DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY PLAN

Kingdom Business

Twelve studies on work, money and enterprise — who owns it, what it is for, and what it costs to serve two masters.

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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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God works, and rests

Genesis 1:1-31

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 do across these six days, and what does he do on the seventh?

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

   Which do you find harder — working well, or stopping?

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

   When will you stop this week, and for how long? Name the day.

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who do you know who cannot stop working, and what would you say to them?

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 worked for six days and then you stopped, and you called both of them good. Teach us to work like you and to stop like you.*

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God works, and rests

Genesis 2:1-3

1 Eat

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Co-workers in creation

Genesis 2:4-17

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 job does God give the man, and what does he give him to do it with?

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

   Do you think of your work as a calling, a burden, or just an income?

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

   What part of your work will you do this week as something entrusted to you rather than endured?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who treats their work as meaningless who could hear this?

3 Grow

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✦ Pray

> *Father, you put a person in the garden to work it and keep it before anything went wrong. Thank you that our work is your idea, not our punishment.*

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When work became toil

Genesis 3:1-24

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 changes about work in this passage, and what does God say the ground will now produce?

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

   Where does your work feel most like thorns right now?

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

   What one frustration at work will you bring to God this week instead of carrying alone?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who is worn down by their work that you could encourage 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

> *God, the ground grew thorns and the work got hard, and you did not abandon us to it. Meet us in the sweat and the frustration of ordinary work.*

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Labour under a hard master

Exodus 1:1-22

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 does the passage describe the way the Egyptians treated the Israelites' work — and what do the midwives do?

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

   Where does your work, or your business, place a burden on someone else?

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

   What will you change this week about how someone under you is treated or paid?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who is being worked without mercy near you, and who could you tell?

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 saw a whole people worked without mercy, and you heard them. Make us the kind of employers and neighbours who never do that to anyone.*

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The terms of the covenant

Exodus 19:3-6

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 call this people, and which of the ten commands touch work, rest, property or wanting?

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

   Which of those commands does your working life quietly break?

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

   Which one will you obey deliberately this week, and how?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you talk with honestly about what it costs to keep these at work?

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 rescued a people and then told them how to live with each other — about rest, about property, about wanting what is not ours. Write these on us.*

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The terms of the covenant

Exodus 20:1-17

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 call this people, and which of the ten commands touch work, rest, property or wanting?

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

   Which of those commands does your working life quietly break?

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

   Which one will you obey deliberately this week, and how?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you talk with honestly about what it costs to keep these at work?

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Planted by the water

Psalm 1

1 Eat

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☐ 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 is the person in this psalm compared to, and what makes the difference between the two ways?

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

   Whose counsel have you been walking in when it comes to money and work?

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

   What will you plant yourself beside this week — and what will you step away from?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who is taking advice from people who will not last, who could hear this psalm?

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, the tree by the water bears its fruit in season because of where it is planted, not how hard it strains. Plant us there.*

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Honour him with your wealth

Proverbs 3:3-10

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 this passage say to do with your heart, your understanding, and your wealth?

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

   Where do you lean on your own understanding in business rather than trusting God?

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

   What will you give first this week, before anything else is paid?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell about what trusting God with money has actually cost or given 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

> *Father, you tell us to trust you rather than our own understanding, and to honour you with the first of what we have. Give us the nerve to actually do it.*

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What do you gain from all your toil?

Ecclesiastes 1:3-11

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 question does this passage open with, and what does it say about how much of our work is remembered?

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

   What are you building that will not outlast you — and are you at peace with that?

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

   What will you put your effort into this week that lasts beyond you?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who is exhausting themselves for something that will be forgotten?

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, the sun rises and sets and the rivers run and nothing we build stays new. Save us from spending our lives on what the next generation will not even remember.*

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Seek the prosperity of the city

Jeremiah 29:4-14

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 God tell the exiles to do in Babylon, and what reason does he give?

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

   Do you treat the place you work in as somewhere to extract from, or somewhere to seek the good of?

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

   What will you do this week for the good of your city that does not benefit you directly?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who else has business here who could join you in seeking the city's good?

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 told exiles to build houses, plant gardens and pray for the city that took them — because their welfare was tied to its welfare. Give us that posture here.*

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Two masters

Matthew 6:19-24

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 about treasure, about the eye, and about serving two masters?

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

   Judging by your calendar and your accounts, which master has actually been getting served?

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

   What one decision this week will you make as though God, not money, were the master?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you be honest with about this — someone who would ask you again in a month?

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 said plainly that we cannot serve both you and money, and that where our treasure is our heart follows. Show us honestly which one we are serving.*

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Whose vineyard is it?

Psalm 24:1-2

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?**

   Who does the psalm say the earth belongs to, and what does the vineyard owner say when the workers complain?

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

   When has someone else's good fortune made you resentful rather than glad?

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

   Where will you be deliberately generous this week, beyond what is owed?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who has been begrudged something they received, whom you could go to?

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, the earth is yours and everything in it, and the owner of the vineyard may be generous with what belongs to him. Free us from measuring your generosity against ours.*

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Whose vineyard is it?

Matthew 20:1-16

1 Eat

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The house on the rock

Matthew 7:24-27

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 is the only difference between the two builders, and what does the storm reveal?

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

   What have you heard from Jesus about work or money and not yet acted on?

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

   What will you actually do about it this week — the concrete step, with a day?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell what you are building on, and why?

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, both builders heard your words and only one acted on them, and the storm found out which. Make us people who build on what we have actually obeyed.*

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