

Discovery Bible Study: INDIVIDUAL PREPARATION (to be completed at home)

1. WRITE IT OUT. Scripture passage: _____ . Write-out section: _____ (write this out, word for word).

2. PUT IT IN YOUR OWN WORDS. Please rewrite these verses *in your own words*, as if you were communicating this story to a friend, family member, or neighbor.

3. WHAT DOES IT TEACH US? Please write out anything that captured your attention: What are the 2-3 main ideas? What does the story teach us about God/Christ/Church? How does this text call us to live?

Discovery Bible Study: GROUP DISCUSSION (to take place during Community Group meeting time, facilitated by group leader)

- 1.) This week's assigned Scripture passage is read out loud in the group.
- 2.) If appropriate, a volunteer opens discussion with prayer, asking God to do something good through the study of his Word.
- 3.) 2 - 3 volunteers retell or explain this passage using their own words.
- 4.) Discuss the following four questions (to discuss each week)
 - What most captured your attention in this passage?
 - What does this passage teach us about God/Jesus/Church, etc.? AND/OR: What do you think is a main point of this text?
 - Where else does the Bible speak to the same point(s)? How do these other texts in the Bible shape the way we read this text?
 - What do we learn from this text about how we are to live (aka "application")?
- 5.) Discuss any or all of the following questions (as appropriate to the passage)
 - What is a teaching from this text that is hard to believe? Why? FOLLOWED BY: Is there a promise or some good news in this passage that can help us believe, even when it's hard?
 - What is an application of this text that is hard to do? Why? FOLLOWED BY: Is there a promise or some good news in this passage that can help us with application?
 - Is there someone you can think of who needs to hear this story? FOLLOWED BY: What is the best way for you to share this story with them?
- 6.) At the bottom of the box on right side of this sheet, write a summary of what you learned together as a group.
- 7.) If appropriate, a volunteer closes with prayer.

NOTES FROM GROUP DISCUSSION. Please write down anything from the group discussion that you find helpful.