

People are **curious**.

People in our world are still interested in Jesus, God, and the Bible; just not the church, and especially not church people telling them they don't believe in the right things. Give them time to read the Bible for themselves and they will hear from God. As they move through the Bible, they see firsthand what God is up to in this world. They begin to see His plan unfolding.

It's all about **relationship**.

Who and when you invite someone into your Discovery Group depends on their relationship to you. Generally, there are five "thresholds" a person will cross on their journey of discovery.



- TRUST Our friends move from distrust to trust.
- CURIOSITY They move from complacent to curious about Jesus.
- CHANGE..... They move from being closed to change to being open to change.
- SEEKING They move from meandering to seeking.
- FOLLOWER..... They cross the threshold of the kingdom itself to become a follower of Jesus.

Resources

I Once Was Lost by Don Everts and Doug Schaupp; 2008, Intervarsity Press. (Learn more about The Five Thresholds.)

Miraculous Movements: How Hundreds of Thousands of Muslims Are Falling in Love with Jesus by Jerry Trousdale; 2012, City Team. (True stories of how imams, sheikhs, and entire mosques are forsaking Islam and embracing Christ using Discovery Groups.)

Spent Matches by Roy Moran; 2015, Thomas Nelson Publishing. (Takes the principles of the Discovery Study method used so successfully in reaching Muslim people groups in Africa and applies it in an urban church in Kansas City.)

To receive a **Facilitator's Guide** and the **Discovery Journeys** mentioned in this brochure, send a request to brad@stroetz.com or info@ourlifesong.com

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DISCOVERY GROUPS

Seven Basic Questions



How did you do with last week's "I will" and sharing?



What are you thankful for this week?



What is stressing you out lately?



Do you have a need or know anyone with a need that this group can meet?



What is God saying in this passage?



If this is God speaking, what does this mean about who you are and what are you personally going to do about it?



With whom will you share what you learned this week?

Be a good **facilitator**.

- Don't allow any person to teach or explain (that includes you!).
- Ask good questions; don't give answers.
- Give everyone a chance to share even if you have to call on people to share.
- Obedience is the goal! Don't just read the passages; put them into practice.
- Share with other people what you are learning about your own life with God.
- Meet practical needs in the group and in the community.
- After week two, someone besides you can facilitate the group. Pass the facilitation around the group. With only seven questions to ask, facilitating is easy.

Stick to the **passage!**

- Those not familiar with the Bible will feel uncomfortable if people bounce around the Bible.
- Focus on the one central truth of the passage.
- Use the question, "How do you get that from this passage?" as a bridge back to the passage when group members express opinions or try to bring in other passages.

Chart **Your Own Journey**

Creation to Redemption (26 discussions) - Discover God's plan for creation and your part in it.

Self-Hearted to Soft-Hearted (9 discussions) Discover areas of hard-heartedness and allow God's intervention to create a soft-hearted, obedient posture toward Him.

The Power of Forgiveness (10 discussions) - Discover how to exchange the bondage of anger and bitterness for the freedom of forgiveness.

What Jesus Has Already Done For You (8 discussions) - Discover how to plug into the blessings and truth Jesus accomplished by His death and resurrection.

Your Identity in Christ (8 discussions) - Discover the radical change which occurs in your identity by connecting with Jesus and aligning yourself with who God says you really are.

Filled and Empowered by the Holy Spirit (10 discussions) - Discover how to "breathe spiritually" for the rest of your life and live an abundant, joyful, fruitful life for the glory of our great God and Savior.

Hearing the Voice of God (10 discussions) - Discover how to discern God's voice and grow your conversations with God from a monologue to a dialogue.

The Power of Prayer (12 discussions) - Discover the power of aligning your prayers with God's heart and mind, and then praying with the delegated authority Jesus has already given you.