

CATALYST

VINEYARD CHURCH



What is Church? The English word “church” comes from the Greek word “ekklesia,” which means “a gathering” or “an assembly” or literally “called out ones.” It was a word used to refer to any gathering or congregation - not only a religious one. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus used “ekklesia” when describing a future congregation of people he would gather. He said to his disciple, Peter, “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock (Peter’s confession of faith) I will build my church, and the gates of Hades (Death) will not overpower it.” Jesus’ church would be a gathering of “called out ones” from the world who would become his disciples (followers).

Perhaps Vineyard Church leader, John Wimber, said it best ...

“The Church is not the building, it’s the people, it’s not just the gathering, it’s also the scattering.”

Sunday

DBS Story

Passage(s)

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Sunday, October 15	Built on a Foundation	Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday, October 22	Gathering Together	Acts 2:42-47 Hebrews 10:19-25
Sunday, October 29	Growing Together	1 John 1:1-7 Ephesians 4:11-16
Sunday, November 5	Praying Together	Ephesians 1:15-23 Acts 12:1-17
Sunday, December 10	Worshipping Together	Romans 12:1-2 Ephesians 5:15-20
Sunday, December 17	Built Together	1 Peter 2:4-10 Ephesians 2:19-22

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).

