

Kingdom-based Scriptures for DBS

Jesus is our King. Most people nowadays don't understand what it's like to live under the rule of a king. A king demands loyalty and obedience. Because Jesus is our King, He wants us to live our lives not as slaves, not in bondage, but in *loving* obedience to Him. He said many things like these:

If you love Me, you will keep my commandments (John 14:15).

Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I say? (Luke 6:46)

General Note: In some of the passages below truths may not be obvious, so there are extra questions you can ask besides the normal DBS questions. If they don't discover the answers, point it out and make sure they understand it.

1. Repent, believe, be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit	
Acts 2:38-47 <i>Optional:</i> Acts 16:25-34 John 3:5-8	<p>Question: What does "repent" mean? Answer: It means to turn away from your sins.</p> <p>Question: What does it mean to receive the Holy Spirit? Answer: Jesus leaves His Holy Spirit within you as you comforter and advocate (John 14:16, 15:26, 16:7). You can expand on this if you like, but baptism in the Spirit will be covered later.</p> <p>Question: What does baptism symbolize? Answer: It's like our old self dies when immersed into the water, and then being raised out of the water to our new life with Jesus (Romans 6:4-5).</p>
2. You can be sure you have been saved	
John 10:28-29 Romans 6:22.	<p>Question: What is eternal life? Answer: It means when we die we will be in heaven with Jesus forever.</p> <p>Question: What does holiness mean? Answer: To keep on living in a way that pleases God. In this process we become more and more like Jesus.</p>
3. Obedience to Jesus	
Luke 6:46-49 <i>Optional:</i> Matthew 4:18-22	<p>Question: What is the one difference between the man who built on the rock and the one who built on no foundation? Answer: Both heard Jesus' words, but only the first man acted on them (that is, obeyed what Jesus says in the Bible).</p> <p>Question: What does the rock represent? Answer: Obedience to the commandments of Jesus. NOT just Jesus Himself - "<i>comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them</i>".</p>
4. Have fellowship, pray, and study the Bible with other believers	
Acts 2:42-46	<p>Question: What does it mean to devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching? Answer: Study the Bible together and alone.</p> <p>Question: What does it mean by "fellowship"? Answer: To hang out with other believers regularly.</p>

5. Break bread with other believers	
1 Cor 11:23-26	<p>Question: What does it mean to “break bread”? Answer: When a group of baptized believers remember Jesus’ death and resurrection by eating bread and drinking juice together – these symbolize Jesus’ body that was broken on the cross and His blood that came out. By dying He paid the price for us to set us free from sin and to be reconciled to God.</p>
6. Love God, your neighbor, your fellow disciples	
Mark 12:30-31	<p>Question: How do I learn to love God? Answer: Pray regularly on your own and with others. Build a personal relationship with God, and always remember He loved you first. Obey what Jesus has taught.</p> <p>Question: Who is your neighbor? Discuss.</p> <p>Question: How do I learn to love someone I dislike? Answer: Pray and ask God to help you. Persevere!</p> <p>Question: What implication does “As yourself” have? Answer: We’re not capable of loving others until we’ve learned to love ourselves in a healthy way. We have to get rid of all our past ‘baggage’.</p>
7. Forgive others	
Matthew 6:14-15	<p>Acknowledging that it can be difficult to forgive those who’ve harmed us, ask this:</p> <p>Question: Who do you need to forgive? [For some people it might even be God] Answer: Start them on the process of forgiveness. Tell them that in some cases instant forgiveness is not possible, but let them ask God to help them in the process. He’s faithful!</p> <p>Remind them of both Jesus (Luke 23:34) and Stephen (Acts 7:60) who forgave the people who were killing them.</p>
8. How to pray	
Matthew 6:9-15 <i>Optional:</i> Luke 18:1-8	<p>Here is an outline:</p> <p>Think of what good happened in your life recently, and thank God for it. Acknowledge God for who He is. (Mt 6:9; <i>Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name</i>).</p> <p>Pray that His Kingdom will spread throughout the earth. (Mt 6:10; <i>Kingdom come</i>).</p> <p>Pray what God wants for your life will happen. (Mt 6:10; <i>Your will be done</i>).</p> <p>That God will provide for your daily needs. (Mt 6:11; <i>Give us our daily bread</i>).</p> <p>Ask God to forgive sins. Ask Him to show you what sins you might have committed today, say you’re sorry, and promise you’ll try not to do it again. (Mt 6:12; <i>Forgive us our debts</i>).</p> <p>Do you bear a grudge against anyone (even a slight one)? Forgive them before God during your prayer. If you find this difficult to do, ask God to help you. It might be a process. (Mt 6:12; <i>forgive others</i>).</p> <p>Ask God for His protection (Mt 6:13; <i>deliver us from the evil one</i>).</p> <p>Pray for other people, ministries, etc as they come to mind.</p>

