



Discipleship Study Questions



Read the Scripture:

Individual: Read the passage from two or three different translations.

Group: Have two different group members read the passage using different Bible translations.

Speak the Scripture:

Individual: Recite the story aloud from memory (as best you can) or tell it to a friend or family member. The goal here is to get the essence of the passage in your heart.

Group: Have someone volunteer to recite the passage aloud in their own words, as best they can.

Understand the Scripture:

Individual or Group: Use the Discovery Questions to help ensure you understand the passage.

Dig Deeper into the Scripture:

Individual: Work through the Digging Deeper questions and pray about what God reveals to you through His word. Discuss with a Christian friend or family member if you choose.

Group: Work through the Digging Deeper questions as a group, celebrating the work God is already doing in each person's life, and encouraging each other to trust Him in the places that need growth.

Small Group Guidelines

This is a Safe Group

Confidentiality is key—what is said in the group stays in the group. Be aware how you are affecting the environment with your words, actions, and non-verbal communication. This needs to be a place where people feel comfortable opening up and sharing.

No Crosstalk

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations, phone time, texting etc.

Listen

Let's value one another by listening to what is being shared. Allow a pause after someone shares to allow them to finish and others to consider what was said. Eye contact and body posture play key roles in creating a positive or negative group environment.

No Rescuing or Fixing

We are not here to fix each other; Jesus does that part. Avoid the tendency to rescue when someone is struggling to get the words out or shares a struggle or conviction.

Use "I" Statements

It's easy to talk about the issues of others, or respond with "we," "us," or "the church," but for us to grow as disciples and build relationships, we want to use "I" statements.

Don't Over-Talk

We want to create time for all members of the group to participate in the discussion. Be careful not to always be the first responder or regularly give long responses.

Fight for Relationship

It's not if conflict or hurt feelings will happen, but when. We commit to fight for relationship with each other. Go to the person and share your struggle or seek wise advice if you are not sure how to handle the conflict.

Changed

Background: Do you consider yourself an evangelist? Have you ever shared your testimony with someone? Preaching the gospel is not just for the missionaries serving at the ends of the earth – it's a task given to us in our daily lives. We have been given the task of being change agents in this world – to make Jesus known. So many people don't know Him – are you ready to answer the call?

Read: *Matthew 28:16-20*

Discovery Questions:

What do we learn about God in this passage?

What do we learn about what it means to be a follower of Christ in this passage?

What do you think the Holy Spirit might be teaching you personally through this passage?

Is there anything God is leading you to do after reading this passage?

Digging Deeper:

How did the disciples react to seeing Jesus? Is it possible to do both of those things at the same time?

What authority has Jesus been given? Who was it given by? What does “in heaven and on earth” mean?

What are the four “alls” in this passage? Why is each of these important?

Jesus is giving the disciples (and us) a big task here. What does He promise to us to help us with this task?

What is a step you can take to start “going” (v.19)?

End this time with a prayer.

Heavenly Father, we live in a broken world that needs You. You have called us to be salt and light. The world needs the message of Christ. It has changed us, but it cannot change others unless we share it. Give us the boldness to proclaim and declare who you are to those who don't know. We can be confident when we do, because You have promised to be with us always. Thank you, Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.