

HOW TO LEAD ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS IN THE BIBLE



Discovery Bible & People of Peace

The DB is as simple as A-B-C



Ask each person how they went with the previous week's commitment.

"How did you go with \_\_\_\_\_?"

"Who did you tell?"

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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?"

## Commit

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

Ask them:

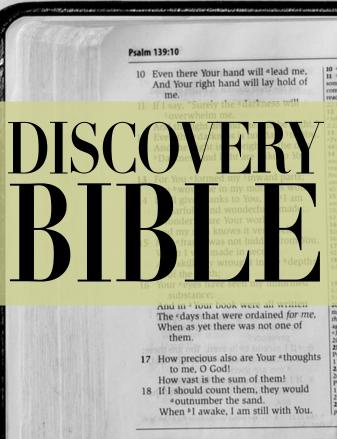
"What are you going to do?"

"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.



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139:11–12 Just as the whole creation offers no hiding (vv. 8–9), neither does even the darkness.

139:13–16 You Yourself put me together in the woml ordained the span of my life before I was born.

139:13 inward parts. Lit. "kidneys"—in Hebrew idion innermost center of emotions and of moral sensitivity—which God tests and examines when He "tries" a person parts on 7-29.

139:14 fearfully . . . wonderfully . . . Wonderful. You kno as the One who formed me (see vv. 15–16), but I cannot to comprehend this creature You have fashioned. I can only upon him with awe and wonder (see note on v. 6)—and

### **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 18:30-39 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

## NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

Here are some suggested passages:

### **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 18:35-42 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 a outnumber 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

#### Psalm 139:10

- 10 Even there Your hand will \*lead And Your right hand will lay ho me.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the \*darkness to loverwhelm me, And the light around me will be
- 12 Even the "darkness is not dark And the night is as bright as th "Darkness and light are alike to
- 13 For You \*formed my \*inward p You \*wove me in my mother's
- 14 I will give thanks to You, for 1 fearfully and wonderfully man a Wonderful are Your works,
  And my soul knows it very we
- 15 My la frame was not hidden for When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the of the earth;
- 16 Your eyes have seen my unfo substance;
  - And in 'Your book were all w The 'days that were ordained When as yet there was not on them.
- 17 How precious also are Your at to me, O God!
- How vast is the sum of them!

  18 If I should count them, they value outnumber the sand.

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# 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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