

# KICKSTARTER DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE



"THE WORDS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU—  
THEY ARE FULL OF THE SPIRIT AND LIFE."

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EQUIPPING EVERY BELIEVER TO GO MAKE DISCIPLES THAT MULTIPLY

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# JESUS SAID IN RED

## HIS WORDS BRING LIFE

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What is the JESUS SAID IN RED Campaign?

Jesus Said In Red is an outreach campaign that is focused on sharing the words and stories of Jesus as a primary means to evangelism and discipleship. The hope for this campaign is that more followers of JESUS will start a Discovery Bible Study to help people focus on JESUS and His words in red.



### SHARE JESUS' WORD ONLINE

Champion the Words of Jesus online through Social Media campaigns.



### START CONVERSATIONS

Encourage people to start discussions with friends, family & the local community.



### RUN DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDIES

Run a Discovery Bible Study group using the FOLLOW JESUS with the 411 & The Commands of Christ.

# GROUP LEADER INFORMATION

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QUICK START NOTES FOR GROUP LEADERS

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# GROUP LEADERS

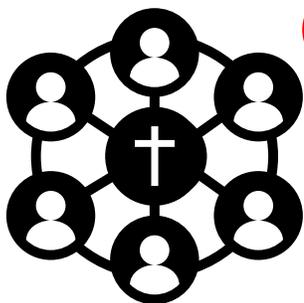
## KICK START A DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY TODAY!

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### 1 SET YOUR LAUNCH SESSION

The first step is for you to make a decision to start your Discovery Bible Study and set a date. Most people run this as a weekly bible study but if time commitments restrict this every fortnight works well also.



### 2 INVITE PEOPLE TO EXPLORE JESUS

Once you have decided to set your launch date you should invite people to join your Discover Bible Study. You can start by simply inviting followers of JESUS or if you do know someone far from God, you can invite them as well. Each week others will be encouraged to reach out to the lost and bring them to the group.



### 3 RUN YOUR DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY WITH THE WORDS OF JESUS

The focus of the JESUS SAID IN RED campaign is to reach an online audience with the words of Jesus. There are 4 studies you can use to support this campaign that cover different aspects of Jesus' teaching.

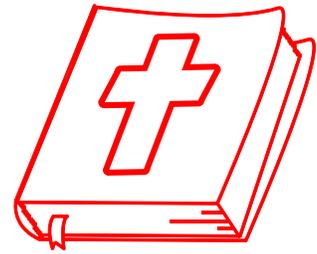
# DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

## HELPING PEOPLE DISCOVER HIS WORD

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### WHAT IS A DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY?

A Discovery Bible Study (DBS) is a small group that meets together for exploring Jesus for discipleship. The purpose of the group is to help others discover what the Bible says and to encourage people to follow Christ.



### WHAT IS A DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY IS NOT?

A DBS is not based on someone being the teacher and dominating discussion. These studies are 100% about discipling people to follow JESUS and to help other followers discover God's Word for themselves. The facilitator of the group is someone who is able to lead the people by asking questions and giving everyone an opportunity in the group to contribute to the discussion.

### WHY DO A DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY?

The Discovery Bible Study method is being used globally to not only disciple people to follow JESUS but also to reach the lost. The rhythm of meeting up weekly, going through the Word and praying together helps people encounter Jesus and learn His ways. Many people use the Discovery Bible Study as a place to invite those far from God. People simply ask questions like:

- Would you like to meet up and read the bible with me?
- Would you like to meet up and read some stories of hope?

# 3 THIRDS FORMAT

A SIMPLE FORMAT FOR A BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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LOOK BACK



LOOK UP



LOOK FORWARD

1. CARE
2. WORSHIP
3. LOVING  
ACCOUNTABILITY
4. VISION

5. NEW LESSON
6. PRACTICE

7. SET GOALS
8. COMMISSION  
(PRAY)

# 5 STAGE STUDY FORMAT

## SHARING JESUS THROUGH THE WORD

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- 1. Care time (5min):** Give people a chance to briefly share how they are doing.
- 2. Worship (10-15 mins):** Spend time to worship Jesus in song (unless you're running this group in a location such as a public cafe).
- 3. Sharing Accountability (5min):** The Facilitator asks "Who was able to share the story? How has that impacted others?"
- 4. Discover the Bible Together (25-30min)**

Use one of the stories listed and...

