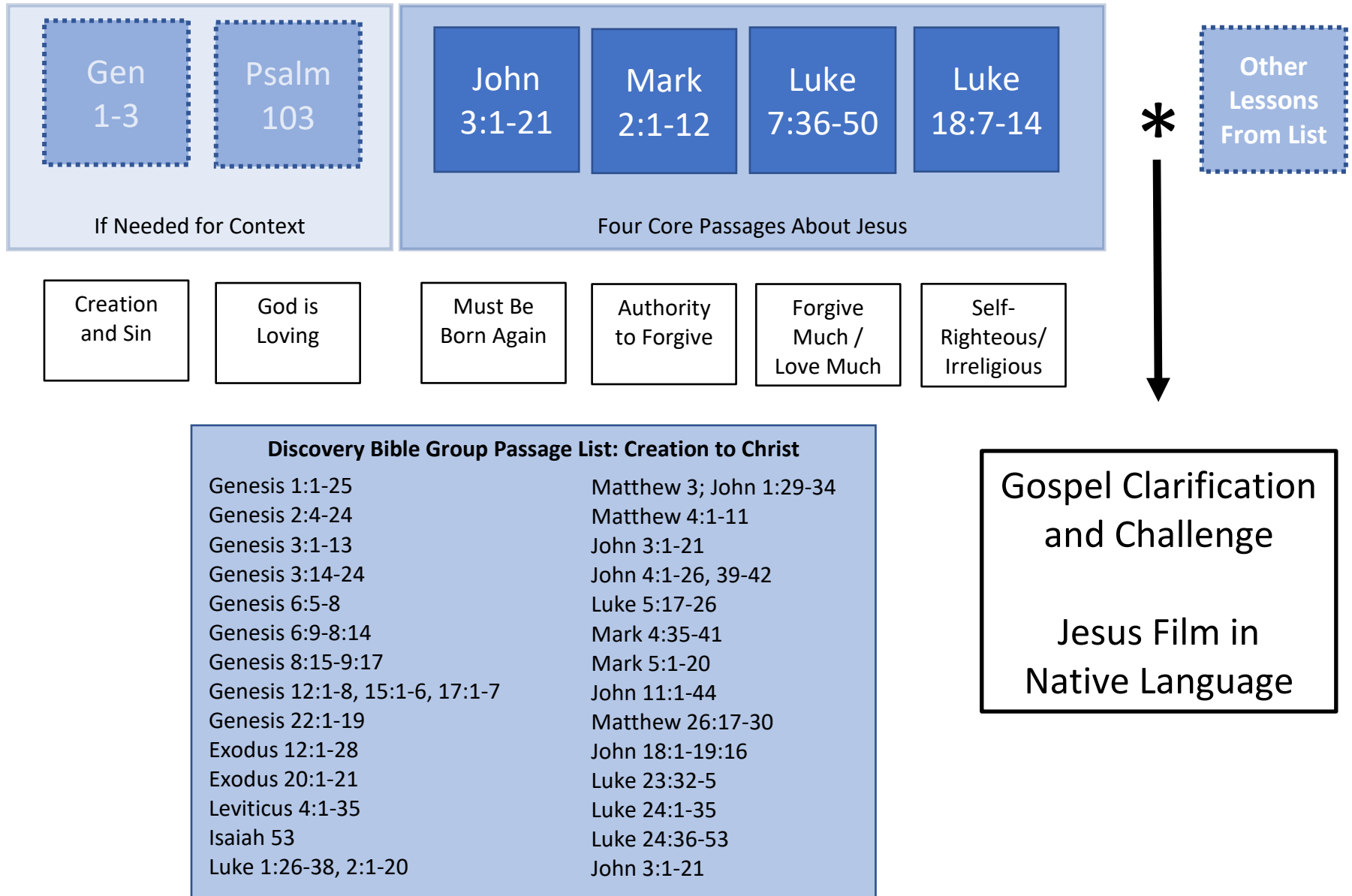


**Pre-Evangelistic Studies  
DBG Model (5 Questions)**



## **Discovery Bible Group Questions**

*Intro Question #1: What are you thankful for this week?*

*Intro Question #2: What has been stressful this week? (Link to Prayer at End)*

Ask Discussion Question #1: What does this passage teach us about God?

