

Discovery Group Coaching Questions

If you have helped someone start a Discovery Group, these are questions to ask them as you check in with and coach them on a regular basis. The questions are a means to encourage them, pray for them, help them facilitate their group, and help them process next steps.

1. How are you and your family?

You can vary this question, i.e., What's been a high and low for you from this week? Have you had any significant moments this week? What are you thankful for and what's been stressful? Etc.

2. How is your Group time going? What's been encouraging, and what's been challenging?

3. How is your group doing at getting through the questions?

If they are struggling to get through all the questions, feel free to offer them some ideas. This may include increasing their meeting time, breaking into smaller groups for some or all of the questions, asking people to keep their "stressful/challenging" shares to a minute or two, or limiting your group to three "rabbit trails" per meeting.

4. Have you let others facilitate asking the questions?

5. Is your group following through on their "I WILL statements" and sharing what they learned with others?

Remind them to help people in their group to be specific when making their I WILL statements, so they can see whether or not they completed them. Remind them also to choose someone specific to share with.

If less than half the group is completing their I WILL's consider repeating the passage, not to shame them at all, but to get to reinforce that if this is true, let's let it change our lives. They can say, "It sounds like we need another week to fully digest this one." It's okay to move slowly.

6. Has anyone outside the group expressed interest in God, or what you are doing in your group?

If so, you as a coach, can partner with this person to help show that new interested person how to start a group, just like you showed this group!

7. How can I pray for you?

****If the people in this group were previously non-believers, and you see them consistently reading and applying Scripture and sharing it with others, especially once they are applying the gospels, consider praying about when to invite them to take a next-step with Jesus. You could say something like,***

"It seems like you all are really taking some significant steps to adjust your lives to what Jesus has said and done. Do you want to become a follower of Jesus?"

If the answer is yes, feel free to put a pause on their current scripture set, and walk through some "Decision for Christ" passages.