  - Read the story together from the Bible twice
  - Tell the story in your own words
  - Discuss the story together using these Bible

**Discovery questions:**

  - What do we learn about God/Jesus in the story?
  - What do we learn from the people in this story?
  - What is this passage telling me to do?
  - Who am I going to tell?
- 5. Pray & Go (5-10 Minutes)**
  - Pray for people who are far from God
  - Pray to obey and abide in the commands of Christ
  - GO INTO THE HARVEST AND SHARE WHAT JESUS DID & SAID

# 4 BIBLE STUDIES

## DIFFERENT STUDY TYPES

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### 9 STORIES OF HOPE

#### FOR PEOPLE EXPLORING JESUS

The Stories of Hope is suited to people who may not be Christian who are interested in learning more about Jesus. The focus of study is to share stories of Jesus and help them discover who He is, what He did and what He said.

### 11 COMMANDS OF CHRIST

#### FOR PEOPLE FOLLOWING JESUS

If someone is turning to JESUS we recommend you run them through a series called the Commands of Christ. This is based on the Great Commission when Jesus instructed followers to make disciples, baptise and teach everyone to obey His commands.

### THE 4 GOSPELS

#### FOR ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP

We also recommend running the Discovery Bible Study method to explore the four Gospels. This is great way for followers of Christ to go deeper and know more of who JESUS is, what He did and what He said.

### THE 2 BAPTISMS

#### FOR DISCOVERING WATER AND HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

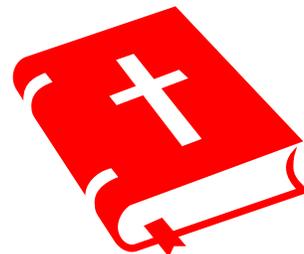
Jesus spoke about 2 baptisms, baptism in Water & baptism in the Holy Spirit. The 2 Baptism Discovery tool is to help followers of Jesus understand what the Bible says about baptism in water and baptism in the Holy Spirit.

# SESSION RUNNING TIPS

## FOR YOUR DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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These studies follow the DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY method of running a group. It's all about having a simple structure and format and focussing on asking questions so people discover what the Word says for themselves.



TIP 1: Prepare and pray before each discovery bible study

TIP 2: Have a timer and stay focussed in the discovery bible study

TIP 3: Ask questions using the discovery bible study approach

TIP 4: Avoid the temptation to preach /teach! Let the Holy Spirit be the teacher. Simply ask questions.

TIP 5: Stay focussed and avoid people going on tangents

TIP 6: Help people set goals weekly on reaching out to others

TIP 7: Organise prayer walks and outreaches out of the group meet-ups

# 9 STORIES OF HOPE

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FOR PEOPLE EXPLORING JESUS

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# 9 STORIES OF HOPE

## SHARING JESUS THROUGH THE WORD

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A Discovery Bible Study on Jesus' Authority  
Over All

- 1) Luke 7:36-50 - Jesus Forgives
- 2) Luke 5: 17-26 - Jesus Forgives & Heals
- 3) Luke 7:1-10 or Luke 8:43-48 - Jesus Heals the Sick
- 4) Luke 7:11-17 - Jesus Raises the Dead
- 5) Luke 8:22-25 - Jesus Calms the Storm
- 6) Luke 8:26-39 - Jesus Heals the Demoniac
- 7) Luke 9:10-17 - Jesus Feeds the 5,000
- 8) Luke 18:18-30 - Jesus & The Rich Man
- 9) Luke 9:28:36 - Jesus is God

THE  
COMMANDS  
OF  
CHRIST

OBEDY & ABIDE STUDY SERIES

FOLLOWING WHAT

**JESUS**  
SAID IN RED



# 01 COMMAND OF CHRIST

## REPENT & BELIEVE IN JESUS

**CARE** → How are you doing?  
(Share brief update, listen, pray, encourage)

**LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY** → Give an account of your obedience to your "Fish & Follow" in the last month (Mark 1:17)

**VISION** → Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw a church circle to cast the vision for a healthy church. (p15)



**THE WORD** → 1. **Read the Command:** In Mark 1:15.  
**REREADING SCRIPTURE** 2. **Tell the Story:** Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10 or The Sinful Woman - Luke 7:36-50  
 3. **Read the story aloud.**  
 2. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:

