

Discovery Bible Study

In a House Church

Communal Worship

What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for the building up. 1 Corinthians 14:26

Invitation for all to share a Psalm, what the Holy Spirit has revealed through your time in Word and Prayer, a testimony, song, share stories of celebration, share steps of obedience from what the Lord led last week.

The Word- Discovery Bible Study

- **Read/Listen/Retell**
 - Read the text out loud (bibles open)
 - Listen to the text, someone read or play audio (bibles closed)
 - One person retells the story, and others chime in with details (bibles closed)
- **Discuss**
 - What does this text say about God/Jesus/the Gospel?
 - What does this text say about mankind?
 - What are the implications for life together as the church?
- **Action**
 - What step of obedience or command will I (or our house church) follow from this text?
 - Who will I share what I've learned with?
 - Prayer (especially for the lost who need the Gospel)

Guidelines (share with the Group)

- Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs
- Focus on what **this** text is saying, not other text
- Focus on what this group is seeing
- Give people time to respond. Silence is ok
- Facilitator facilitates discussion, not teach

Leader Guidelines

- Prepare by studying the passage- look for main ideas, have example stories and application
- Include the kids story in the retelling (and they answer the discussion questions)
- Split into smaller groups for discussion if necessary
- Leave time for action/prayer
- Respond to questions by asking "What in the text helps us answer that question?"
- Respond to distracting comments by asking "Where is that found in the text?"
- Encourage interactions throughout the week- sharing questions, resources, what the Lord is showing
- Share the responsibility and invite others to facilitate
- Encourage action/steps of obedience accountability in huddles
- Resources available at www.thebridgehtx.org/resources