Ask Discussion Question #2: What does this passage teach us about people?

Ask Discussion Question #3: What do you like about this passage?

Ask Discussion Question #4: If we believe this passage is from God, how must we change? How are you going to obey what God says in this passage this week?

Ask Discussion Question #5: Who are you going to share this passage with before we meet again?

*Ask Prayer Question: What is happening in your life that we can pray about?*

## **Lesson 1 – John 3:1-21**

**3:1** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

## **Lesson 1 – John 3:1-21 Expanded Questions**

### **Ask Discussion Question #1: What does this passage teach us about God?**

- What does this passage say is the relationship between God and Jesus? (v. 16 – only son)
- God is motivated by love at high cost (v. 15)
- God didn't come to condemn, but save the world (v. 17)
- Does this passage talk about exclusivity of forgiveness? How can Jesus be good? How does forgiveness work?

### **Ask Discussion Question #2: What does this passage teach us about people?**

- Who are the people involved?
  - What is a Pharisee? (v. 1 – ruler of Jews, v. 10 – teacher of Israel) What did they not understand?
  - How is Nicodemus different? (v. 2 – came to Jesus at night, open to new learning)
  - What do you think Son of Man could mean? (v. 15 - object of belief for eternal life)
- Why are people in need of saving
- What is the difference between the natural and the spiritual world?

### **Ask Discussion Question #3: What do you like about this passage?**

- What is the story about? What would you title this passage? (Guff: It's who you know, not what you know)
- Are there things here that are hopeful?
- Why do so many people think God is a condemning God?

### **Ask Discussion Question #4: If we believe this passage is from God, how must we change? How are you going to obey what God says in this passage this week?**

- What are the implications of "whoever believes" in v. 16, 18? (no ethnic barrier, no caste, no background, no sin can prevent)
- Other than believe, what else must be done to have a relationship with God? (nothing)

### **Ask Discussion Question #5: Who are you going to share this passage with before we meet again?**

- Who would benefit from hearing what this passage has to say?

## **Lesson 2 – Mark 2:1-12**

**2:1** And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. <sup>3</sup> And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>8</sup> And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup> “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” <sup>12</sup> And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

## Lesson 2 – Mark 2:1-12 Expanded Questions

### **Ask Discussion Question #1: What does this passage teach us about God?**

- What does this passage say about the relationship between God and Jesus?
- How did Jesus know what people were questioning in their hearts? (vs 6)

### **Ask Discussion Question #2: What does this passage teach us about people?**

- Who are the people involved?
  - Why are there so many people who are crowding around Jesus? (vs 2)
  - What role did Scribes played in society? Why did they think Jesus was doing something bad (blaspheming)? (vs 7)
- Why did Jesus have less receptivity in his home town?
- How do you think this experience affected the disciples, the crowd, the Scribes, the friends, and the man who was healed?

### **Ask Discussion Question #3: What do you like about this passage?**

- What did you think about the four men bringing their friend and the lengths they went to help him find healing?
  - What risks did they take by going through the roof? (vs 4)
- What does the passage say about the forgiveness of sin?
  - “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” – Who/what do others count on? (vs 7)
  - Logic Question: If only God can forgive sins, and Jesus said “your sins are forgiven”, what are we to conclude?
- What was the role of the miracle (healing) in the story? (vs 11)

### **Ask Discussion Question #4: If we believe this passage is from God, how must we change? How are you going to obey what God says in this passage this week?**

- “Why do you question these things in your heart?” – This is a real question. What is your reason for not believing? (information, experience, healing, vision/dream, companions/friends/family, etc.)
- If believing in Jesus for forgiveness is still a barrier, what type of “miracle” would it take to give you the needed confidence?

