PRAYER & CARE

By praying for them and inviting them to pray for you, you are reinforcing that they can speak to God and that God hears them as well. Love, care, share, pray and use your gifts.

- . Is there something I can pray for you?*
- . Is there any area in your life that you would need a breakthrough in?*
- . Would you be comfortable praying for me about (...)?*

04

LIVING IT OUT

Encourage them to contact you with any questions or write them down so you can discuss them next time you meet. Remind them to:

- . Try to put what you have learned into practise.*
- . Share what you have learned with someone before we meet again.*
- . Read more of the Bible between now and when we meet again.*

Discover Bible

READ, REVEAL, REFLECT & RESPOND

The Discover Method is designed to engage everyone in the learning, discovery and application of the Bible.

WHY DISCOVER BIBLE?

- *God wants to speak to and through each person as they read the Bible together.*
- *The Holy Spirit is our teacher who inspires and reveals truth.*
- *It is a simple pattern that can be used by young and old, those with little or much faith*

or biblical knowledge.

- *It provides a simple and easy way for groups and those exploring faith to explore the fundamental truths found within a Bible passage and begin to apply what they learn.*

The Bible is the primary resource. Discover Bible does not require prior biblical knowledge, a gifted teacher, sermons, DVDs, podcasts or study resources.



DISCOVER BIBLE STEPS

READ

- . Have everyone read the passage to themselves.*
- . Ask someone to read the passage out loud or multiple people if it's a long passage.*
- . You can try reading the passage using a second translation.*
- . You can also play an audio version if that is helpful.*

REVEAL

- . What do we learn about God?*
- . What do we learn about us?*

REFLECT

- . What part of the passage stood out to you?*

RESPOND

- . How will you put that into practise this week?*



WEEKLY PLANS & SUGGESTED READINGS

The plans are divided into seven readings with a suggested reading to do together in bold e.g. **1:1-12.**

Some readings have more than one story, teaching or big idea. You can read the whole reading and work through it, or you can chose to zero in on one key story, teaching or idea within the reading and focus on it. This is a “less is more” or “quality over quantity” approach.

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF READING PLANS



Book of John

Passages in **BOLD** are suggested group readings

Week
One

John 1:1-18
John 1:19-34
John 1:35-51
John 2:1-25
John 3:1-36
John 4:1-45
John 4:46-54, 5:1-15

Week
Two

John 5:16-47
John 6:1-21
John 6:22-51
John 6:52-71
John 7:1-24
John 7:25-52
John 8:1-11

Week
Three

John 8:12-59
John 9:1-41
John 10:1-21
John 10:22-43
John 11:1-57
John 12:1-50
John 13:1-38

Week
Four

John 14:1-31
John 15:1-27
John 16:1-33
John 17:1-26
John 18:1-40
John 19:1-42
John 20:1-31
John 21:1-25

The Good News from Beginning to End

Passages in **BOLD** are suggested group readings

Week
One

Genesis 1:1-25
Genesis 2:4-24
Genesis 3:1-24
Genesis 6:1-9
Romans 1:18-32
Romans 2:1-16
Romans 3:9-26

Week
Two

John 1:1-38
Luke 2:1-52
Matthew 3:1-17
Matthew 4:1-25
John 3:1-21
John 4:1-42
Luke 5:17-26

Week
Three

Matthew 8:1-27
Matthew 8:28-34
Matthew 9:1-8
Matthew 14:13-36
John 11:1-44
Matthew 26:17-29
John 13:1-38
John 18:1-18

Week
Four

John 19:1-42
John 20:1-31
John 21:1-25
Luke 24:13-53
Romans 3:21-31
1 Thess 4:13, 5:11
Rev 21:1-27, 22:1-7

Book of Mark

Passages in BOLD are suggested group readings

*Week
One*

Mark 1:1-20
Mark 1:21-45
Mark 2:1-17
Mark 2:18-28, 3:1-6
Mark 3:7-35
Mark 4:1-34
Mark 4:35-41, 5:1-20

*Week
Two*

Mark 5:21-43
Mark 6:1-29
Mark 6:30-56
Mark 7:1-23
Mark 7:24-37
Mark 8:1-21
Mark 8:22-38, 9:1

*Week
Three*

Mark 9:2-29
Mark 9:30-50
Mark 10:1-31
Mark 10:32-52
Mark 11:1-33
Mark 12:1-27
Mark 12:28-44

*Week
Four*

Mark 13:1-37
Mark 14:1-52
Mark 14:53-72
Mark 15:1-7
Mark 16:1-19

Stories from Acts

Passages in **BOLD** are suggested group readings

Week
One

Acts 1:1-26
Acts 2:1-47
Acts 3:1-26
Acts 4:1-37
Acts 5:1-16
Acts 5:17-43
Acts 6:1-15

Week
Two

Acts 7:1-60
Acts 8:1-40
Acts 9:1-43
Acts 10:1-48
Acts 11:1-30
Acts 12:1-25
Acts 13:1-52

Week
Three

Acts 14:1-28
Acts 15:1-41
Acts 16:1-40
Acts 17:1-34
Acts 18:1-28
Acts 19:1-41
Acts 20:1-38

Week
Four

Acts 21:1-36
Acts 22:1-30
Acts 23:1-11
Acts 26:1-31

Discover Bible Journal

READ: -----

REVEAL

- *What do we learn about God?*
- *What do we learn about us?*

REFLECT

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RESPOND

- *How will you put that into practise this week?*

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