



## The Invitation – “Discovery Bible Study”

In this next season, as a Spirit-led movement, we will together embark on a journey of discovery. This journey is meant to build on what the Holy Spirit has already been doing among us corporately and individually.

- **Discovery** – What is it that we want to discover? An ever deeper knowing of Father, Son and Holy Spirit in our walk with God. We long to **be with** God in our personal times of connecting and in our corporate times of sharing and worship. We also want to discover more and more of what it means to walk in communion with God each step along the way, empowered by the Holy Spirit that dwells within us . . . and as we are walking in communion with God to be faithful to walk in obedience to the Holy Spirit’s prompting as we do the work of the kingdom.
- **Bible** – In a focused way we want to connect with God and one another around the Scriptures, allowing the Holy Spirit to empower us in our understanding of God’s great love for us and God’s call for each of us to walk in the power of the Spirit.
- **Study** – This word can cause us as Westerners to stumble at times. It quickly can lead us to an old pattern of just learning information about God, but not to truly be transformed by the Spirit of God AS we study God’s word. Our study must be a study that starts with a profound encounter with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit and not just an intellectual exercise. Holy Spirit help us!

As a way of embarking on this journey together we are inviting the people of LMC, in faith, to begin to meet in smaller clusters (preferably less than 10 persons). We are calling this a “Discovery Bible Study” but that is just a generic description of this practice. The focus of a “Discovery Bible Study” is not just to focus on what this passage is **about** or **the context** in which it was written, though these can be helpful, it is to ask the Holy Spirit to speak to each one of us through our time in God’s word.

Here is a basic outline that may be helpful to consider as you meet for “Discovery Bible Study”:

- **Connect** – What are you **thankful** for? What is a **challenge** you are facing? How did you do with last week’s “I will” statement? How can I support/pray for you (How can I help)?
- **Discover** – Read the passage. Have someone put it in their own words. What stands out to you? What does this text say about **God**? What does this text say about **people**?
- **Go** – How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? Everyone creates an “I will commitment . . .” statement. Who are you going to tell about what you discovered?

Three Questions to be attentive to:

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?
- What is the Holy Spirit showing you to do?
- How can I support/pray for you (How can I help)?