- What do we learn about <b>God</b> from the story?	- What do we learn from the <b>people</b> in the story?	- Is there anything from the story Jesus wants us to <b>obey</b> ?
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**PRACTICE** → Retell the story

**EXPLORE MORE** → 1. What does "Repent" mean?  
 [OPTIONAL] - Repent means turning from sin and following Jesus.  
 2. What does "Believe" mean?  
 - Believe means choosing to trust Jesus as Lord.  
 3. Why should we repent?  
 - Read Romans 3:23; 6:23; 10:9  
 4. Who should repent?  
 - Acts 2:38-41 - Everyone must repent for forgiveness.  
 5. What is assurance?  
 - 1 John 1:9 says when we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us.  
 - John 10:28 says our salvation belongs to Jesus.

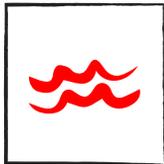
**SET GOALS** → **Fish:** Who are you praying for? Who will you share with this week?  
**Follow:** What from today's lesson does Jesus want you to obey this week?

**PRAY & GO** → **Pray and ask God for His power to help you**

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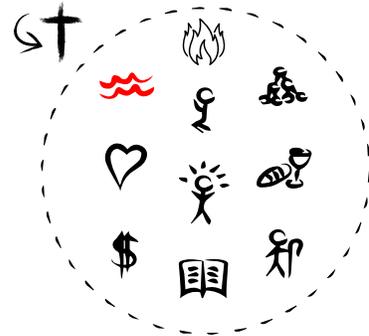
# 02 COMMAND OF CHRIST

## BE BAPTIZED IN WATER

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**SCRIPTURE** →

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- 2. Tell the Story:** Philip and the New Believer - Acts 8:26-39
- 3. Read the story aloud.**
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**EXPLORE MORE** →

**[OPTIONAL]**

- What is "Baptism"?
  - Romans 6:3-4 - Baptism is a symbol that we have died to our old life and been raised to a new life in Jesus.
- Why should we be baptized?
  - Matthew 3:13-15 - Jesus received baptism, so should we. Receiving baptism means we have identified Jesus as our Lord.
- Who should be baptized?
  - Acts 2:38 - Everyone who repents and believes.
- How should we be baptized?
  - Matthew 3:16 - Jesus went down into the water.

**SET GOALS** → **Fish:** Who will you share with this week?  
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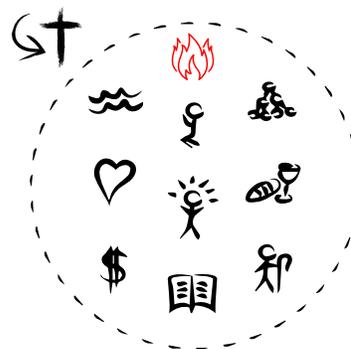
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# ASK FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**SCRIPTURE** →

1. **Read the Command:** In Acts 1v4-5
2. **Tell the Story:** Paul and the Disciples in Ephesus- Acts 19:1-7
3. **Read the story aloud.**

2. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:

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**PRACTICE** → Retell the story

**EXPLORE MORE** →

[OPTIONAL]

1. Who is "Holy Spirit"?  
John 14:26 - The Holy Spirit is the helper and the teacher
2. Why should we ask for the Holy Spirit?  
John 16:8 - Holy Spirit will convict us of sin, righteousness and judgment
3. Who should receive the Holy Spirit?  
John 7:38 - Whoever believe in him rivers of living water
4. How can we receive the Holy Spirit?  
Luke 11:13 - Ask for the Holy Spirit
5. What happens when you receive the Holy spirit? Acts 2:1-4, Acts 10:44-36 - They overflowed

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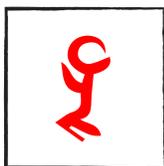
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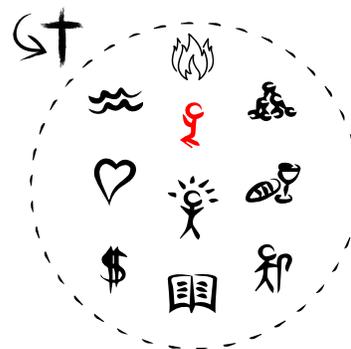
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## PRAY EVERYDAY

**CARE** → "How are you doing?"  
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**SCRIPTURE** → 1. **Read the Command:** In Matthew 6: 9-13, Jesus says...  
2. **Tell the Story:** Jesus teaches about Prayer - Matthew 6: 5-15  
3. **Read the story aloud.**

2. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:

- What do we learn about **God** from the story?
- What do we learn from the **people** in the story?
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**PRACTICE** → Retell the story

**EXPLORE MORE** → 1. Why do we pray?  
**[OPTIONAL]**

- Matthew 6: 9-13- He hears. We desire His will on earth.
- "Give us today our daily bread..."- Ask for your needs.
- "Forgive us our debts..."- Ask for forgiveness of any sin
- "Deliver us from the evil one..."- Pray for deliverance when you face temptation.

