

Oralizing DBS: Basic structure of an oral DBS meeting

Adapted from *Obedience Based Discipleship*-Dave Watson

1. Share one thing you are thankful for and one thing that you are struggling with and pray.
2. Ask the group to share what God told them through His Word since the last time you met.
3. Ask participants to share how they were obedient to the previous week's story.
4. Someone shares the new story at least two times, maybe three, depending on length.

A pre-recorded audio version of the story from a storying project or Faith Comes By Hearing (www.fcbh.org) can be used in place of a live oral telling.

5. Someone in the group retells the story (all together, smaller groups or pairs) at least two times, maybe a third, depending on length and the accuracy of the retellings.
6. Engage with the story using the discovery questions.
7. Challenge the group to obey God's Word (the story) and ask each person to share what they are going to do to obey the story over the next week.
8. Individually identify people to share the story with during the next week.
9. Identify people in need and commit to meeting those needs.
10. Close in prayer

In a nutshell, it's listen, obey and share

Basic discovery questions

- What captured your attention or shocked you in this story?
- What did you like about this story?
- What bothered you about the story?
- What do we learn about God in this story?
- What do we learn about ourselves and other people from this story?
- How am I going to obey this story personally?
- Who do I know who needs to hear this story?

Variations to the discovery questions

- If this story is from God, what does it teach us about God and/or his Character? Who is God according to this story?
- If this story is from God, what does it teach us about humanity?
- If this story is from God, what might He want you to do as an application? How would your life change if this story became a reality in your life? What is God saying to me?
- If this story is from God, is there something we should do together to obey this message from the Lord?
- Who can you share this story with? Who am I going to tell this story to?