

3 Requirements to Start a Discover Partnership

1. A Partner (or partners)

List the names of the 2 or 3 that you will connect with (including yours)

_____ name _____ email _____ phone _____

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2. A Regular Time and Place

Day of the Week: _____

Start time / end time: ____:____/____:____

Location: _____

3. A Commitment

“We commit to meeting at the above stated time and place for the next _____ months in order to press in, together, to reading the scriptures, holding one another accountable and praying for spiritually disoriented people. At the end of this time commitment, we will evaluate this arrangement and either disband, re-commit or multiply.”

Signed,

Discovering God

Core Practice #1:

Engage with a Discover Partner

Nathan Carroll



“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, **growing in the knowledge of God.**”

Colossians 1:10 NIV

A biblical case for twos and threes*

1. **It is the basic element of** _____.
(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 / John 17:11, 21)
2. **It best facilitates** _____.
(1 Timothy 5:19)
3. **It ensures** _____.
(Matthew 18:15-17)
4. **It makes** _____ **easier.**
(1 Corinthians 14:26-29)
5. **It is** _____.
(Matthew 18:20)
6. **It is far more easily** _____.
(book of Acts)

*from *Search and Rescue* by Neil Cole

*Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:
If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.
Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?
Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NIV

3 Aspects of a Meaningful Discover Partnership

1. Reading and Discussing Large Portions of Scripture

- Suggested time frame: 15 minutes
- Suggested goal: **20-30 chapters** of the Bible per week. *
 ⇒ [This can be **different chapters** read once through OR **4-6 chapters** read over]
- Set out a plan for your first 8 weeks (with flexibility for re-do weeks):

Week	Book	Chapters
1	_____	___ -- ___
2	_____	___ - ___
3	_____	___ -- ___
4	_____	___ -- ___
5	_____	___ -- ___
6	_____	___ -- ___
7	_____	___ -- ___
8	_____	___ -- ___

* Engagement with the scriptures can take other forms, too – like memorization or journaling/deep reflection – what matters most is the priority to carve out time to engage in it.

2. Holding One Another Accountable

- Suggested time frame: 15 minutes

James 5:16 NIV *“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”*

Possible James 5:16ish accountability questions:

- 1) Where have you been living below God’s desire for you this past week?
- 2) Have you had exposure to anything this week that has lured you into sin? Is there anything that can be done to limit/cut off your exposure in the future?
- 3) Who do you think you may have hurt this past week?

Hebrews 10:24 NIV *“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”*

Possible Hebrews 10:24ish accountability questions:

- 1) Have you been loving others well this week? Your spouse / family?
- 2) When have you felt that God was enabling you, this past week, to live above your usual struggles?
- 3) What do you think Jesus is trying to get through to you these days?

3. Praying for Spiritually Disoriented People

- Suggested time frame: 5 minutes

People to be praying for:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Biblical prayer examples:

- 1) “I pray, Lord, that you would draw _____ to yourself (John 6:44).”
- 2) “I pray that _____ would hear and believe the truth/ Word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:13).”
- 3) “Holy Spirit, I ask you to convict _____ of his/her sin and make them aware of their need for Christ’s redemption (John 16:7-11).”
- 4) “I also ask that You give me or _____ the opportunity, the courage and the right words to share with _____ (Colossians 4:3-6).”

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Matthew 18:19 NIV