

A STEP BY STEP PROCESS TO DISCOVER JESUS TOGETHER

HOW TO LEAD ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS IN THE BIBLE

Discovery Bible & People of Peace

The DB is as simple as A-B-C

A_{SK}

Ask each person how they went with the previous week's commitment.
"How did you go with _____?"
"Who did you tell?"

B_{IBLE}

Choose a short passage from the Bible (around 5-10 verses). Have someone read it aloud, then ask someone else to re-read the passage.

Have the participants retell the story from memory. Spend some minutes silently reading the passage again. Silently pray for God to speak directly from the passage.

Ask open-ended questions, such as:
"What do you see?"
"What does this say about God?"
"What does this say about us?"
"What is God saying to you?"

Let the participants do most of the talking and don't be afraid of silences. If the session veers off course, you can ask, "Where do you see that in the Bible?"

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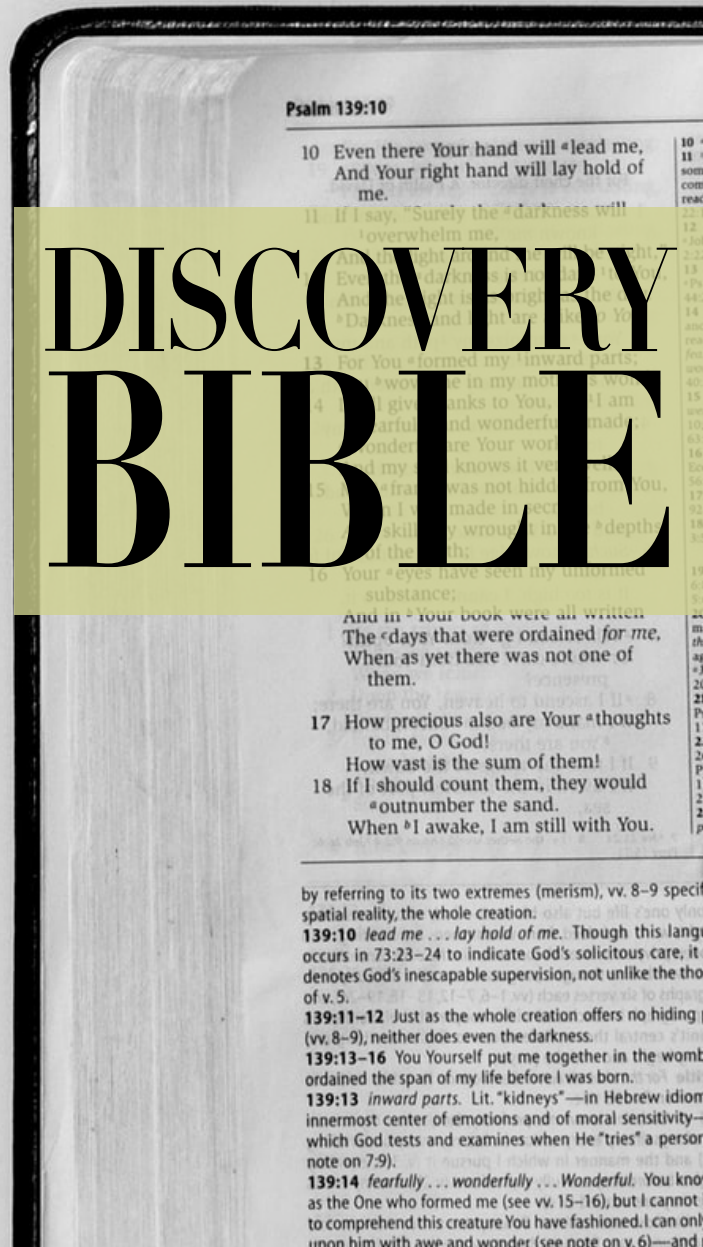
Let them suggest their own commitment to whatever God is saying to them.

Ask them:
"What are you going to do?"
"Who are you going to tell?"

Discovery Bible (DB) is a simple, structured way of opening the Bible with someone so that they encounter God directly through His living Word.

The aim is to allow participants to discover God's truth for themselves, rather than relying on a leader. As the leader, you are there to empower them and to pray, not to have all the answers.

It's best to start with two or three people or coach one person to do DB with their community. Try to reach a community, not just an individual.



