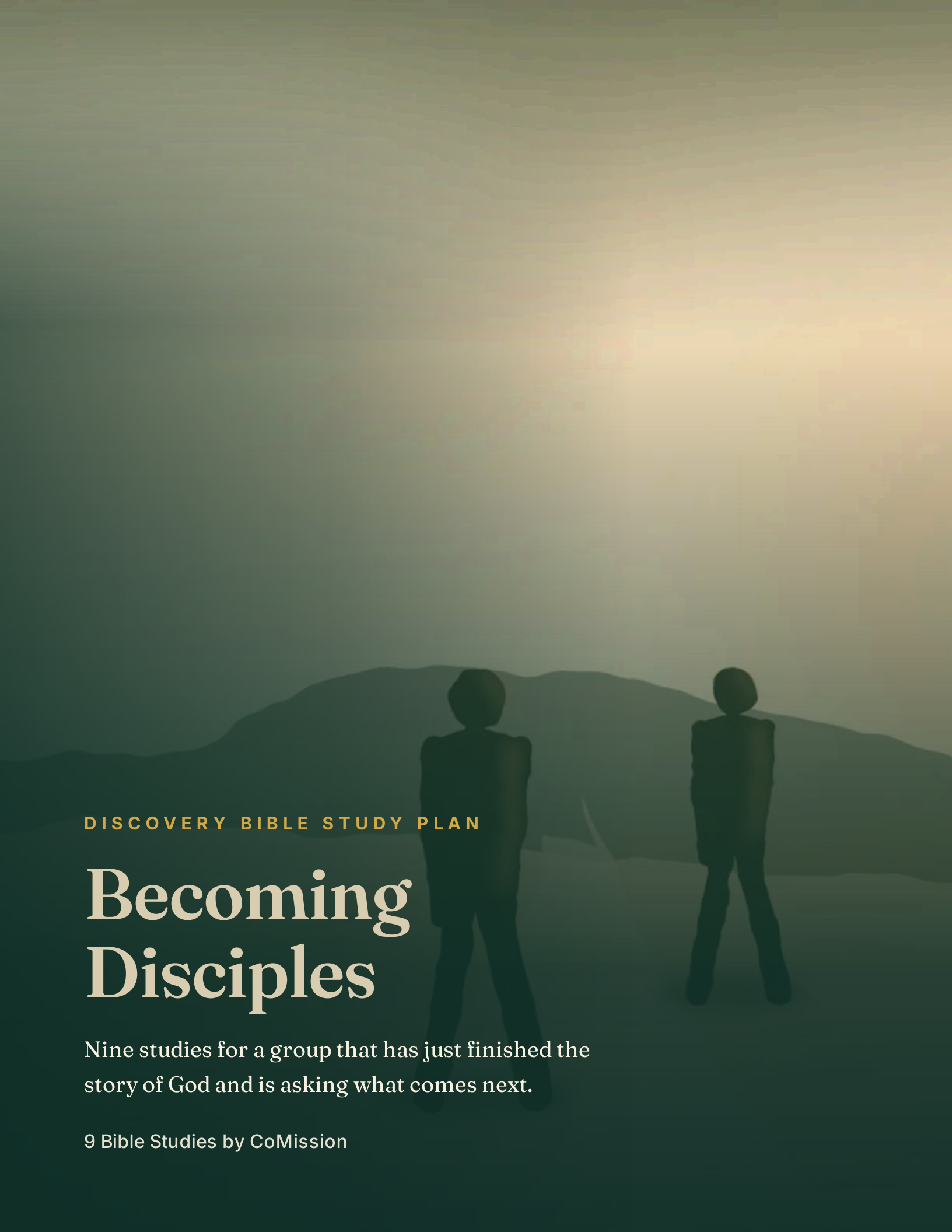

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Becoming Disciples

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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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The great commandment

Mark 12:28-34

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?**

   Which two commandments does Jesus say matter most, and how does the scribe respond?

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

   Which is harder for you right now — loving God with everything, or loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

   What is one concrete way you will love God or a neighbor this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell what Jesus said matters more than everything else?

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, you ask for all my heart, soul, mind, and strength — and for love for my neighbor as myself. Teach me to love you first and to love the people around me.*

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The cost of discipleship

Luke 14:25-33

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 say a person must be willing to give up to be his disciple, and which two pictures does he use?

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

   What would be hardest for you to give up to follow Jesus?

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

   What is one thing you will lay down this week to put Jesus first?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you talk with honestly about what following Jesus really costs?

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 ask me to count the cost and to love you more than anything or anyone else. Give me courage to carry my cross and follow you all the way.*

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Bearing fruit

John 12:23-26

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 say happens to a grain of wheat that falls into the ground and dies, and what does he promise those who serve him?

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

   What part of your old life is Jesus asking you to let die so that new fruit can grow?

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

   How will you serve and follow Jesus this week, even where it costs you?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could see the fruit of your changed life this week — and hear why it changed?

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, like the grain of wheat you fell into the ground and died so that many would live. Help me let go of my own life so that yours can bear fruit through me.*

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A new commandment

John 13:31-35

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 new commandment does Jesus give, and how does he say everyone will recognize his disciples?

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

   Where have you experienced the kind of love Jesus is describing?

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

   Which believer will you love in a practical, costly way this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who might recognize Jesus in the way your group loves one another?

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 loved your disciples to the very end and told them to love one another the same way. Fill me with your love so that people can tell I belong to you.*

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NEXT STUDY Love, obey, and receive the Spirit

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Love, obey, and receive the Spirit

John 14:15-21

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 say those who love him will do, and whom does he promise the Father will send?

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

   What does it mean to you that God's Spirit comes to live in you, not just near you?

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

   Which command of Jesus will you obey this week as a way of loving him?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who needs to hear that Jesus does not leave his people alone?

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, thank you that you do not leave me as an orphan but give me the Spirit of truth to be with me forever. Help me show my love for you by keeping your words.*

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Abide in Christ

John 15:1-12

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 say happens to the branch that abides in the vine, and to the one that does not?

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

   What helps you stay connected to Jesus, and what pulls you away from him?

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

   What daily habit — his words, prayer — will you practice this week to remain in him?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell what has changed in you since you were joined to the vine?

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 are the vine and I am a branch — apart from you I can do nothing. Keep me close to you, and let your joy be full in me.*

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NEXT STUDY Trust Jesus as Lord and God

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Trust Jesus as Lord and God

John 20:24-29

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 Thomas demand before he will believe, and what does he confess when he sees Jesus?

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

   Where do you find it hardest to trust Jesus without seeing?

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

   What doubt will you bring honestly to Jesus this week instead of hiding it?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who do you know who doubts — and how could you share Jesus' blessing on those who believe without seeing?

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, like Thomas I sometimes doubt what I have not seen. Meet me in my doubts, and let me say with him: my Lord and my God.*

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Go and make disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

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 command his disciples to do, and which two promises surround the command?

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

   How does it change things to know that the one sending you has all authority and is with you always?

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

   What first step toward making a disciple — praying for someone, inviting someone — will you take this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who is one person you will begin helping to follow 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

> *Jesus, all authority in heaven and on earth is yours. Send me to make disciples right where I live, and remind me that you are with me every day.*

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The fellowship of believers

Acts 2:42-47

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 four things did the first believers devote themselves to, and what did God do among them?

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

   Which mark of that first community do you long for most in your own group?

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

   What will you share with your group this week — time, food, possessions, prayer?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you invite into this fellowship so they can see what God is doing?

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, thank you for the first believers, who devoted themselves to the teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. Make our group a family like that, and add to us those who are being saved.*

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