

CATALYST

VINEYARD CHURCH



The premise of this DBS Series is that the combination of both Power Encounters, the supernatural demonstration of the Kingdom of God; and Truth Encounters, the proclamation of the good news of the Kingdom of God, is the most effective way of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus first called his disciples he said, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). Successful fishermen are careful planners whose actions are intentional and

methodical. There is nothing haphazard or accidental about successful fishing.

Jesus also compared evangelism to farming and planting seeds in four types of soil (Matthew 13:3-23). He states that the seed of the good news of the Kingdom of God that falls on good soil produces a crop that multiplies and yields thirty, sixty or a hundred times as much as was sown.

The intended purpose of this series is to equip you to become effective fishermen of souls and wise harvesters who see the multiplication of their crops fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah, "for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord" (Isaiah 11:9b).

Sunday	Power Evangelism	DBS Story	Passage(s)
Aug. 6	The Kingdom Has Come	Jesus' Kingdom Prayer	Matthew 6:5-13
Aug. 10-13	Global Harvest Festival	Rochester, NY (Thursday 8/10 - Sunday 8/13)	Read Luke & Acts
Aug. 20	The Power Encounter	Jesus Forgives & Heals a Paralytic	Mark 2:1-12
Aug. 27	Power Evangelism	Jesus Sends Out the Twelve	Matthew 9:35-38 & 10:1-20
Sept. 3	The Divine Appointment	Blind Bartimaeus Sees	Mark 10:46-52
Sept. 10	Signs, Wonders & Worldviews	The Four Soils	Matthew 13:1-23
Sept. 17	The Works of Jesus	Jesus Heals a Demonized Boy	Mark 9:14-29
Sept. 24	Signs & Wonders in the Church	Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two	Luke 10:1-20
Oct. 1	What Shall I Do?	Jesus Heals a Lame Man	John 5:1-15

Discovery Bible Study (DBS) Process & Group Questions

LOOK BACK & CARE

Q1: What are you **THANKFUL** for?

*How did God **SHOW UP** in your life this past week?*

Q2: What **CHALLENGES OR STRESSES** are you facing in your life right now?

*Is there anything the group can do to **HELP**?*

** Pray for each other (the person to your right prays for your need immediately!)*

Q3 a: Did you follow through on your “**I WILL DO...**” statement?

b: Did you follow through on your “**I WILL TELL...**” statement?

LOOK UP & DISCOVER

HEAR from God

- READ the passage in at least 2 translations.
- Have everyone RETELL it in their own words.

REFLECT on what it says *(What STANDS OUT to you in the passage?)*

Q4: What does the passage tell us about **GOD/JESUS/HOLY SPIRIT**?

Q5: What does this passage tell us about **PEOPLE**?

RESPOND to what is says

Q6: How can you **OBEY** (put into action) what God is showing you in this passage?

*Create an “**I WILL DO** _____” statement.*

SHARE the story

Q7: Who are you going to **SHARE** this story with, and what you discovered in this passage? Align your story with the passage.

*Create an “**I WILL TELL** _____” statement.*

Discovery Group (DBS) Coaching TIPS

1. Ask questions, don't teach.
2. Try to stay in the passage.
 - a) Off Base: Where do you see that in this passage?
 - b) Off Story: Do you mind if we keep to this particular passage?
 - c) Off Mission: Instead of interpreting the passage can we stick to retelling it?
3. Focus on applying what is discovered.
4. Multiply. Find Persons of Peace who can start and lead a group of their own.
5. Pass on leadership. Either coach the Person of Peace from the outside (sidelines) or leave the Discovery Group after no more than 3 gatherings.
6. Always use a team approach (2x2).

