

YOBL

Year of Biblical Literacy

Week 47:

Daily Reading for Week

- Philippians 1-2, Psalm 11
- Philippians 3-4, Psalm 12
- Colossians 1-2, Psalm 13
- Colossians 3-4, Psalm 14
- 1 Thessalonians 1-2, Psalm 15
- 1 Thessalonians 3-4, Psalm 16
- 1 Thessalonians 5, Psalm 17

Over the next month we shall be using the Discovery Bible Method to explore these passages together. Each week choose one chapter from the readings listed above to study together - let the group know what you will be studying in advance. We recommend that as the group leader, you should use a study bible (or commentary if you have one) to study the passage in advance of the meeting. We also suggest watching the relevant Bible Project videos, either as a group or beforehand. Our aim in using this method is to equip everyone with a method of bible study we can use each time we open the bible, whether that be on our own or with others.

Small Group Discussion

Discovery Bible Method

Discovery Bible Method (DBM) allows participants to discover God's truth for themselves, rather than relying on a leader. As the leader, you are there to empower them and to pray, not to have all the answers. The DBM method is as simple as A-B-C

Ask

Ask each person how they went with the previous week's commitment.

"How did you go with _____?"

"Who did you tell?"

Bible

Have someone read the passage aloud, then ask someone else to re-read the passage. You could try hearing two different translations. Have the participants retell the story from memory. Spend some minutes silently reading the passage again. Silently pray for God to speak directly from the passage. Ask open-ended questions, such as:

"What do you see?"

"What does this say about God?"

"What does this say about us?"

"What is God saying to you?"

Let the participants do most of the talking and don't be afraid of silences. If the session veers off course, you can ask,

“Where do you see that in the Bible?”

Commit

Let them suggest their own commitment to whatever God is saying to them.

Ask them:

“What are you going to do?”

“Who are you going to tell?”