DISCOVERY GROUP: QUESTION 3

The 7-question format used in Discovery Groups represents biblical DNA, the genetic code of the spiritual life that Jesus left behind. The questions are the method by which the Spirit will transfer the genetic code into the lives of those being discipled.

QUESTION 3: Do you or anyone you know have a need that this group can meet together? (Ministry/Serving Others)

This is one of the hardest pieces of the DNA to get set. The question is meant to begin the discipling process by involving group members in the second half of the Great Commandment: loving others.

In the U.S., need is often identified with money, so the question is skewed in people's minds toward poverty. It takes time to help people have eyes for others in their immediate context: neighborhood, workplace, school, sports team. Maybe a friend is undergoing chemo and needs meals, housework, or help getting kids to school.

Serving together to change the world around them imprints in group members that a relationship with God is lived out, not just thought about. This, along with the sixth question ("I will..." commitment), are the bookends of the obedience-focused culture in a Discovery Group.

Sources: "Spent Matches" by Roy Moran, "Contagious Disciple Making" by David L. Watson & Paul D. Watson, "How to Launch a Discovery Bible Study" by novo.org.