

1 *God Creates*

GOD CREATES ALL THINGS

Genesis 1:1-25

GOD CREATES PEOPLE

Genesis 2:4-25

CREATION TESTIFIES TO GOD

Psalms 19

GOD'S SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HUMANITY

Psalms 139:1-18

2 *Man Rebels*

PEOPLE DISOBEY GOD

Genesis 3

GOD SCATTERS HUMANITY

Genesis 11:1-9

ALL HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM GOD

Psalms 14

NO ONE SEEKS GOD

Psalms 53

3 *God Promises*

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

Genesis 12: 1-8, 15:1-6

GOD'S LAW

Deuteronomy 5:1-21, 5:32-6:2

GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID

2 Samuel 7:1-17

GOD PROMISES A SUFFERING SERVANT

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

4 *Jesus's Life*

JESUS IS BORN

Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20

JESUS IS BAPTIZED

John 1:19-34

JESUS IS TESTED

Matthew 4:1-22

JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

John 4:1-26, 39-42

5 *Jesus's Power*

JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN

Luke 5:17-26

JESUS CALMS A STORM

Mark 4:35-41

JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER SPIRITS

Mark 5:1-20

JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER DEATH

John 11:1-44

6 *Jesus's Victory*

JESUS SHARES A LAST MEAL

Matthew 26:17-30

JESUS'S DEATH & RESURRECTION

Luke 23:32-24:12

JESUS DIES AND IS BURIED

John 19:28-42

JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES

Luke 24:13-35

7 *My Response*

BECOMING A CHILD OF GOD

John 1:1-18

BEING BORN AGAIN

John 3:1-21

HOW PEOPLE CAN KNOW GOD

John 14:1-14

BELIEVING IN JESUS

John 20:19-31

DBS

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Discovery Bible Study is designed to introduce international students to the major concepts and themes of the Bible. You can use DBS in group settings or one-on-one. On the reverse side, choose a topic or two from each of the seven themes to cover with your group during the semester. Be sure the group understands the ground rules for group discussion before you begin each meeting, and then work through the questions in the columns below.

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Ground Rules for Group Discussion

1. The facilitator shares first to model pace and vulnerability.
2. Ask every question.
3. No one teaches or dominates discussion.
4. Share briefly.
5. Start and end every meeting on time.
6. Have everyone use the same, clear translation.
7. Take notes on OBEY responses to remember for next meeting.
8. For comments that are strange or outside the passage, ask, “Where is that in this passage?”

1 *Connect*

THANKFUL

- ▶ Ask: “What are you thankful for this week?”

CHALLENGE

- ▶ Ask: “What was a challenge you had this past week?”

HOW DID IT GO?

- ▶ Ask: “How did your ‘I will,’ sharing, and challenge go from the last time we met?”

2 *Read*

READ & REREAD

- ▶ Read the entire passage out loud, define confusing words, then have another person read the passage out loud.

RETELL

- ▶ Have someone else retell the passage in their own words.

DETAILS

- ▶ Together fill in any missing details.

3 *Discover*

GOD

- ▶ Ask: “What does this passage say about God?”

PEOPLE

- ▶ Ask: “What does this passage say about people?”

OBEDIENCE

- ▶ Ask: “What does obedience look like from this passage?”

4 *Obey*

“I WILL”

- ▶ Ask: “In light of this passage, how will your week be different this week?” Have everyone create an “I will” statement.

SHARE

- ▶ Ask: “This week, who can you tell what you learned today?”

CHALLENGE

- ▶ Ask: “What is an ongoing or upcoming challenge that we could help with or pray for?”