REAL LIFE VINEYARD CHURCH

HOW TO FACILITATE A DISCOVERY GROUP

To facilitate a Discovery Group, you'll need a couple of participants, a Bible story, and a few simple questions. Once the group has gathered, start by sharing the responses to these questions with each other:

- **1. Review what you learned last week and how you put into practice. Who did you share it with?** (begin this step in week #3)
- **2. What are you thankful for?** This question positions our hearts to be grateful and models prayer. Eventually the group can begin to express thanks directly to God rather than to one another.
- **3. What is the biggest challenge you are facing today?** This question helps people learn how to relate on a deeper level. As the group matures, the expressed challenges can eventually lead to personal prayer and ministry that would be a great way to end the meeting.
- **4. Read the passage out loud at least twice and then retell it in your own words.**
  Several group members should be encouraged to try doing this with others assisting when they forget something or get stuck.
- **5. What does this passage teach us about God?**
  This questions drills down into understanding the point of the passage and deepens understanding of the nature of God.
- **6. What does this passage teach us about people?**
  Asking this question helps group members determine how the passage relates to them personally.
- **7. If this is passage is true, how will you respond this week to what you have learned?**
  Provide a few minutes in silence for individuals to write down specific things they will do to obey. Have everyone share their responses.
- **8. With whom will you share what you learned this week?**
  Everyone should share with at least one person, preferably someone who does not have a relationship with God, but is in their relational network.
- **9. Do you know someone who has a need that we can help with this week?**
  This could be your neighbor, a co-worker, or someone in this group. It doesn't have to be a huge thing, just a specific act of service.

Make sure everyone gets a chance to contribute to the conversation. Allow time for everyone to write down their "I will" statements and make notes about who they plan to talk to in the week ahead.
And that's it! Plan for the next time you'll gather to share your experiences from the week and to examine another scripture together.

DISCOVERY BIBLE GUIDES

If you're ready to invite someone into a Discovery Group, we have some helpful resources for you. There are many different scripture lists on various topics. Scan the QR code to download free Discovery Group Guides!

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