**Discovery Bible Study Crosswalk**

The Discovery Bible Study or DBS for short is designed to walk the reader through several basic questions with the designed purpose of allowing the reader to discover Gods truths for themselves. These questions can be contextualized for demographics as needed. The key is to **LET THEM DISCOVER THE TRUTHS GOD IS DISCLOSING,** help them process through the questions, and then help challenge them to share this truth with someone they know.

**Introduction:**

***Highs – Lows (Praise – Prayer)***

Ask each person to share a moment in the past days/weeks that they would consider a highlight of their past days/weeks (Praise) and then a low (prayer) from the past days/weeks.

This is really just an icebreaker. Feel free to morph this section as needed, however allowing people to talk about their previous days/weeks generally helps bring down social talking barriers for the actual DBS. If people feel listened to first, they are more likely to open up later.

**Discovery Passage:**

Pick a portion of scripture that is not too long and not too short. There is no perfect passage; Aim for something that has enough substance to challenge the reader but not too much to overwhelm them with verse after verse. Try pick a verse that has one or two main themes. Examples include: Acts 16:16-24 (God opens hearts to the Gospel), Luke 5:17-26 (Jesus has the power to heal), Genesis 11: 1-9 (Man trying to be God)

Choosing a passage can sometimes be tough. All of Scripture is God’s message so there are things to learn in every single verse. We’ve included some contextualized examples of good DBS verses in your packet titled DBS Story Sets

Once you’ve got your passage you are going to read the passage a couple of times in a couple of different ways to help absorb what is being said. Here is an easy example of how to do so:

***Reader 1 reads the passage***

***Reader 2 reads the passage***

***One reader summarize what was read without reading the passage***

***The Group uses the passage to cover what was missed in previous explanation***

**Discovery Questions:**

The Discovery Questions are aimed to allow the readers to talk about the truths found in the passage. Try asking more follow up questions to continue the conversation if the reader is struggling to answer these questions.

***1. What does this passage tell us about God?***

***2. What does this passage tell us about people/man/us?***

**Obedience:**

Jesus left his followers with a couple of instruction. One of those was to teach all that He commanded. Obedience to God’s word is one of the marks of a disciple of Jesus. Don’t be afraid to challenge the reader with questions about obedience towards God. Talking about obedience is often times the first step in understand our own lack of obedience. Remember, God is the one that softens hard hearts and opens ears to hear His word. Here are examples of obedience questions that tie directly into the discovery questions:

***1. How does this passage change how we see God?***

***2. How does this passage change how we treat others?***

**Share:**

Sharing the Truths of God’s word is critical for Gods kingdom to advance. One of His primary modes of communication is through human messengers. It is never too early to get someone excited to share what he or she are reading about God with others. Here is an example of an easy question to ask the reader(s).

***1.Who can you share this story with?***

**Follow Up:**

Make sure to make a point of following up. If you are meeting over a period of time you can start each meeting by asking them how sharing went. If not, text or call them to see how things are going and if they were able to share. Remember, while you are letting God’s word do the bulk of the heavy lifting this still is a discipleship opportunity.

**Pray**:

Nothing is done apart from Jesus, so ask Jesus to be apart of this. Try to remember pray for the people you are reading with. Pray the Lord would open their hearts to His call.

**DBS Story Sets**

**Creation to Christ**

*\*Try with Muslims*

Creation: God Created the World (Genesis 1-2:3)

Creation: The Creation of Man (Genesis 2:4 – 25)

The Fall: First Sin (Genesis 3:1-24)

The Fall: The Flood (Genesis 6:1-9:17)

Redemption: God’s Promise to Abram (Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6)

Redemption: The Promise of Passover (Exodus 12:1-28)

Redemption: The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-21)

Redemption: The Sacrificial System (Leviticus 4:1-35)

King David and the Coming Messiah (Psalm 22 and 110)

Redemption: Isaiah foreshadows the Coming Promise (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

Redemption: Jesus’ Baptism (Matthew 3, John 1:29-34)

Redemption: The Temptation of Christ (Matthew 4:1-11)

Redemption: Jesus Forgives and Heals (Luke 5:17-26)

Redemption: Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)

Redemption: Jesus Casts Out Evil Spirits (Mark 5:1-20)

Redemption: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44)

Redemption: Jesus is Betrayed and Condemned (John 18:1-19:16)

Redemption: Jesus Crucified (Luke 23:32-56)

Redemption: Jesus Conquers Death (Luke 24:1-35)

Redemption: Jesus Appears and Ascends (Luke 24:36-53)

Redemption: We have a choice (John 3:1-21)

***Note:*** *There is no magic in this specific list. Pick stories based on the people you’re meeting with and which Scriptures will best speak to their worldview.*

***Example****: If you have 10 weeks with someone, you may try these 10 lessons...  
Genesis 1-2:3, Genesis 2:4-25, Genesis 3:1-24, Genesis 6:1-9:17, Exodus 12:1-28, Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Matthew 3 and John 1:29-34, John 18:1-19:16 and Luke 23:32-56, Luke 24:1-35, Luke 24:36-53*

**Creation to Culmination:**  
*\*Try with Hindus and Buddhists, and* “*Hippie” Austin types, New Age, Witchcraft*

1. Creation: Gen 1-2:3
2. Garden: 2:15-3:19
3. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: Gen 12:1-8, 15:1-6
4. Isaac: Gen 22:1-19
5. Law and Sacrifices: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 7:6-11
6. The Coming King, the coming Savior: Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53
7. Jesus’ life: Mark 5:1-20
8. Jesus’ Betrayed and Condemned: John 18:1-19:16 (this is longer, give enough

time to cover the whole story).

1. Jesus is Crucified: Luke 23:32-56
2. Jesus’ resurrection: John 20:1-31
3. The Holy Spirit, the Worldwide church and Jesus promised return: Acts 1:8-

11; 2:1-6; 2:32-33

1. The Loving father and the lost sons: Luke 15:4-32

**Stories of Hope :**

*\*Adaptation for Latinos, Americans, African Americans*

1.Sinful Woman: Luke 7:36-50  
2. Who can come to God: Luke 18:9-17  
3. Who is your God: Matthew 18:21-35  
4. Who is your God: Matthew 16:21-17:9  
5. Jesus before Pilate and Herod: Luke 22:66-23:25, 23:32-43

6. Cost of following Christ: Luke 24:1-20, 36-50  
7. Merciful King: Luke 15:11-32

**Commands of Christ**

*\*For new believers*

1.Repent and Believe: Luke 19:1-10

2.Baptize: Acts 8:26-39  
3.Pray: Matthew 6:5-15  
4.Make Disciples: John 4:4-42

5.Love: Luke 10:25-37

6.Lord’s Supper: Luke 22:7-20

7.Give: Mark 12:41-44