

## Discovery Bible Study (DBS)

For people who are not yet believers



***"Repeated exposure  
to the Word of God...  
in the context of  
a credible witness."***

### Looking Back (1/3)



**Share & Care** – Welcome, highs & lows of the week, concerns, and prayer



**Report** – What did you learn last week? How did it affect you? Did you share it?



**Praise** – Take time to honour God for who He is and how He has been at work

### Looking Up (1/3)



**Cast Vision** – Help the group to see and know the Father's Heart



**Discover** – Read the passage twice, then ask the DBS questions:  
1. *What does this story tell me about God?*  
2. *What does this story tell me about people or about myself?*



**Apply** – Apply one thing you learned:  
3. *If this is God's word for my life, how am I going to put it into practice?*

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**Practice** – As a group, re-tell the story that you just studied, without looking



**Plan** – Encourage everyone to share it:  
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**Pray** – Remind the group of God's vision and send them out cheerfully

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The Adulterous Woman	John 8.1-11
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