OLD TESTAMENT

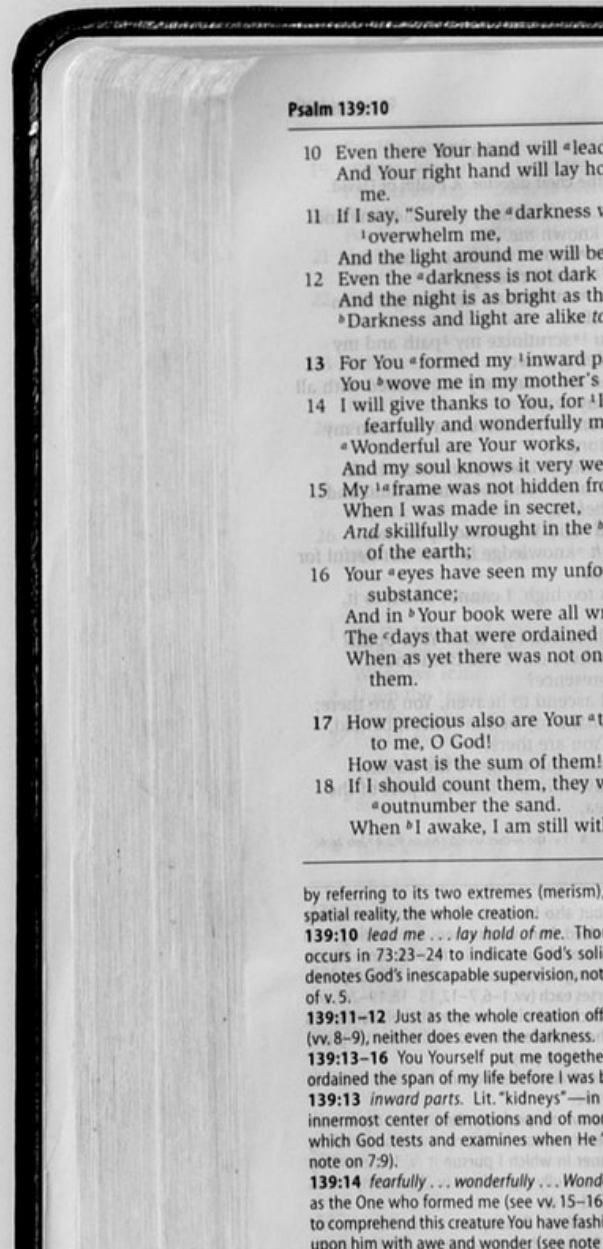
Genesis 1:1-5 First day of creation
Genesis 1:27-31 God makes man and woman
Genesis 3:1-9 Adam and Eve sin
Exodus 3:1-6 Moses and the burning bush
1 Samuel 16:2-13 Samuel anoints David
1 Samuel 17: 32-37 David kills Goliath
1 Kings 1 8:30-39 Elijah calls on God
Psalms 23:1-6 God as our good shepherd
Psalms 139:1-10 God's knowledge of us
Psalms 139:13-18 God was there before our birth
Isaiah 53:3-9 Jesus' sacrifice and death foretold

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 1:26-38 The birth of Jesus
Matthew 3:11-16 The baptism of Jesus
Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus is tempted
Matthew 6:9-15 Jesus teaches us how to pray
Matthew 26:27-30 Jesus and His disciples — last supper
Mark 4: 35-41 Jesus calms the storm
Luke 4:1 4-21 Jesus' teaching
Luke 5:17-26 Jesus heals a paralysed man
Luke 1 0:30-37 Parable of the good Samaritan
Luke 15:11-31 The story of the lost son
Luke 1 8:35-42 Jesus heals a blind beggar
Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus meets Jesus
John 1:1-14 Jesus coming to earth
John 3:1 -8 Jesus and Nicodemus
John 3:1 6-21 God's incredible love for us
John 5:1 -9 Healing at the pool of Bethesda
John 6:5-13 Jesus feeds the 5000
John 18:1-11 Jesus arrested
Luke 23:44-56 Jesus' death and burial
John 19:16-24 Jesus is crucified and outnumbered the
John 20:1-9 Jesus' resurrection
John 20:10-18 Jesus appears to Mary after His death
John 20:24-30 Thomas sees Jesus
Acts 1:3-1 1 Jesus goes up to heaven
Acts 9:1-19 Saul's dramatic conversion to Jesus
Acts 16:11-15 Lydia believes in Jesus
Romans 5:1-11 The impact of faith in God
Romans 8:31-39 Who we are because of Jesus
Ephesians 2:1-10 Made alive in Jesus
Colossians 2:6-15 Freedom in Christ
Colossians 3:1-14 Changed outlook on Life

NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

Here are some suggested passages:



PEOPLE OF PEACE

HOW TO ASK

The first time - or hundredth time – that you ask someone to read the Bible with you can be scary. It helps to have prepared before hand. We've found this question to be the best!

"I'm looking for someone to read the Bible with, and I was wondering if you'd be interested?"

WHO TO ASK

Before you get going with Discovery Bible, you'll need to figure out who you'll be reading the Bible alongside. **Who do you ask?**

Good question.

The answer is: **your people of peace.**

People of peace (PoP) are the people who God is inviting you to journey with for a season. To work with what God is already doing. Take the time to consider who your PoP are – those people who the Holy Spirit is prompting you to invite. Prayer is a great place to start. Ask God to show you who your PoP are.

When we look at the examples of PoP in the Bible, we see some common characteristics which can help us identify our PoP. Consider the following as you discern with the Spirit who might be your person (or people) of peace.

LIKE AND LISTEN AND HELP YOU

You might have lots of mates, but they won't all be your people of peace. Who likes, listens and helps you? They probably do it in quite small and simple ways. If someone likes you, listens to you, and chooses to help you, they are likely to be someone who will be willing to hear what you have to say.

SOMEONE NOT EVERYONE

God is at work in people's lives. Knowing who your PoP are is freeing. You can't journey with everyone - but there will be some you can. Our work is to spot where the Holy Spirit is already at work and God is inviting us to participate.

ANYONE CAN BE A PERSON OF PEACE

A PoP could be anyone. Someone who hasn't meet Jesus, or someone who knows the Bible back to front. Someone who has made a faith commitment, or someone sitting on the fence. All PoP have something to contribute to God's kingdom. Our responsibility is to disciple people to faith and through faith.

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