

5. Discovery Bible Method

Study Guide

Introductory Discussion

(10 minutes)

Have you ever wanted to try a new experience? (Maybe a hobby, cuisine, or culture.) How did you go about accessing it? Did you find what you were looking for? What was the experience like?

Discuss the Text

(10 minutes)

Acts 8.26-35

Prior to watching the video, ask two or three people in the group to read the passage in a different translation. Some translations to consider (these are available in the YouVersion Bible app or other apps, or use your own hardcopy Bibles):

ESV (English Standard Version) or **LSB** (Legacy Standard Bible)

CSB (Christian Standard Bible) or **NIV** (New International Version)

NLT (New Living Translation) or **GNB** (Good News Bible)

Then discuss the following:

- As a group, retell the story without looking at the text.
- Is there anything you don't understand? (See if the group has any wisdom)
- Does anything stand out to you?
- What would hold you back from leading a Bible study discussion? Is there anything you can do to overcome this obstacle?
- What can we learn from this passage about following Jesus today?

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Teaching Video

(20 minutes)

Watch the accompanying teaching video <5. Discovery Bible Method>

Leaders Notes

- “I’m looking for someone to read the Bible with. Would you be interested?”
- Pray about the passage to read with your person of peace.
- You’re not the teacher but a fellow learner.
- Read the passage together.
- Retell the story or passage in your own words.
- Reflect on what the passage means.
- Respond with a commitment to do something or tell someone about what you’ve read.

Discussion

- Break into pairs and do a DBM together!
 - One person be the disciple-maker.
 - Tell someone you’re looking for someone to read the Bible with and ask if they would be interested?
 - Choose a passage to read together.
 - Spend 10-15 minutes doing a DBM.
 - Swap roles.
 - Don’t forget to follow through on your commitments!

Pray

Spend a few minutes praying for each other that God will help you be bold in asking someone to read the Bible with you.