9. Worship Him in spirit and truth	
John 4:23-24	<p>Question: What does “worship” mean? Answer: To show respect and reverence to God, and an obedient attitude to Him. Like when people bowed down to a king to show their attitude towards him.</p> <p>Question: Do we have to sing to worship God? Answer: Not necessarily. We can worship Him even if we pray on our own.</p> <p>Question: What does it mean to worship “in truth”? Answer: To really mean it, deep down.</p>
10. Read the Bible regularly [Abide in Christ]	
John 8:31-32	<p>Question: What does it mean to “continue in My word?” Answer: We should study the Bible regularly, and obey what it teaches us.”</p>
<p><i>Optional:</i> John 15:4-8</p>	<p>Question: What is a disciple? Answer: Someone who believes and continues in His word, and obeys what it says.</p> <p>Question: What does being set free look like? Answer: Freedom from sin is the only real freedom. Discuss why.</p>
11. Give generously	
Luke 6:38	<p>Question: Does this refer to giving money to the church? Answer: It can. Giving money to your church is good. But it can also be about giving to other good Christian causes or to anyone as needed.</p>
<p><i>Optional:</i> Mark 12:41-44</p>	<p>Question: Is Jesus referring only to money here? Answer: He is using money as an example, and we often do give money. But He’s also referring to other types of giving, for example helping someone in need by fixing their house or car.</p>
12. Make disciples (witness, shepherd, teach)	
Matthew 28:18-20	<p>This passage is known as the Great Commission.</p> <p>Question: On what basis could Jesus give us this Great Commission? Answer: He had all authority.</p> <p>Question: What are the things He requires us to do? Answer: Go, make disciples, baptize them, teach them to obey.</p> <p>Question: What promise did He give those who obey His commission? Answer: To be with them always.</p>
13. Don’t worry, and seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness	
Matthew 6:27-33	<p>Question: What were they worrying about? Answer: What they’ll eat and drink, and wear.</p>
<p><i>Optional:</i> James 1:22-24 Philippians 2:12 Luke 6:46-49 Matthew 25:11</p>	<p>Question: What do <i>you</i> worry about nowadays? Question: From this passage, what does Jesus say we should do to sort all this out? Answer: First of all, seek to make God your King, and secondly, strive to become more righteous, like Jesus.</p>

14. Be baptized in the Holy Spirit	
John 20:22 Acts 2:4 Acts 4:31 Acts 11:15-16	<p>Background for the DBS leader: This is a potentially controversial topic, as some Christians believe this stopped with the passing of the last of Jesus' apostles. You may choose to skip this for your group. Christians differ on the experience of the Holy Spirit. So there might be different viewpoints if your group has Christians from different denominations. All agree that the Bible is the reference point, so you can use the rest of this section to explain it to them.</p> <p>The Bible speaks of two experiences with the Holy Spirit: the first is to "receive" the Holy Spirit, and the second is to be "baptized in" or "filled with" the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>The twelve first received the Holy Spirit in John 20:22: "<i>When He had said this, He breathed on them and said 'Receive the Holy Spirit'</i>". Then later on the day of Pentecost, the same twelve and others were "filled" with the Holy Spirit: Acts 2:4. After this incident, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit again in Acts 4:31 after Peter and John had been released from prison.</p> <p>There are two passages in this study that you can combine into one DBS: Jesus said this: Acts 1:8a <i>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you ...</i></p> <p>And when Peter was sharing the gospel with unbelievers in Acts 10:44-46.</p> <p>Discuss this with the group. Ask them if they'd like to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Lay your hands on them one by one, and ask God to baptize them in the Holy Spirit. See also Acts 11:15-16.</p>
15. "Be holy, because I am holy"	
1Pet 1:13-19	"Be holy, because I am holy"
16. "Heal the sick, drive out demons, raise the dead"	
Matthew 10:8	<p>Question: What does this look like today?</p> <p>Optional: The "Starter Set" has many stories listed about healings and deliverance.</p>
17. Suffering and hardship	
James 1:2-12	There will be trials of many kinds

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