DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY PLAN

Authority and the Kingdom

Eight passages on the authority Jesus carried and the authority he handed to ordinary people.

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How a Discovery Bible Study works

This page is for whoever leads the study. Everyone else only needs the passage.

A Discovery Bible Study has no teacher. The person leading only asks the questions; the Bible does the teaching. That is what makes it simple enough for anyone to lead — no title, no training, no materials, no money.

EAT, DIGEST, GROW

Eat the Word — Read the passage aloud, read it again, then close the Bible and have someone retell it in their own words. Reading is the bite, re-reading the chewing, the retelling the swallow. If the group can't retell it, read it once more before going on.

Digest — Work through the four questions. This is where the passage turns into faith and obedience — answered from what the text actually says, not from what someone already knew.

Grow — Growth is God's part, not yours. One plants, another waters, but God gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7). Do the cycle faithfully and leave the growing to Him.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**
2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**
3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**
4. **Who will I tell?**

THE SHAPE OF A MEETING

Look back — What are you thankful for? What is hard right now? How did you obey what we found last time, and who did you tell? Pray briefly for each other.

Look up — Read, re-read, retell — then the four questions.

Look forward — Each person says their own “I will…” out loud and names one person they will tell. Next time, the group asks about both. Asking is what turns a discussion into obedience.

THE ONE RULE: DON'T TEACH

The moment you start explaining, the group stops discovering. If someone says something that is not in the passage, do not correct them — ask, kindly, “Where do you see that in this passage?” and let them look. The text and the group sort it out. This is the rule that lets someone who has been in two studies lead the third.

Four to fifteen people. About an hour, once a week. Nothing else required.

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He who dwells in the shelter

Psalm 91:1-16

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does God promise to do for the one who dwells in his shelter and holds fast to him in love?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Which of the fears named in this psalm — night terrors, hidden dangers, what others might do — feels closest to your own life?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What would it look like this week to make the Lord your refuge instead of your fears?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who do you know who lives afraid and needs to hear these promises read aloud?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Most High God, thank you that whoever dwells in your shelter rests in your shadow. Today I make you my refuge — I will trust you and not live afraid.*

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Jesus commands the unclean spirit

Mark 1:21-34

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   How do the people in the synagogue describe Jesus' teaching, and what happens when he commands the unclean spirit?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What does it mean to you that Jesus simply speaks and spirits obey — no struggle, no ritual, no bargaining?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What fear will you place under Jesus' word this week instead of carrying it alone?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell about the One whose simple word even the spirits obey?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Jesus, even the unclean spirits obey your word. Thank you that your authority is greater than everything I fear — speak your word over my life today.*

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The man no chain could hold

Mark 5:1-20

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What was the man's life like before Jesus arrived, and how is he described afterward?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where have you seen powers that people fear — and how does Jesus compare to them in this story?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   Jesus sent the man home to tell what the Lord had done. What has the Lord done for you that you will stop hiding this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who in your family needs to hear how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Jesus, no chain could hold that man, yet one word from you set him free. Thank you that nothing tormenting me is stronger than you — seat me at your feet, clothed and in my right mind.*

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Authority given to the seventy-two

Luke 10:1-20

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Jesus send the seventy-two to do, and what does he tell them when they return rejoicing?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Jesus says to rejoice most that your name is written in heaven. Why is that firmer ground than power over spirits?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   Whose home could you enter this week with the greeting 'peace to this house'?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who will you tell this week that the kingdom of God has come near?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Lord, you gave ordinary people authority and they came back full of joy. Thank you that my name is written in heaven — send me out with that same confidence.*

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NEXT STUDY "This kind comes out only by prayer"

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“This kind comes out only by prayer”

Mark 9:14-29

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does the boy's father ask Jesus, and how does Jesus answer his 'if you can'?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where do you hear yourself in the father's cry, 'I believe; help my unbelief'?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What situation that feels impossible will you bring to God in honest prayer this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who is facing something impossible that you could pray with this week?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Lord, I believe; help my unbelief. Thank you that everything is possible for the one who believes — teach me to depend on you in prayer, not on my own strength.*

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In my name

John 14:12-14

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Jesus promise to those who believe in him, and why does he say he will do what we ask?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What is the difference between praying in Jesus' name and using his name like a formula?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What will you ask the Father in Jesus' name this week, and how will you watch for his answer?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell that access to God comes through Jesus' name — freely, for everyone who believes?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Jesus, you promised that whoever believes in you will do the works you did, and that you will do whatever we ask in your name. I come in your name alone — glorify the Father through my life.*

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Silver and gold I do not have

Acts 3:1-16

1 Eat

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Peter give the lame man, and to whom does he give the credit for the healing?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Peter says, 'What I do have I give you.' What has Jesus given you that money cannot buy?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   Who sits at your own 'gate' — someone you pass all the time — that you will stop for this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   When people ask what happened in your life, how could you, like Peter, point away from yourself and toward Jesus?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, Peter had no silver or gold, but he had the name of Jesus. Thank you that what you have given me is enough to give away.*

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NEXT STUDY The whole armor of God

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The whole armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-18

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What are the pieces of the armor of God, and what are believers told to do once they have put it on?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Notice how much of the armor is simply the gospel — truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, God's word. What does that tell you about how a believer stands?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   Which piece of the armor will you deliberately put on this week, and how?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who feels under attack right now that you could encourage with this passage this week?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *Lord, you tell me to be strong in you and in your mighty power — not my own. Clothe me in your armor so I can stand firm, praying at all times.*

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