HABITS OF A MULTIPLYING DISCIPLE: DISCOVER

dh 2021. Lesson 5

## OPENING – Use 5-5-5- Prayer Tool to pray 5 minutes for God’s Heart + 5 minutes for more Prayer + 5 minutes for loving & effective Engagement among the lost + 5 minutes for People of Peace + 5 minutes for new & on-going Discovery Groups = 25 minutes

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* What stood out to you from John 6:44-46?
* What did God invite you to do? (Your “I will…”) How did it go?
* According to these verses, who is the Teacher? Who is the evangelist? How does that make you feel?
* How did it go probing spiritual openness with two people?

## UNDERSTANDING DISCOVERY GROUPS

Now we will do a Discovery Group with all Questions learned in Lesson 2 on **Matthew 28:16-20.** Try the full format right now. Have someone facilitate who has never done it. [Note: We do NOT recommend starting a Discovery Group with lost people using this passage—or any other New Testament passage! We are using this passage in training so we can focus on several important points for effective outreach.]

**Debriefing the Process:** Ask Facilitators: How did it go? What problems did you have? What did they discover about God? People? Did they make “I will…” statements for obedience? Who will they tell about this?

## DISCUSS BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF DISCOVERY GROUPS:

* What are some benefits of the Discovery Group model?
* What are some challenges of using groups like this?

## KEY PRINCIPLES OF DISCOVERY GROUPS

IMPORTANT! Discovery Groups are not just a new way of doing small groups; they are *the main way people come to understand the good news of Jesus* in their own family and culture. They are crucial to multiplication. Each principle below is critical. Discuss why.

* Stick with one passage. Why?
* Do not display your knowledge and expertise in groups. Why?
* Have an insider facilitate almost immediately. Why?
* Start groups in their house/office/place not yours. Why?
* Anyone can ask, “Where did you see that in this passage?” Why?
* Asking people to believe in Jesus may not be as important as asking them to begin a Discovery Group. Why?
* Don’t skip the application question when time runs short. Why?
* Always ask the final question—if they can’t think of anyone to tell, offer to go out with them to do it together. Why?

**DIGGING DEEPER** – When there is a very important passage, we often use additional questions in training to help people dig deeper. Break into small groups now to discuss: Christ’s Final Command -

1. Summarize the Great Commission in just 3-5 words. [It should be something like: “Disciple all peoples.” It should *not* be “go evangelize”.]
2. What are the 4 commands in this passage? Is their order important? Is it important when we baptize? Who can baptize? Which is the main command?
3. Who exactly does Jesus say to disciple?
4. How do you think the 11 *felt* when Jesus gave them this commission? How do you feel right now as we think about these things?
5. How did Jesus make disciples? (Consider other passages to discuss.)
6. What is the difference between “teaching” vs. “teaching to obey”? How do we teach to obey?
7. If you were to integrate all these concepts in your own ministry strategy, how might it have to change?

## YOUR ASSIGNMENTS

1. Lead a Discovery Group with your family (or with the people you live with) using all the Discovery questions.
2. Tell someone who is not yet a disciple about the Discovery Group method. Ask them if they’d be interested in trying it.
3. Do a 3-Column Study on Acts 2:37-47

## STORY LIST

## As long as people are reading the Bible, it will be golden! But, if they read it chronologically with their family & friends in the Discovery style it will make more sense and they’ll get more out of it. They will come to understand why they need Jesus over time, and understand God’s plan of salvation. Their lives will be transformed as they read, understand and apply. Here is a sample story list that many Muslims have learned from. Feel free to add/subtract key stories according to your context, but remember: take time to get to Jesus. Don’t skip ahead and confuse them with too much information. Just go one story at a time. (If they’re really hungry, you may meet more than once/week.)

Intro story – Psalm 1:1-3 Two ways: Ask them if they want to learn more?

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| 1. | [Genesis 1:1-25](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1:1-25&version=WEB&interface=print) | Creation: God creates the world |
| 2. | [Genesis 2:4-24](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2:4-24&version=WEB&interface=print) | Creation: God creates humanity |
| 3. | [Genesis 3:1-24](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+3:1-24&version=WEB&interface=print) | The Fall of Man: The first sin and its punishment |
| 4. | [Genesis 6:1-9:17](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+6:1-9:17&version=WEB&interface=print) | The Fall of Humanity: Noah’s flood |
| 5. | [Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+12:1-8,+15:1-6&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: God’s promise to Abraham |
| 6. | [Genesis 22:1-19](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+22:1-19&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Abraham sacrifices his son |
| 7. | [Exodus 12:1-28](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+12:1-28&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: The promise of Passover |
| 8. | [Exodus 20:1-21](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+20:1-21&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: The Ten Commandments via Moses |
| 9. | [Leviticus 4:1-35](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+4:1-35&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: The sacrificial law |
| 10. | [Psalm 23:1-6](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+23:1-6&version=WEB&interface=print) | Worship: Praise to God our shepherd |
| 11. | [Isaiah 53](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+53&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Isaiah’s prophecy of suffering servant |
| 12. | [Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1:26-38,+2:1-20&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Miraculous birth of Jesus (Isa) |
| 13. | [Matthew 3; John 1:29-34](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+3;+John+1:29-34&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus’ baptism |
| 14. | [Matthew 4:1-11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4:1-11&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus tempted by the devil |
| 15. | [Mark 4:35-41](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+4:35-41&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus calmed the storm |
| 16. | [Mark 5:1-20](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+5:1-20&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus cast out demons |
| 17. | [John 6:1-37](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+6:1-37&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus fed 5000 |
| 18. | [Luke 5:17-26](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+5:17-26&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus healed the sick and forgave sins |
| 19. | [John 4:1-26, 39-42](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+4:1-26,+39-42&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus met foreigners |
| 20. | [Luke 10:25-37; 15:11-32](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10:25-37;+15:11-32&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus told about the Way of God |
| 21. | [Luke 18:9-14; John 16:24](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+18:9-14;+John+16:24&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus taught how to pray |
| 22. | [Matthew 6:1-34](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+6:1-34&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus taught re: alms, prayer and fasting |
| 23. | [John 11:1-44](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+11:1-44&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus raised the dead |
| 24. | [Matthew 20:20-28](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+20:20-28&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus taught how to be great |
| 25. | [Matthew 26:26-30](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+26:26-30&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: The Lord’s Supper/prediction of death |
| 26. | [John 18:1-19:16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+18:1-19:16&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus was betrayed and sentenced |
| 27. | [Luke 23:32-56](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+23:32-56&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus crucified |
| 28. | [Luke 24:1-35](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+24:1-35&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus conquered death |
| 29. | [Luke 24:36-53](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+24:36-53&version=WEB&interface=print) | Redemption: Jesus revealed self and goes to heaven |
| 30. | [John 3:1-21; Matt 7:13-14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+3:1-21;+Matt+7:13-14&version=WEB&interface=print) | Summary: Do you want to follow the Way of God? |

What does it say?

*(Write the text word-for-word.)*

What does it mean?

*(Write it in my own words.)*

What must I do to obey?

*(My “I will…” statement.)*

With whom will I share?