

King's Cross Church strives to be a people who study, memorize, and apply the Bible. The Bible introduces us to God's dealings with humanity culminating in His most complete revelation of Himself in His Son, Jesus. Though Bible-saturated books are great for learning about God, they are no replacement for studying God's Word itself. This DG Pathway is a first step in training you how to study the Bible and then apply those study principles on individual books of the Bible.

### CONSIDER



- Why did God give us the Bible? Why study the Bible?
- Is there a "right" way to study the Bible? How have I studied the Bible in the past? How should I study the Bible?
- In light of what I have learned about studying the Bible, what changes do I need to make to the way I study the Bible?

### PRAY



Ask God to...

- help you know and experience the glory of God by studying His Word.
- take what you are learning from His Word and shape your life.
- guard you against being puffed up in knowledge you gain from studying His Word.
- give you new life in Jesus Christ, or greater gratitude for the new life you have
- make you a blessing to the people around you as you grow

### READ



- [Basic Bible Study Skills booklet](#) (read whole booklet before a Bible book)
- Choose a book of the Bible to read together
  - *Recommendations: one of the Gospels, Ephesians, Acts, Genesis, or Psalms*

#### Example Book of the Bible DG Pathway:

Read *Basic Bible Study Skills booklet (BBSS)* for first week. Each following week, read and discuss The Gospel of John.

Week 1: BBSS	Week 5: John 10-12
Week 2: John 1-3	Week 6: John 13-15
Week 3: John 4-6	Week 7: John 16-18
Week 4: John 7-9	Week 8: John 19-21

### DO



- **Commune** each day reading Scripture, praying, and worshipping God. Tell your DG your plan for spending time with God.
- **Pray** for one another in the group.
- **Read** the assigned reading as agreed upon in your DG. At the end of each DG meeting, clarify the assignment for the next meeting.
- **Determine** to turn away from all known sin and ask for help in your struggles.
- **Commit** to living life with other Christians.
- **Tell** someone who is not a Christian about Jesus and the gospel.
- **Inform** Pastor Matt that your DG is meeting so we can pray for and encourage you ([matthew.parks@kingscrossdefiance.com](mailto:matthew.parks@kingscrossdefiance.com)).

# WHAT IS A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP?

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## PURPOSE

The **mission** of our church is to make gospel-centered disciples who delight in Christ, declare His cross and display His love.

The **purpose** of DG's is to equip everyone in our church to have a part in coming alongside others to help them follow Jesus. DG's are groups of 2-4 people of the same gender who meet regularly (usually weekly or bi-weekly) to either discover Christ or grow in Christ. We read the Scriptures and solid Bible-saturated books, pray, and share in the joys and struggles of following Jesus together.

We understand not everyone is an avid reader, but God has revealed himself through words, so let's grow together in our love for Scripture. DG's meet for a defined length of time (usually a few months) or until a Pathway is finished. Then the person/s participating is challenged to go lead someone else through the same Pathway they just finished, with help from your DG leader.

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## COMMITMENT

Jesus says that if we want to follow Him, we must be committed and willing to take up our cross at great cost to ourselves. Indeed, Jesus says that if we do not bear our own cross we cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:25-33). Following Jesus requires sacrifices of our own schedule, comfort, and priorities. But the reward of following Jesus and suffering for Him is incomparably greater than the cost (Matthew 13:44).

With that in mind, DG's are an opportunity to make sacrifices for the spiritual good of others, and for the glory of God. Before agreeing to participate in this DG Pathway you must pray about it and discuss it with those whom it may affect (eg. your spouse, if married). We want your commitment to be whole-hearted.

- I agree to finish this DG Pathway. Given the significant investment that others are making in me. I acknowledge the need for punctuality and uninterrupted attendance.
- I agree to be honest and forthright. I will speak the truth in love and be willing to receive feedback, even if it hurts. We can only help one another if we are transparent and vulnerable.
- I commit to completing the assignments and coming prepared to engage fully.
- I commit to regular prayer for those in my group.
- I commit to the consistent disciplines of reading Scripture, prayer, and attending the Sunday gathering (if I'm able), during this DG Pathway.
- I commit to leading at least one other person through this DG Pathway in the near future.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_