

Week 3 | LEADER GUIDE

John 2 | Water to Wine and Temple Cleansing

They devoted themselves to... *breaking bread*.

There's something about sharing a meal with people that takes a relationship deeper. Think about the people you eat with? Think about who you share meals with in your home? It's very likely that those are some of the closest people to you. The early church shared meals often in each other's homes. At least in Luke's Gospel, it seems like Jesus is constantly eating, on his way to a meal, or talking about food.

By sharing food together during our group time, we accomplish quite a few things: 1) We establish that the relationships we form are the sorts of relationships where we eat together. 2) We make room for people who love to make food to contribute to the group in a special way. 3) We make it easy for families and people who work to not have to worry about when they're going to eat on group night. 4) We create connections beyond the group. Just coordinating who is bringing what to eat for the group requires communication. It helps develop important communication avenues and makes sure people are sharing their contact information with each other.

Whether you choose to do a full meal or just have a snack... we highly recommend you always "break bread" together when you gather as a small group.

INTRODUCTION TO DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Discovery Bible Study (DBS) is designed to encourage people to discover and explore the meaning of the scripture themselves through open-ended questions and discussions. The emphasis is on personal discovery, application, and sharing insights within the group. Typically there are three types of discussion questions: observation, interpretation, and application: what does it say; what does it mean; and what does it mean for me?

As a group leader, your goal is to help each person in the group encounter God through reading scripture in community and discover a next step. Listen for opportunities to ask follow-up questions and take the group deeper. It's ok to go down rabbit trails that you think might lead to someone discovering their next step. It's ok to say "I don't know" if a difficult question is asked. It's ok to check references if someone is using a study Bible or if someone wants to search online. DBS leaders encourage the group to study the scripture together in community.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Describe a time when you experienced something you can only explain as a work of God.

REVISIT NEXT-STEPS

How did you live this week differently in light of what we read last time we were together?

JOHN 2

Read John 2 aloud TWICE. After, have someone retell the wedding part and another person retell the part about Jesus clearing the temple, in their own words.

1. What caught your attention?
2. What do we learn about Jesus from these stories?
3. Why do you think these stories were significant for John to share?

Almost every passage of scripture contains a SPEC (Sin to confess; Promise to hold on to; Example to follow; or a Command to obey). **Have each group member write out the acronym: SPEC.**

4. Which stands out to you in this chapter?

5. *How does this chapter challenge you to live differently?*

PRAYER

How can we be praying for one another?