



Discovery Bible Study

What's a DBS?

The Discovery Bible Study (DBS) method is a way of reading the Bible with one another that leads us towards action. While the format is the same each time, the conversation will be as varied as the Bible passages we read together. It's great as a way of reading the Bible together whether you've been following Jesus a long time or short, or even if you're exploring Jesus for the first time.

Top Tips:

- When you begin, pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand the passage.
- Follow up on the actions you talked about taking last time.
- Don't try and read too much.
- Focus the conversation on one passage of Scripture rather than jumping around the Bible, using the study notes in your Bible, or discussing the latest podcast.
- Don't be afraid of silence—it can take time to form what someone wants to say.

Process

Follow-up on last time

- How did you go with the steps of obedience and sharing last time?

Reading the Passage

- Read the passage once out loud.
- Close your Bibles and try to recall what the passage was saying from memory.
- Read the passage a second time.

Questions

- What does the passage teach us about God?

Reading the passage

- Read the passage a third time

Questions

- What does the passage teach us about people?

Response

- What is a step of obedience you need to take as a response to what you're reading?
- Who is someone you can share with about what you're learning?



CAP Sunday • September 2023

Overview

The Street Church has partnered with Christians Against Poverty for ten years! Over this time, we have seen millions of dollars of debt written off, dozens of people go debt-free, and many people give their lives to the Lord and become followers of Jesus Christ!

This week, CAP NZ CEO Sam Garaway shares with us the tremendous kingdom impact The Street Church has made together with CAP.

24 September 2023 • Matthew 5:13-16

1. What have you admired, appreciated or learned about The Street's CAP ministry over the past ten years?
2. Read Matthew 5:13-16
 - a. Why does Jesus refer to his followers as "salt"? What qualities of salt make this a good metaphor for Christians?
 - b. What about light? Why is this also an excellent example of what Christians should look like?
3. What do you notice about vv13-16 coming right after the Beatitudes?
 - a. Which of the Beatitudes strikes you as showing care and concern for the poor? Why?
 - b. What is our ultimate goal of being "salt and light" in this world (v16b)? How does that line up with CAP's mission?
4. The Church doesn't have a monopoly on caring for the poor. Many non-Christian organisations are doing wonderful things helping those trapped in the cycle of poverty.
 - a. What is the difference between a secular organisation's approach to alleviating poverty and CAP's?
 - b. In what way is CAP's approach helping Christians be "salt and light" to the poor?
5. Considering Jesus' call for his followers to bring flavour and preserve God's ways in our culture, how do you see this being worked out in your life?
 - a. If nothing immediately comes to mind, share that with your group and ask them to pray that God would show you how



you can be obedient in this.

6. How can your group keep your love and care for the poor and marginalised top of mind?
 - a. Are there rhythms you could establish? (Like the Organic Outreach 30-day rhythm).
 - b. Are there any immediate opportunities available to you, perhaps with CAP, that you could get involved with?

Brad Carr

When We Feel Inadequate



Exodus 3-4 • September 2023

Overview

The story of Exodus 3-4 looks at Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush. We see Moses make excuses as he feels his failure and inadequacy for what God has asked him to do. We learn from Moses that if God is with us, His sufficiency and power is more than enough for our insufficiency.

• 17 September 2023 • Exodus 3-4

1. What is the most out of your depth you have ever felt? (E.g. Have you been lost while travelling? Given a task at work that seemed too difficult?)

2. Read Acts 7:23-30
 - a. How long had Moses spent living in luxury in Egypt, and how long did he spend as a shepherd in the wilderness?
 - b. What do you imagine those years in the wilderness would have been like for Moses?

3. Read Exodus 3:11, 3:13, 4:1, 4:10 and 4:13
 - a. What kind of state is Moses in when he encounters God at the burning bush?
 - b. What do we learn about God through the way He responds to Moses each time?

4. God doesn't try to fill Moses with confidence in his own abilities but draws Moses' gaze to God himself.
 - a. What messages does the world give to us when we feel inadequate?
 - b. What decisions do you see people making when they are out of their depth?

5. Are there situations in your life at the moment that you are trying to get through on your own? What encouragement can you take from Moses to lift your gaze to your Father in heaven, and ask him to help you navigate a way through it?



6. One way that God empowered Moses was to bring his brother Aaron close beside him.
 - a. How good are you at encouraging one another through times of celebration and lament?
 - b. How can your life group draw alongside one another in times of difficulty?



Kevin Harney • Grow in Jesus - Go with Jesus

1. How did you come to believe in Jesus? Who shared the message of Jesus with you?
2. Have a look at Matthew 28:19-20.
 - a. How do you see 'growing in' and 'going with' at work in this passage?
 - b. Is one more important than the other? Why? Why not?
3. Think about the fruit of the Spirit and Kevin's 7 markers (can you remember them? Answers are at the bottom!).
 - a. Which one have you seen the most growth in over the past year?
 - b. Which one do you sense the Lord nudging you to grow in the most?
4. In what ways are growing in spiritual maturity important to the way we're able to reach out to those in our world?

5. On a scale of 1-10, how proactive are you at the moment in reaching out to people in your world?
 - a. What is one thing you could begin to do to take your reaching out to the next level?
 - b. Is there anything this group can do to encourage you in that?

Seven Markers

The Seven Markers are: Bible Engagement, Passionate Prayer, Wholehearted Worship, Consistent Community, Joyful Generosity, Humble Service, and Organic Outreach.

The Harneys and the church they lead have created a seven markers self-assessment tool. The assessment doesn't take long and will help you to see areas of strength and where there is the most potential for growth. The Street Church will also be able to get the combined scores across NZ churches which could help us plan future content and sermon series.

You can find the NZ assessment [here](#).