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# What to Read:

## Following Jesus:

- ☐ Study 1: Luke 5:1-11 (Following Jesus)
- ☐ Study 2: 1 John 2:3-6 (We Must Obey)
- ☐ Study 3: Galatians 5:13-26 (Life by the Spirit)
- ☐ Study 4: Luke 9:18-27 (Counting the Cost)
- ☐ Study 5: John 15:1-17 (Learning to Abide)
- ☐ Study 6: Luke 10:38-42 (Sitting at Jesus' Feet)
- ☐ Study 7: Psalm 1:1-6 (Meditating on God's Word)
- ☐ Study 8: Matthew 6:5-15 (How to Pray)
- ☐ Study 9: John 3:1-18 (Being Born Again)
- ☐ Study 10: Acts 2:37-47 (Life of the Early Church)

## Identity in Christ:

- ☐ Study 11: Psalm 139:1-24 (Made and Known)
- ☐ Study 12: Ephesians 2:1-9 (Saved by Grace)
- ☐ Study 13: Ephesians 1:3-6 (Chosen by God)
- ☐ Study 14: Romans 8:9-17 (Children of God)
- ☐ Study 15: Romans 6:1-14 (Dead to Sin)
- ☐ Study 16: Luke 12:22-34 (Cared for by God)
- ☐ Study 17: Romans 8:28-39 (Victorious)

## Living Differently:

- ☐ Study 18: Ephesians 4:17-5:8 (Put On the New)
- ☐ Study 19: Ephesians 5:21-6:9 (New Household)
- ☐ Study 20: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (God's Glory)
- ☐ Study 21: Matthew 5:43-48 (Love Your Enemies)
- ☐ Study 22: 1 John 3:11-24 (Love One Another)
- ☐ Study 23: James 2:1-9 (No Favoritism)
- ☐ Study 24: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 (Be Generous)
- ☐ Study 25: James 3:1-12 (Control Your Speech)

## Authority & Purpose:

- ☐ Study 26: Luke 10:1-20 (Proclaim the Kingdom)
- ☐ Study 27: Ephesians 6:10-28 (Stand Firm)
- ☐ Study 28: John 14:12-14 (Great Things)
- ☐ Study 29: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (Ambassadors)
- ☐ Study 30: Matthew 28:16-20 (Make Disciples)

## Want to Keep Going?

Pick a book of the Bible to read through or find other curated resources and lists at our website:

<https://findcommunity.com/discovering-god/>

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# Make It Stick

In Acts 2, the first followers of Jesus *devoted themselves* to God's word and one another. They just kept showing up, making space, inviting God to work. In a distracted world, this is our countercultural practice: we show up to God's Word, and to one another.

## Build the Habit

### 1. Pick a time.

Find a rhythm that fits your family (after dinner, before bed, or on a weekend morning).

### 2. Pick a place.

The kitchen table, the couch, the porch — wherever you gather, let it become sacred space.

### 3. Pick a passage.

Use the list provided to keep a roadmap, and keep moving forward.

### 4. Keep it short.

Fifteen minutes is enough. What matters most is showing up and listening together.

### 5. Practice presence.

Put the phones away. Invite God in. Make space for God's voice and one another's hearts, joys, and burdens.

### 6. Celebrate progress.

Don't aim for perfection; aim for presence. Every "yes" builds a stronger table.

## Why We Do This

We believe God forms us around the table. As we make space for His presence, we're shaped by His Word and join His heart for our valley.

*Before our tables become places of mission, they must first become places of presence.*

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# Discovering Jesus Together

What if **one** passage, **five** questions, and **fifteen** minutes could change your marriage, your family, and your purpose? Show up, make space for God, and watch His kingdom draw near.



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# Why the Table Matters?

As we've been journeying through the gospel of Luke this year, there's a huge theme hidden in plain sight: the table (representing a meal, relational intentionality, shared life). "In Luke, Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal." (Robert Karris). The table isn't just a prop in His ministry — it's a primary stage for it.

Luke 5, He's eating with tax collectors and sinners.  
Luke 7, He's anointed at a dinner party.  
Luke 9, He feeds the five thousand.  
Luke 10, He dines with Mary and Martha.  
Luke 14, at a dinner party, He tells the host to invite the poor instead.  
Luke 19, He invites Himself to Zacchaeus's house.  
Luke 22, He celebrates Passover with His disciples.  
Luke 24, He breaks bread with two disciples.  
Luke 24, He joins His disciples for a fish dinner.

God still does some of His best work between bits of bread. **So, what would it look like to reclaim the table as a holy place in your household?**

## The Challenge.

We believe that every table can become space for the kingdom of God to break through. For the next 30 days, gather with your spouse or family (or someone who you see in your regular rhythm of life) and open the Bible together.

Use the simple Discovery Bible Study questions and invite the Spirit to teach you. We've provided 30 days of readings. You don't need to be an expert. You just need to show up. Because over time, those daily reps form a strong table — one sturdy enough to carry the weight of God's mission.

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# The Questions

Simple steps for hearing and obeying God together.

## LookBACK

\*Start with simple sharing questions looking back at the last day/week to center our attention on God's presence and invitation to respond.

ASK:

1. How have you experienced God since we last met?
2. What are you thankful for? What challenges are you facing?
3. How did you do with your last "I will" statement?

## LookUP

\*Now open your scripture passage together to hear what God is saying.

1. READ: Read or listen to the scripture passage for the day.
2. RETELL: Have someone put the passage in their own words.
3. ASK:
  - a. What stands out to you?
  - b. What does this teach us about God?
  - c. What does this teach us about people?

## LookOUT

\*Don't just be hearers of the Word; let's put it into practice (Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 8:18-21; Philippians 4:9; 1 John 2:3-6; James 1:22).

ASK:

1. How is God inviting you to respond? How can you live it out today or this week? Create an "I will" statement — be specific.
2. Who are you going to tell about what you discovered?

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# What is DBS?

Discovery Bible Study (DBS) is a simple pattern to help you listen to God together, obey His Word, and invite others to discover God's voice in Scripture.

It's different than Bible studies that depend on a teacher, a lesson plan, and a lecture. Here are some tips to help you practice DBS:

## TIPS

### Keep it simple.

You don't have to be a Bible expert. Your role is to make space for God's voice. Let Scripture and the Spirit do the heavy lifting. Read slowly; pray often.

> Principle: The Holy Spirit is the teacher.

### Ask, don't tell.

DBS thrives on discovery, not explanation. When someone discovers a truth on their own, they're more likely to remember it and apply it in their lives. Use open-ended questions that invite reflection.

> Principle: People learn through discovery more than explanation.

### Listen for obedience.

Every gathering should lead towards real-life response. The metric for success is not how much we know, but what we do with what God has shown us.

> Principle: Discipleship is obedience-based, not just about more knowledge.

### Don't rush the "Look Out" section.

Every DBS ends with obedience and sharing, the DNA of mission. The last two questions (the "Look Out" section) and the follow-up each meeting are where we begin to live and love like Jesus.

> Principle: The mission is built-in—it's Jesus' idea.