2. How do we pray?

- By simply talking with God.
- "Our Father..."- God is your heavenly Father.
- "Hallowed be your name..."- Ask for God to glorify Himself through your life.

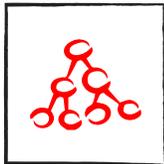
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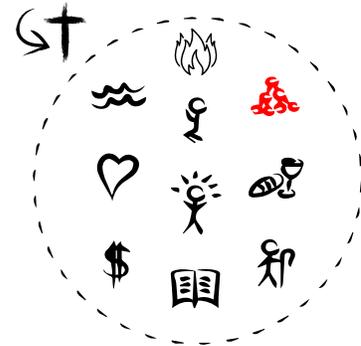
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## GO...MAKE DISCIPLES

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- SCRIPTURE** →
- Read the Command:** In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says...
  - Tell the Story:** The Samaritan Woman - John 4:4-42
  - Read the story aloud.**
  - Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:
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**PRACTICE** → Retell the story & 3 Circles

- EXPLORE MORE** →
- [OPTIONAL]**
- Who should we share with?
    - John 4:16 - Our families, friends & neighbors
  - What should we say?
    - John 4:29 - The woman shared her story and Jesus' story (the Gospel)
  - Who is qualified to go?
    - John 4 - The Samaritan woman sharing is an example for every believer!
  - How should we go?
 

In groups of 2 or 3 throughout our neighborhood and city:

    - praying, b) sharing, and
    - looking for "Persons of Peace" to disciple in the very same things we are learning here.

**SET GOALS** → **Fish:** Who will you share with this week?  
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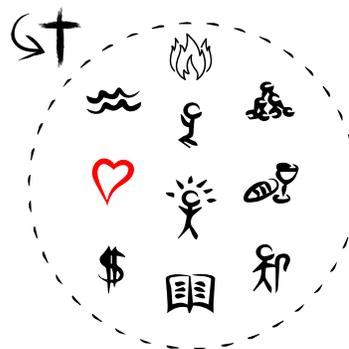


# 06 COMMAND OF CHRIST LOVE PEOPLE

**CARE** → "How are you doing?"  
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**SCRIPTURE** →

1. **Read the Command:** In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus says...
2. **Tell the Story:** The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37
3. **Read the story aloud.**
2. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:
  - What do we learn about **God** from the story?
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**PRACTICE** → Retell the story or 3 Circles

**EXPLORE MORE** →

[OPTIONAL]

1. What is "love"?
  - John 15:13 and 1 Corinthians 13
2. Why do we Love?
  - John 13:34-45- Because Jesus loved us first. Love teaches the world about Jesus.
3. Who do we love?
  - Matthew 22:37-39- First we need to love God, then we need to love our neighbors.
4. How do we love?
  - John 14:15- Loving Jesus means we obey Him.
  - John 21:17- Loving others means telling them what God has done for you.

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## 07 COMMAND OF CHRIST

# WORSHIP THROUGH PERSEVERANCE

**CARE** → "How are you doing?"  
(Share brief update, listen, pray, encourage)

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**SCRIPTURE** →

1. **Read the Command:** In Matthew 4:10, Jesus says...
2. **Tell the Story:** The Philippian Jailer - Acts 16:25-34
3. **Read the story aloud.**

2. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:

- What do we learn about **God** from the story?
- What do we learn from the **people** in the story?
- Is there anything from the story Jesus wants us to **obey**?

**PRACTICE** → Retell the story or 3 Circles

**EXPLORE MORE** →

**[OPTIONAL]**

1. Sing:
  - Ephesians 5:18-21, Colossians 3:16-17
  - We should express worship by singing to God with thankful hearts.
2. Trials & Temptations:
  - James 1
  - God uses difficult trials to make us more like Jesus. He never tempts us.
3. Soils:
  - Luke 8:4-15
  - The soil who perseveres is the one who holds fast to the Gospel in a good and honest heart.

