

Discovery Bible Study

Review

How did it go last week? What changed in your life? Who did you share with and how did they respond?

Read

- Read this week's passage aloud twice (2 different people).
- Retell the passage in your own words. (Thought for thought, not word for word.)
- Have the group help with any needed corrections. Were any key details left out, added or changed?

Respond

1. What does this passage say about God?
2. What does this passage say about people?
3. If/Since this is God's Word, how will I obey this week? ("I will....")
4. Who else needs to hear this? How can I share this with others?

Relate

- What challenges are you facing? What are you thankful for?
- Pray.

Important Reminders

- a. **Be a facilitator, not a teacher.**
DBS should be easily reproduceable so that it can be passed on to others. If you set yourself up as the "expert," people will think they can't read the Bible without you. If you feel inadequate to be the "expert," you'll never ask someone to read the Bible with you.
- b. **Stick to the immediate text.**
 - Don't bring in other passages, experiences, or things that others have said.
 - Find out what God used THIS author to say to THIS audience for THIS purpose.
 - If someone makes an observation about the text that isn't readily apparent, anyone in the group may/should ask, "Where in the text do you see that?"
 - If someone asks something the text doesn't address, have them write it down for later.
- c. **Be a good listener.** Save your observations for last. You'll be amazed at what others notice with time.
- d. **Don't skip any of the steps.** You'll be tempted to leave off the "How will I obey" and "Who will I tell."
- e. **PRAY for each other to be obedient.** Take notes to give to the group for prayer and accountability. We don't want our knowledge to outgrow our obedience.
- f. **Helpful tip:** Listen to the chapter throughout the week. Record observations throughout the week.

Creation to Christ Scripture List:

1. Genesis 1:1-2:3
2. Genesis 2:4-24
3. Genesis 3:1-13
4. Genesis 3:14-24
5. Genesis 6:5-7:24
6. Genesis 8:1-9:17
7. Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6, 17:1-7
8. Genesis 22:1-19
9. Exodus 12:1-28
10. Exodus 20:1-21
11. Leviticus 4:1-35
12. Isaiah 53
13. Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20
14. Matt 3; John 1:29-34
15. Matthew 4:1-11
16. John 3:1-21
17. John 4:1-26; 39-42
18. Luke 5:17-26
19. Mark 4:35-41
20. Mark 5:1-20
21. John 11:1-44
22. Matthew 26:26-30
23. John 18:1-19:16
24. Luke 23:32-56
25. Luke 24:1-35
26. Luke 24:36-53
27. John 3:1-21

Luke 5:17-26 - New Living Translation (Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man)

¹⁷ One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord's healing power was strongly with Jesus.

¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, ¹⁹ but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. ²⁰ Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven."

²¹ But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, "Who does he think he is? That's blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"

²² Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? ²³ Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? ²⁴ So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

²⁵ And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, "We have seen amazing things today!"