### **Ask Discussion Question #5: Who are you going to share this passage with before we meet again?**

- Who would benefit from hearing what this passage has to say?

### **Lesson 3 – Luke 7:36-50**

**7:36** One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." <sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

### **Lesson 3 – Luke 7:36-50 Expanded Questions**

#### **Ask Discussion Question #1: What does this passage teach us about God?**

- What does this passage say about the relationship between God and Jesus?
  - Does God view “sinners” differently than people view “sinners”? (vs 39)
- How did Jesus know what people said to themselves? (vs 39)

#### **Ask Discussion Question #2: What does this passage teach us about people?**

- Who are the people involved?
  - How did the Pharisees view Jesus versus the woman? (vs 39)
  - Why did they assume that Jesus was think like them if he was truly authoritative? (vs 39)
- Why did the woman risk crossing so many social boundaries to come and worship Jesus? (vv 37-38)
  - Did she know that she was going to be judged by the religious leaders?
  - Did she know that she was going to be accepted by Jesus? (vv 44-50)
- Instead of the Pharisee comparing the woman and Jesus, how did Jesus compare the woman and the Pharisees? (vv44-50)

#### **Ask Discussion Question #3: What do you like about this passage?**

- What significance did the story Jesus told?
  - On what basis did the story elevate the woman over the Pharisees? (vv 41-42)
- What does the passage say about loving God and the forgiveness of sin?
  - Is what Jesus is teaching (more sin, more love) a natural way to think?

#### **Ask Discussion Question #4: If we believe this passage is from God, how must we change? How are you going to obey what God says in this passage this week?**

- What belief about our past or present sinfulness needs to change?
- Do I struggle with an attitude of self-righteousness (Pharisee) or lack of self-worth (woman) as a default?

#### **Ask Discussion Question #5: Who are you going to share this passage with before we meet again?**

- Who would benefit from hearing what this passage has to say?



#### **Lesson 4 – Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> He [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:  
<sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

## **Lesson 4 – Luke 18:9-14 Expanded Questions**

### **Ask Discussion Question #1: What does this passage teach us about God?**

- What does this passage say about the relationship between God and Jesus?
- How did Jesus know what people said to themselves?
  - What does the parable teach us about how God accepts people? (vs 14)

### **Ask Discussion Question #2: What does this passage teach us about people?**

- Who are the people involved?
  - Why did Jesus pick to compare a Pharisee and a tax collector? (vs 10)
  - Who do these people represent more broadly?
- How do you think the crowd would judge between and Pharisee and a tax collector?
  - How are their postures different in approaching God? (vv 11-13)

### **Ask Discussion Question #3: What do you like about this passage?**

- What significance did the story Jesus told?
- What does the passage say about loving God and the forgiveness of sin?
  - Do you think the crowd would have been surprised by the end of the parable? Why?

### **Ask Discussion Question #4: If we believe this passage is from God, how must we change? How are you going to obey what God says in this passage this week?**

- How would you complete the phrase: “Lord, look how I have done this, this and this” to substantiate your goodness?
- How do I need to view my sinfulness before God?
- How does this change my attitude towards God and how he views me?

### **Ask Discussion Question #5: Who are you going to share this passage with before we meet again?**

- Who would benefit from hearing what this passage has to say?

## **Discovery Bible Group Passage List: Creation to Christ**

Genesis 1:1-25

Genesis 2:4-24

Genesis 3:1-13

Genesis 3:14-24

Genesis 6:5-8

Genesis 6:9-8:14

Genesis 8:15-9:17

Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6, 17:1-7

Genesis 22:1-19

Exodus 12:1-28

Exodus 20:1-21

Leviticus 4:1-35

Isaiah 53

Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20

Matthew 3; John 1:29-34

Matthew 4:1-11

John 3:1-21

John 4:1-26, 39-42

Luke 5:17-26

Mark 4:35-41

Mark 5:1-20

John 11:1-44

Matthew 26:17-30

John 18:1-19:16

Luke 23:32-5

Luke 24:1-35

Luke 24:36-53

John 3:1-21