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# 08 COMMAND OF CHRIST

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

**CARE** → "How are you doing?"  
(Share brief update, listen, pray, encourage)

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- SCRIPTURE** →
1. **Read the Command:** In Matthew 26:26-28, Jesus says...
  2. **Tell the Story:** Jesus' Last Supper - Luke 22:7-20
  3. **Read the story aloud.**
  2. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:
    - What do we learn about **God** from the story?
    - What do we learn from the **people** in the story?
    - Is there anything from the story Jesus wants us to **obey**?

**PRACTICE** → Retell the story or 3 Circles

- EXPLORE MORE** →
- [OPTIONAL]
1. What is the Lord's Supper?
    - 1 Corinthians 11:26 - a symbol of the Lord's death.
  2. Why do we eat the Lord's Supper?
    - 1 Corinthians 11:26 - His body was broken and His blood was spilt.
  3. How do we receive the Lord's Supper?
    - 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 - We must examine ourselves, confess our sins to God and remember Jesus died to give us forgiveness.
  4. Who should receive the Lord's Supper?
    - Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 - Baptized disciples devoted to Jesus.

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# 09 COMMAND OF CHRIST

## GIVE GENEROUSLY

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**SCRIPTURE** →

1. **Read the Command:** In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus says...
2. **Tell the Story:** The Widow Gives - Mark 12:41-44
3. **Read the story aloud.**
2. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:
  - What do we learn about **God** from the story?
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**PRACTICE** → Retell the story or 3 Circles

**EXPLORE MORE [OPTIONAL]** →

1. What should we give to God?
  - Our money, time and our lives.
2. Why should we give to God?
  - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - God loves a cheerful giver.
3. How do we give to God?
  - 2 Corinthians 9:7 - Cheerfully, not under compulsion
4. Who do we give to?
  - Matthew 6:1-4 - Secretly, not for recognition
  - Acts 4:34-35 - The church gave to all who had need.
  - UP= Gospel movement
  - IN= Church needs
  - OUT= Community needs

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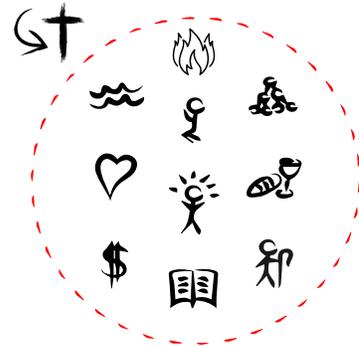
# 10 COMMAND OF CHRIST

## GATHER WITH BELIEVERS

**CARE** → "How are you doing?"  
(Share brief update, listen, pray, encourage)

**LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY** → Give an account of your obedience to your "Fish & Follow" goals you set from last week. (Mark 1:17)

**VISION** → Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw a church circle to cast the vision for a healthy church. (p15)



**SCRIPTURE** →

1. **Read the Command:** In Hebrews 10:24-25, Jesus says...
2. **Tell the Story:** The First Church - Acts 2:36-47
3. **Read the story aloud.**
2. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:
  - What do we learn about **God** from the story?
  - What do we learn from the **people** in the story?
  - Is there anything from the story Jesus wants us to **obey**?

**PRACTICE** → Retell the story or 3 Circles

**EXPLORE MORE** →

[OPTIONAL]

1. Who is the church?
  - Acts 2:41 - Baptized believers in Jesus
2. What does a church gathering do?
  - Acts 2:36-41 - See church circle functions
3. When does a church gather?
  - Acts 2:46, Hebrews 10:24-25 - Regularly
4. Where does a church gather?
  - Acts 2:46, 5:42, 17:5-7, 18:7, 19:9, 20:20; Romans 16:1-5; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philemon 1:1-2 - Homes
5. Why does the church gather?
  - 1 Corinthians 10:31, Hebrews 10:24-25 - Glorify God, encourage, and hold one another accountable.

**SET GOALS** → **Fish:** Who will you share with this week?  
**Follow:** What from today's lesson does Jesus want you to obey this week?

