

Discovery Group—Amplified Question List

1. What can we praise and thank God for together today?

2. What stressors or challenges can we ask God to help with this week?

3. Who needs help? How can we help them?

(Ask this every few months)... Is there a specific place, person or group of people that we feel drawn to regularly serve or bless?

4. What was the Scripture we looked at last time? Did you follow through on your “I WILL,” and SHARING what you learned with someone?

*Has anyone found someone who is not currently a disciple of Jesus who is open and interested (a potential “Person of Peace”)? Pray for any people of peace found.

5. **Scripture passage for today:** Read the passage together at least twice (more if needed), then retell it together as a group without looking. Afterwards, check to see how you did.

Scripture questions:

a. What does this passage teach us about God?

b. What does this passage teach us about people? Are there any examples to follow or commands to honor here, individually or as a group?

c. Since I believe this is from God, what will I DO in response this week? What about as a group? “I/WE WILL...”

d. With whom will I share what I learned?

Facilitator Tips

1. As the facilitator, let people *discover and respond for themselves* without you or someone else in explaining answers. **Keep asking, “What else?” until it feels like you’re done.**

2. If someone shares something from a different passage, or that seems off, ask...“(Where) Do we see that here, in this passage?”

3. **Be specific and concrete** with your “I WILL” statements. If someone says a very general “I WILL,” you can ask, “How specifically might you do that this week?”

4. **Share facilitation of the group with others in the group, so that all see they can do it.** This helps us multiply facilitators, helping others see God can help anyone discover Him in the Bible. 5. If your group is large, and you struggle getting through all the questions, consider breaking the group into smaller bunches of 2-4 people for some of the questions.

6. If you find people outside your group want to discover God, “**multiply rather than add.**” Ask them, “Would you like to discover more about God directly from the Bible with some family or friends?” You can then show them how to do it.

Understanding the Questions

Here are some brief explanations of why we ask each question:

Thankful and Stressful: We share what we are thankful for, because even if all we have is breath in our lungs today, there is always something for which we can praise or thank God. We share stresses and challenges because we care about each other, and because God cares about these things in our lives.

These two questions help us teach us to **pray**. How can we grow in **extraordinary prayer** as a group?

How can we help? This question helps us learn to love our neighbors, like Jesus taught. Sometimes a practical need outside the group, big or small, may grab our attention and we can offer help. Sometimes someone's answer to the "stressful/challenging" question they shared inside the group may lead to helping that person or family practically or through prayer. How can we grow in **loving our neighbors?**

Reviewing the Story, I WILL, and SHARES. This helps us be *accountable* to one another, so we become wise builders (Matthew 7:24). It also is an opportunity to talk about any people open to Jesus we may have found from sharing the story with others, so we can pray for those people and talk about next steps.

Read, Read, Retell and Review. This ensures a greater comprehension of the Scripture passage, as all are a part of retelling. It also helps us commit more to memory, as individual memory is shared in the group, and then group memory becomes individuals' memories.

What the passage teaches about God and People. This encourages the "priesthood of all believers." This means that ALL OF US can discover truth from God in Scripture that we can share with others. As Jesus followers we each have something to offer. How can we grow more in **offering and using the gifts God has given us** to serve others?

I WILL. If this truth is really from God, it is worth putting into practice in big and small ways! Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32) This is how we obey God, and hold to His teaching.

SHARE. If this is really from God, it is worth sharing with others! In sharing the passage with others, we may find others who are interested in Discovering God. This question helps us learn to share the good news of Jesus with others. How else can we share the love and message of Jesus with those who do not yet know Him?