

Discovery Group Process

How should your time be spent with family members during the study?

1) OPENING QUESTIONS—strengthen family

- What are you thankful for today?
- What challenges have you had today? (See if you can find an answer in the passage.)

2) REVIEW QUESTIONS—share experiences

- Retell the last passage.
- With whom did you share the last passage?
- Did you apply what you learned since our last meeting?
- How have you experienced God today?
- What more can we do to help someone?

3) Discovery Study: Read, reread, retell, details

Read and learn to tell the scripture passage to others. See steps 7 and 8 of the Group Guidelines on the backside of this folder.

Discuss the passage—See steps 3 and 9

- What do you like this scripture passage?
- What do we discover about God from it?
- What do we discover about people from it?

4) APPLICATION: - “I Will Statements”

Now that we have discovered truths from God’s Word, recall the earlier studies and identify what difference this makes in each of our lives and how we see Jesus in the passage.

- Based on what we have learned about God and people, how should it change what we do?
- Did you find an answer to your challenge?
- **What will you change in your daily life?**
(“I will . . .” - at least one thing weekly— see steps 10 and 13.)

5) CONCLUDING QUESTIONS—reaching out: See steps 11, 12, and 13 on the backside of this folder.

- Do you have questions about this passage?
- With whom will you share this story, when, and how? - (Make this assignment weekly.)
- Do you know anyone who needs help? What can we do to help them?
- Do you need any help with your challenge? (prayer of physical help.)

LESSONS:

For daily studies cover 3-7 verses. For weekly studies max 10-15, each meeting.

INTRODUCTION SERIES:

Matthew 23:1-11 God’s word teaches us
Deuteronomy 6:1-15 Called to live and proclaim
John 14:9-27 Obedience brings God’s presence

DISCOVERING GOD SERIES:

Genesis 1:1-25 God Creates the World
Genesis 2:4-24 God Creates Man and Woman
Genesis 3:1-13 Man and Woman Eat the Fruit
Genesis 3:14-24 God’s Curses
Genesis 6:5-22 God Grieved by His Creation
Genesis 7:1-22 God Saves Noah’s Family
Genesis 8:13-22 God’s Covenant with Noah
Genesis 9:1-19 God’s Covenant with Noah
Genesis 12:1-8; 15:1-6; 17:1-7 God’s Covenant with Abraham
Genesis 22:1-19 Abraham Gives His son as Offering
Exodus 12:1-28 God Spares His People
Exodus 20:1-21 The Commands of God
Leviticus 4:1-35 The Sin Offering
Isaiah 53 God’s Righteous Servant
Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20 Jesus is Born
Matthew 3; John 1:29– 34 Jesus is Baptized
Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus is Tested
John 3:1-21 Jesus and the Religious Leader
John 4:1-26, 39-42 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
Luke 5:17-26 Jesus and the Paralyzed Man
Mark 4:35-41 Jesus Calms the Storm
Mark 5:1-20 Jesus and the demoniac.
John 11:1-44 Jesus raises Lazarus
Matthew 26:26-30 Last Supper
John 18:1-19:16 Betrayal of Jesus
Luke 23:32-56 Jesus is crucified
Luke 24:1-35 Jesus overcomes death
Acts 2:25-41 Becoming believers
Ephesians 2:1-10 We are justified by faith

You can find further Discovery Studies at <https://worldmissionsevangelism.com/resources/> (There are 6 levels which move from “Discovering God,” to “Obedience,” then “Leadership,” “Church Planting,” “Kingdom of God,” and “Ministry”

What is a Family DS?

A family “Discovery Study” includes all adults and children in a household who can listen and talk.

- Meet frequently to discover God
- Read, discuss, learn to tell, and apply what they learn to their lives
- Are committed to helping and encouraging one another
- Are committed to helping and reaching others outside their family

Video Training Resources:

1. Introduction to DMM (6 min.): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZEYrvFwY0g>
2. Group Process (4 min.): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHggzCWYL-Q>
3. Discovery Study Process (5 min.): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azJq4Mck7uc>
4. The Foundation (12 min.): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUY8JQOWkKI>

This daily Discovery Study Guide is designed for Christian families who want to take the step of becoming disciples of Jesus.

There are other guides for use by people from other backgrounds who want to discover God.

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Leading a Family Discovery Group

Group Guidelines

1. Meet at a place where everyone would be comfortable (e.g., around dining room table.)
2. One person prepares (*What are the key discoveries?*) and facilitates the study.
3. Participants are required to confine their remarks to the passage.
 - ◇ This keeps everyone equal, i.e. there are no "experts" in the group
 - ◇ Knowledge of all group members increases together
 - ◇ Everyone grows confident to share.
 - ◇ Keeps extraneous doctrines from being introduced.
 - ◇ Allows group to finish in allotted time.
 - ◇ Challenge question: "Where does it say that in this passage?"
4. For long passages, study in parts. When you have finished the passage take one study time to review it all.
5. Daily family studies should only take 15 to 30 minutes - Everything is done orally. Weekly studies may be longer and cover entire passage.
6. Written study should happen previous to family study. Give written assignments to those who are able to write.
7. During the study time, have someone read the verses at least twice. Facilitator asks questions about the dialogue. Without looking group answers word-for-word from the passage.
8. Then take turns trying to tell the passage, the group should add missing parts. Goal is everyone tells story.

8. (Continued) The **goal** is to learn together and be able to share this passage with someone outside the family.
 9. Discuss the passage and what each person learns about God and mankind.
 10. Application statements must be doable and measurable in 24 to 48 hours. (*Facilitator records these.*)
 11. Pray as a family that someone with whom you share will want to start a study in their family.
 12. If someone in another family wants to learn about God, help them do a study at their home. Coach and encourage them, but don't lead it.
 13. Encourage people to apply what they discovered and share with others. — Keep to this standard even with occasional breakdowns.
- Remember: Establish **all** of this process from the beginning. Once a group gets started it is hard to make a change.

A First Century Disciple would endeavor to.

- ◆ **Obey** all Jesus' commands.
- ◆ **Commit to memory** all Jesus' teachings.
- ◆ **Know** all the Bible and Jesus' understanding of it.
- ◆ **Imitate** Jesus in everything (actions, thoughts, etc.)
- ◆ **Make disciples** after the model of Jesus— We assist—*We bring and Jesus (word of God) and Holy Spirit are the disciplers.*

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Study Format

First Page		Second Page	
Passage from the Bible	Your Own Words	Application I will We will I will tell * See Group Guidelines 10	Our Discovery: about God; and man; Who will I tell, when, and how?

*How to do a written Discovery Study:

*See 6. of Group Guidelines on the backside of this folder

- Using a note book, open and fold each sheet to make four (*or three*) columns.
- In each of the four (*or three*) columns in sequence:
 - ◇ **Passage:** Write the passage as written in the Bible.
 - ◇ **Your words:** Write the passage in your own words.
 - ◇ **Application:** Write what you will do to apply it to your life. "I will ..."
 - ◇ **Discovery:** (*Do this column with your group*) Write what you learn from it about God, and man. Then write who you will tell, when and how.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

(Mt 28:16-20; Mt 9:35-10:16; Mt 16:13-21; Lk 10:1-12)

(See inside for list of group study scriptures)