**PRAY & GO** → **Pray and ask God for His power to help you**

**COMMISSION**

**OBEY** Jesus and his commands  
**ABIDE** in Christ daily by spending time with Him

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## 11 COMMAND OF CHRIST

# BEGIN LONG-TERM DISCIPLESHIP

**CARE** → "How are you doing?"  
(Share brief update, listen, pray, encourage)

**LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY** → Give an account of your obedience to your "Fish & Follow" goals you set from last week. (Mark 1:17)

**VISION** → Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw a church circle to cast the vision for a healthy church. (p15)



**SCRIPTURE** →

1. **Read the Scripture aloud:** Mark 1:1-8
2. **Read the Scripture to yourself several times:** Mark 1:1-8
2. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions along with the "S.P.E.C." method below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:
  - What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - What do we learn from the people in this passage?
  - S.P.E.C. asks: Is there a...
    - Sin to avoid?
    - Promise to claim?
    - Example to follow?
    - Command to obey?

**PRACTICE** → 3 Circles, 15-second testimony, or retelling one of the previous 9 stories

**SET GOALS** → **Fish:** Who will you share with this week?  
**Follow:** What from today's lesson does Jesus want you to obey this week?

**PRAY & GO** → **Pray and ask God for His power to help you**

### COMMISSION

**OBEY** Jesus and his commands

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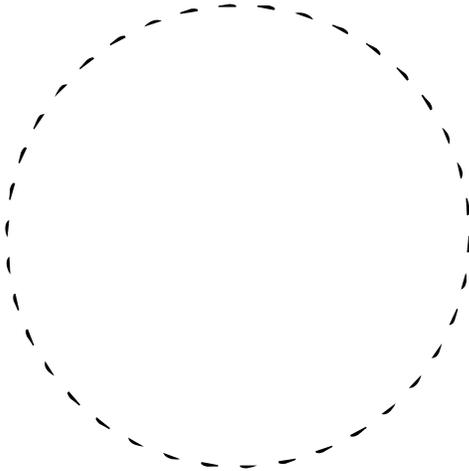
**SHARE** the Gospel to people in your OIKOS

**CARE** for those in need around you with love

Pray as the Lord directs you to, but remember to continue praying for boldness and wisdom to share the Gospel and make disciples. Also continue praying for all those who are far from God on your relationship map. Pray for 4th generation disciples and churches. Pray for laborers. Pray God would accomplish His mission in and through your gathering until there is #NoPlaceLeft and Christ returns.

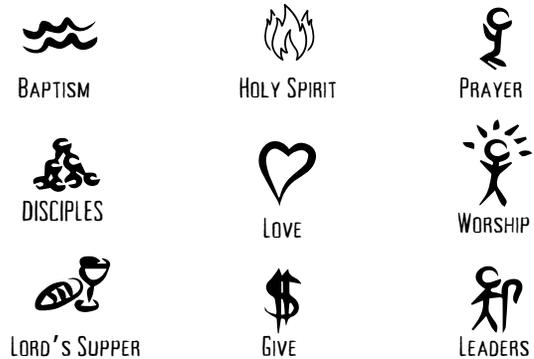
# THE CHURCH CIRCLE

1. Draw a dashed circle. This dashed circle represents a gathering of believers.



The arrow represents Jesus' command to Repent & Believe. Most draw it outside the circle because this is how one begins a growing relationship with Jesus & is biblically part of His Church.

2. These symbols represent the basic functions of a healthy disciple and church we see in Acts 2:36-47. Some of these functions have already been studied in the lessons, others have simply been practiced week to week without studying a specific lesson on a function (ex. God's Word, Worship).



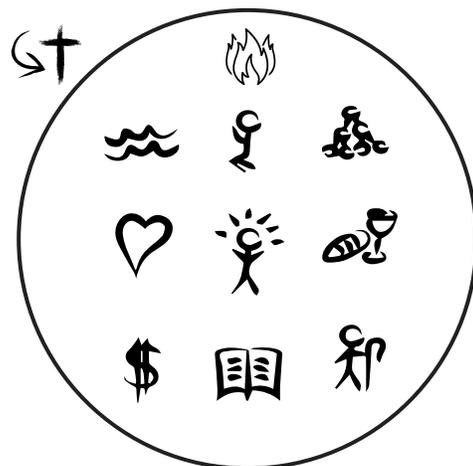
Ongoing discipleship using using the 3rds model using other verses in the Bible starting in the Gospel of Mark.

