

Discovery Bible Study (DBS)

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Psalms 119:105

Description:

- The Early Church used literature, like the Gospels and Early Church letters, to share their faith. For the Gospel to spread today, being obedient and sharing the Bible with people, in a way they can engage with and understand is essential. The DBS process and questions provide an opportunity to do this in an increasingly biblically illiterate society.³⁶

Watch this video <https://www.dbsguide.org> to learn how to do a DBS.

Follow the ABC of Discovery Bible Study:³⁷

A = Ask (25%)

Q. What can you be thankful for this week?

Q. What challenges do you face?

Q. How can we help others?

Q. (The 2nd time you meet together) How did we go applying or obeying our 'I Will' statements last week?

B = Bible (50%)

Read the scripture & Re-read the scripture. Consider using multiple versions.

Then Re-Tell the scripture in your own words

Q. What does this tell us about God?

Q. What does this tell us about people?

Q. Is there something you like or dislike?

Q. Is there an example or command to follow?

C = Commit (25%)

Q. How can I apply this, or How can I obey this? = 'I Will'

Q. Who can I share this with?

Tips to Remember:

- The facilitator asks questions and doesn't try to teach and works hard to keep Christian language and presumptions out of the process.
- Allow people 'space' to discover for themselves and don't be afraid of silence.
- Stay in the passage. Don't wander... learn to dig deep.
- One person should not dominate... everyone should share.
- Focus on practically applying and obeying what is discovered.
- Rotate leadership: after a couple of times, let others facilitate.

Potential Bible Passages for DBS:³⁸

- God's Righteous Servant – Isaiah 53: 1-12
- Jesus is Born – Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20
- Jesus is Baptized – Matthew 3; John 1:29-34
- Jesus is Tested – Matthew 4:1-11
- Jesus and the Samaritan Woman – John 4:1-26, 39-42
- Jesus and the Paralyzed Man – Luke 5:17-26
- Jesus Calms the Storm – Mark 4:35-41
- Jesus Raises a Man from the Dead – John 11:1-44
- Jesus Talks about His Betrayal and the Covenant – Matthew 26:17-30
- Jesus is Crucified – Luke 23:32-56
- Jesus is Resurrected – Luke 24:1-35
- Jesus Appears to the Disciples and Ascends to Heaven – Luke 24:36-53
- Enter into the Kingdom of God – John 3:1-21

Living the Practice:

- Have a go at participating in or leading a DBS with your family, or with your Life group.

Next steps Further Engagement:

- Go to <https://www.dbsguide.org> and <https://praxeis.org> to learn more about DBS and missional movements.