

DISCOVERY – CREATIVE BIBLE READING

Train your friend in the Discovery so that he/she can train his/her friend. March 2020

Look back (20-30 min)

CARE



- What are we the most **thankful** for since last time?
- What **worries** us?
- How can we **help** each other in that?
- **Jesus, we ask** you to help with these worries. (Be specific)

REVIEW

(Never omit)



- Which worries did **Jesus help** us with?
- What was our **last passage** about and how did we apply it in life?
- With whom did we **share** it?

CELEBRATING JESUS



- **Jesus, thank You for...** (Shortly thank for the good things)
- **Jesus, please talk to us through the Bible** today.

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VISION

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- **The goal of Discovery** is: To get to know living Jesus, get to know the Bible and create friendly communities
- Anyone can **start similar group** with their friends.

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- Someone else **reads out loud** again, others are **only listening**.
- Nobody is looking into the text. Together we **retell** the story from our memory.
- Everyone **checks if we were right**.
- What does this passage say about **Jesus or God**?
- What does this passage say

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ACTION

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- In the upcoming days, what can we **apply to our life** from this text?
- Whom could this story or a thought help? Whom shall we tell it to?



PRACTICE

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- Let's say I am your friend Peter.
- **What will you tell me about today's story?** Let's retell the story **in pairs**.
- When shall we **meet again**?

TALK WITH JESUS



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Discovery – How to start

▶ Look up Ezra 7:10

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Discovery is a great tool helping people in a small community to get to know living Jesus and the Bible.

ANYONE CAN START DISCOVERY.

1. Make a wide **list of your acquaintances** and pray for them.
2. Set a **date and place**. Do the meeting always at the same time and place - easy to remember.
3. Invite people - practice what you will say. Invite them repeatedly.
 - "Hi George, have you **ever tried reading the Bible?** (*I don't mean religion or church! Just the Bible*)
 - *We do creative reading of the Bible with friends.*
 - *We meet in a tearoom or at a house for an hour or hour and half, share how we are, read a short story about Jesus and talk about it.*
 - *The unbelieving friends, they are surprised how interesting and useful it is! Everyone discovers something for themselves. "This is in the Bible?!" they are surprised.*
 - *You have to try it! I am sure, I will be interesting even for you!*

4. Take a **believing buddy** with you.
 - **At the first meeting** get to know each other a bit, instead of the "Return".
 - Shortly explain that the Bible is a library; in the books there are chapters and paragraphs. Besides the reference say also the page number.
 - Do your Discovery regularly.
 - Sometimes **no one comes**. It is great opportunity to talk with Jesus and invite more people.
5. **Consult with Jesus regularly** and with more experi-

PASSAGES FOR DISCOVERY

1+3

John 2:1-12 – The best wine
 Luke 5:1-11 – Unexpected catch
 Luke 15:1-7 – Lost sheep
 Acts 9:1-23 – Jesus and Saul

Seven miracles by Jesus

John 2:1-12; John 4:43-54;
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ACTION

- ▶ **Start** a Discovery group!
- ▶ Tell **five people about Jesus** this week. Do it **every week**.



PRACTICE

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