

# **Bible Discovery Discussion Guide**

The following is a guide to help you facilitate discussion around the Bible and to experience the power it has to transform our lives. The goal is to help your crew lean into what the Bible reveals about God, humanity and what that means for their personal lives.

**Choose your Bible Passages:** Decide which passages of the Bible you will use for the "Discover" portion of your meeting.

- **Discovery Lists:** You can use one of the lists at the end of this document.
- Church-Wide Bible Reading Plan: You can choose a passage of 10 or so verses from the church-wide Bible Reading Plan.
- Book of the Bible: You can go through a book of the Bible 10 or so verses at a time.

### **Discussion Format**

# Share/Support: (15 min)

- Ask (each one): What are you thankful for this week? (prayer/worship)
- Ask (each one): What has stressed you out this week? What do you need for things to be better? (intercession)
- Pray: Thank God for the things people are thankful for, pray for the things that are stressful and for God to help us minister to one another and the community this week.

# Review: (25 min)

- Ask (group): What did we talk about last week? (Accountability)
- Ask (each one): Did you change anything in your life as a result of last week's reading and discussion?
  (Accountability/Obedience)
- How did you see God working in your life last week? (transformation)
- How did you see God working through you in the lives of others last week? (mission)
- What spiritual conversations did you have with others last week?

## Discover: (30 min)

- Read (1 person): Say let's see what the Bible teaches us this week. (scripture)
- Have someone read the chosen Bible passage.
- Retell (1 person): Ask someone to retell the passage in their own words as if they were telling a friend (Accountability/Evangelism)
- Ask (group): Do you agree with their retelling? Is there something they added or left out that they shouldn't have? As long as the group doesn't miss a key component of the passage, continue. If they

miss something, read the passage again. If someone states something that isn't in the passage, ask, "Where do you find that in this passage?" Reread the passage, if necessary. (Priesthood of Believers/Group Correction)

- Ask (group): What does this passage teach us about God? (Discovery/Scripture/Priesthood of Believers)
- Ask (group): What does the passage teach us about humanity? (Discovery/Scripture/Priesthood of Believers)

# Do: (20 min)

- 5 minute silent prayer ask the following questions to self
- Ask (self): If I believe this passage is from God, how must I change?
  (Discovery/Scripture/Obedience/Priesthood of Believers)
- Ask (self): Who does God want me to share this with this week or what spiritual conversations do I need to have this week? (Evangelism/Replication)
- Option 1 Share and pray as group
  - Ask (each one): What do you feel you need to do this week in response to your silent prayer?
  - Pray as a group but each person prays for what is on their own heart.
- Option 2 Share and pray in pairs
  - Ask (one another) each person shares what they need to do this week and how they will make it happen.
  - Pray (in pairs) for the coming week and for one another to be obedient to what God is calling them to do.
  - o Checkin Pairs check in on each other during the week.

#### TIPS AND GUIDELINES:

- You are facilitating discussion around what the Bible says and how to do what it says you are not expected to teach what it means.
- Keep the session on schedule and cover all sections (not necessarily all questions).
- Respond to questions, "What in the passage helps us answer that question?" (group learning)
- Respond to distracting comments, "Where is that found in this passage"?
- Respond to strange questions, "Help us understand what you are thinking"
- If nobody is willing to start the discussion, you or your co-facilitator can start it and be vulnerable when applicable to allow others to do the same.
- Once someone starts with an answer, you can go in a circle instead of waiting for people to volunteer.
- There may be nights where discussion is put on hold to deal with a serious thing happening for a Crew Member follow the Spirit when He leads you in this way. If this is happening often, be sure to discuss with the Director.

#### The following passages can be used for the Discovery discussion format

#### **DISCOVERING GOD PASSAGES**

Genesis 1:1-27
 Genesis 2:4-24
 Genesis 3:1-13
 Genesis 3:14-24
 Genesis 6:5-8
 Genesis 6:9-8:14
 Genesis 8:15-9:17

8. Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6, 17:1-7

9. Genesis 22:1-19

10. Exodus 12:1-2811. Leviticus 4:1-3512. Isaiah 53

13. Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20 14. Matt 3; John 1:29-34 15. Matthew 4:1-11

16. John 3:1-21

17. John 4:1-26; 39-42

18. Luke 5:17-26

19. Mark 4:35-41 20. Mark 5:1-20 21. John 11:1-44 22. Matthew 26:26-30 23. John 18:1-19; 16 24. Luke 23:32-56 25. Luke 24:1-35

26. John 3:1-21

#### **DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY PASSAGES**

Romans 15:1-7
 1 Corinthians 1:10-17;
 Philippians 4:2-3
 Colossians 3:12-14
 Romans 12:3-5
 Philippians 2:1-4
 Malachi 2:10-16

7. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11;

Ephesians 4:29 8. Galatians 6:1-5 9. 1 Corinthians 12:21-27 10.James 5:13-16

11.Deuteronomy 5:21; Exodus

20:17

12.Romans 13:8-10 13.Leviticus 19:11 14.Galatians 5:13-15 15.Romans 12:10 16.Matthew 18:15-17 17.Hebrews 13:16 18.Romans 1:11-12

19.1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;

Hebrews 3:12-13

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26.Ephesians 4:23; Matthew

18:21-35 27.1 Peter 4:10

28.Proverbs 3:28; Luke 6:30 29.Romans 16:16; 1 Peter 5:14

30.Leviticus 19:18 31.Zechariah 8:16-17 32.Zechariah 7:9-10 33.James 5:7-10

34.Deuteronomy 15:7-8

35.Proverbs 3:29

36.Romans 12:16, 1 Peter 3:8

37.Leviticus 19:17 38.Romans 12:10 39.1 Peter 4:9 40.1 Peter 5:5 41.Romans 14:10-17 42.Romans 15:14 43.Deuteronomy 23:19

44.James 4:12

45.1 Thessalonians 5:15, 2

Timothy 2:22-26 46.Ephesians 4:32

47.Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy

5:20; Colossians 3:9-10 48.Philippians 2:1-4 49.Obadiah 1:12 50.Mark 12:28-34 51.Zechariah 7:9-10 52.Deuteronomy 15:11 53.Ephesians 4:1-3 54.Mark 9:42-50

55.1 Thessalonians 5:12-14

56.James 5:13-16 57.Matthew 5:21-26 58.1 Peter 2:13-17 59.Leviticus 19:18 60.1 Corinthians 10:24

#### **DISCOVERING OBEDIENCE PASSAGES**

1. Matthew 3:9
2. Matthew 4:7
3. Matthew 4:17
4. Matthew 4:19
5. Matthew 5:12
6. Matthew 5:16
7. Matthew 5:23-24
8. Matthew 5:25
9. Matthew 5:27-28
10. Matthew 5:31
11. Matthew 5:43-48
12. Matthew 6:1-4
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16. Matthew 6:19-21
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66. Mark 10:35-45
67. Mark 11:12-14, 20-25
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