3. Draw each of the functions which your gathering is consistently practicing inside the circle. Draw the functions which your gathering has not yet practiced outside the circle.



In this example above, the gathering has practiced some very important functions of a church. However, there are a few functions that have yet to be practiced. If your church has yet to practice all the functions, make an action plan to begin practicing them today.

4. If a gathering has identified itself as a "church", then you may make the dashed line solid. The goal is to have a church become healthy and practicing all the functions as modeled by the New Testament Church in Acts 2:36-47.



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CITY, STATE:  
START DATE:  
LEADER(S):

Also, for record keeping it will be helpful to identify:  
**# of Attendees / # of Believers / # of Baptized**  
You may also wish to record the location, start date and leader(s).

# COMMANDS OF CHRIST OVERVIEW

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## 1. Repent & Believe

- Command: Mark 1:15
- Story: Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus) or Luke 7:36-50 (The Sinful Woman)
- Additional: Romans 3:23, 6:23 & 10:9-10



## 2. Be Baptized

- Command-Matthew 28:19
- Story: Acts 8:26-39 (Philip & the New Believer)
- Additional: Romans 6:3-4  
Matthew 3:13-16, Acts 2:38



## 3. Ask For The Holy Spirit

- Command: Acts 1:4-5
- Story: Acts 19:1-7 (Paul and the Disciples in Ephesus who hadn't received the Holy Spirit)
- Additional: John 14:26, John 7:38



## 4. Pray

- Command: Matthew 6:9-13
- Story: Matthew 6:5-15 (Jesus Teaches About Prayer)
- Additional: Luke 10:2



## 5. Go...Make Disciples

- Command: Matthew 28:19-20
- Story: John 4:4-42 (Samaritan Woman at the Well)
- Additional: Luke 10:1-11



## 6. Love

- Command: Matthew 22:37-39
- Story: Luke 10:25-37 (Good Samaritan)
- Additional: John 15:13, 1 Cor. 13, John 13:34-35, Matt. 22:37-39, John 14:15, 21:17



## 7. Worship Through Perseverance

- Command: Matthew 4:10
- Story: Acts 16:25-34
- Additional: Ephesians 5:18-21, Colossians 3:16-17, James 1, Luke 8:4-15



## 8. Lord's Supper

- Command: Luke 22:19-20
- Story: Luke 22:7-20 + 1 Cor. 11:23-29
- Additional: Acts 2:42



## 9. Give

- Command: Matthew 6:1-4
- Story: Mark 12:41-44 (The Widow Gives)
- Additional: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Matt 6:1-4, Acts 4:34-35



## 10. Gather

- Command: Hebrews 10:24-25
- Story: Acts 2:36-447 (The First Church)
- Additional: 5:42, 17:5-7, 18:7, 19:9, 20:20; Romans 16:1-5; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philemon 1:1-2; 1 Cor. 10:31



## 11. Begin Long Term Discipleship

- Gospel of Mark
- Continue 3/3's meeting format w/ Discovery / S.P.E.C. Questions

# THE 4 GOSPELS

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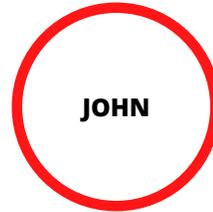
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# THE 4 GOSPELS

## FOR ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP



### STARTING WITH MARK...

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| 1. Mark 1 | 7. Mark 6:33-56  | 13. Mark 10:32-52 | 19. Mark 14:53-72 |
| 2. Mark 2 | 8. Mark 7        | 14. Mark 11       | 20. Mark 15       |
| 3. Mark 3 | 9. Mark 8        | 15. Mark 12       | 21. Mark 16       |
| 4. Mark 4 | 10. Mark 9:1-29  | 16. Mark 13       |                   |
| 5. Mark 5 | 11. Mark 9:30-50 | 17. Mark 14:1-31  |                   |
| 6. Mark 6 | 12. Mark 10:1-31 | 18. Mark 14:32-52 |                   |

Once you have finished the Gospel of Mark, use the Discovery Bible Method (DBS) to explore the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John. You can also use the DBS method to study other books of the Bible.

 LOOK BACK	 LOOK UP	 LOOK FORWARD
1. CARE 2. WORSHIP 3. LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY 4. VISION	1. NEW LESSON 2. PRACTICE	1. SET GOALS 2. COMMISSION [PRAY]

# WATER SPIRIT

BAPTISMS

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2 BAPTISMS DISCOVERY TOOL

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# INTRODUCTION

## FOR THE GROUP LEADER

Welcome to the 2 Baptisms Discovery Tool. This tool has been created to assist new and unbaptised believers to understand what the Bible says about baptism and the Holy Spirit. The Commands of Christ study in this handbook has been updated to include a study on the Holy Spirit as there may be questions or discussions that arise coming from the Discovery Bible Study sessions.

This material can be used individually if necessary, but we recommend going through it with a new disciple.

For information on how to structure a group session, please refer to the Three-Thirds method mentioned on page 31. It is important not to forget to include care, loving accountability, prayer, worship etc. in your time together.

# JESUS SAID WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

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**“Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.”**

**Jesus Christ - John 3:5**

**Water  
Baptism**



"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Jesus Christ - Matthew 28:19-20**

**Holy Spirit  
Fire Baptism**



On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

**Jesus Christ - Acts 1:4-5**

**Jesus spoke of 2 baptisms.  
Have you had both?**



# BAPTISM IN WATER BY FULL IMMERSION

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Overview: A major barrier to a healthy discipleship movement in today's church is the timing and authority limitations concerning how long new disciples must wait to be baptised and who may baptise them.

Use this tool to teach the biblical foundation for these answers. In these ten Bible stories, you will witness the same pattern:

- 1. Hear the gospel**
- 2. Believe in Jesus**
- 3. Confess Jesus as Lord**
- 4. Repent from sin**
- 4. Be baptised immediately**
- 5. Receive the Holy Spirit with an overflow**

Outbursts of tongues, prophecy and praises to God were all listed in the Book of Acts.

- (1) Acts 2:41** 3,000 baptised in one day after confession of faith
- (2) Acts 8:6-13** Samaritans, former demon-possessed/sorcerer/sick
- (3) Acts 8:36-38** Ethiopian eunuch traveling on road
- (4) Acts 9:18-19** Saul's baptism
- (5) Acts 10:47-48** Gentiles, Peter commanded Jews not to wait
- (6) Acts 16:13-15** Women by the riverside
- (7) Acts 16:33** Roman jailer and family
- (8) Acts 18:8** Ruler of synagogue, family and many believers in Corinth
- (9) Acts 19:1-5** John's baptism not enough
- (10) Acts 22:14-17** Why are you waiting? (Ananias speaking to Saul)

**Discovery Questions:**  
Why did they baptise?  
Who did the baptism?  
When did they baptise?  
Where did they baptise?  
Whom did they baptise?  
How did they baptise?



# BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT FIRE

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Many people who follow Jesus repent, believe and get baptised in water but they end up missing the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was clearly evident in the book of Acts because there was an overflow of the Holy Spirit with tongues, prophecy & praises of God. Many people who have faith in Jesus and follow him lack the power of God because they have not yet received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and many people presume that happens immediately on faith and repentance.

## Acts 19:2

**And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”**

**(1) Acts 2:1-4** 120 believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues.

**(2) Acts 8:16-25** Holy Spirit not poured out, so they laid hands on them. The Holy Spirit was externally evident to Simon the sorcerer.

**(3) Acts 10:44** The Holy Spirit fell on the gentiles and they spoke in tongues and praised God.

**(4) Acts 19:1-2** Believers had not yet received the Holy Spirit, they prayed to receive the Holy Spirit & spoke in tongues and prophesied.

### Discovery Questions:

**Why did they receive the Holy Spirit?**

**Who received the Holy Spirit?**

**When did they receive the Holy Spirit?**

**Where did they receive the Holy Spirit?**

**How did they receive the Holy Spirit?**

# A FINAL NOTE

It has been with much excitement and anticipation that we have gathered these resources to help you to make and grow disciples.

## A PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you so much for the blessings brought to us through Jesus' death on our behalf.

We pray for the feet of those who spread your gospel. May they be fast to find the Person of Peace. For those who hear the gospel, we pray that you would grant them open hearts to receive your message of truth.

We pray for every new believer who is discipled using this material that you would help them to come to fully understand their role in obedience to you.

We pray that you would empower us all to be seekers, doers and speakers of your truth.

May all we do be to your glory!

In Jesus' name. Amen.

**PS. We would love to be able to keep a track of the ways that God has worked mightily around the world through these resources.**

