

Connect Church

Curriculum Guide

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Studies

Bible Book Studies

(Individual or Group)

Run the Race (Philippians)

Bill Hybels

Life as a follower of Christ is not a fifty-yard dash. It's a marathon. God offers strength for the race, cold water to quench our thirst, and fresh legs when we grow weary. We never run alone. He is always right beside us cheering us on or ahead of us leading the way. Do you need energy and refreshment for the race of life? In Philippians, you will find all you need to run with strength and confidence. If you desire joy beyond measure, perseverance, a servant's heart, hope for the future, a peace beyond understanding and lasting contentment, look no further than Philippians.

Stand Strong (I Peter)

Bill Hybels

The floodwaters of life are rising; the current races faster. You feel yourself slipping. You need a secure foothold...now. We have all experienced the heart-pounding feeling of losing our stability in the storms of life. You will find a rock-solid basis for living in a precarious and uncertain world. God offers you hope, love, purpose, service, submission, and victory to anchor yourself to the bedrock of Jesus Christ to stand strong against the flood.

Discover The New You (Colossians)

Bill Hybels

(2 Books available, Six Session Study)

Our lives are like lumps of clay on a potter's wheel. Form, function, and beauty appear as God, the Potter, shapes us with his hands. He is in the business of molding our common lives—even the ugly parts—into something wonderful! In Colossians, you and your small group will discover how to place your lives in the secure hands of God. If you long to experience newness of life, this study will point the way. If you desire to see God mold and shape your spiritual life, home, workplace, church, and relationships Colossians will teach you the pathway to a whole new you.

Live Wisely (James)

Bill Hybels

(16 copies available)

In the labyrinth of life, we need practical and clear directions for making wise, Christ-honoring decisions. Which way do we go at the crossroads—left, right, straight, or backtrack? What instructions does God offer to guide us along the way? The book of James offers a wonderfully practical collection of wisdom. Build perseverance. Overcome destructive desires. Build confidence as a follower of Christ. James gives clear guidance. Do you need instruction on using your words for good, and growing as a person of Prayer? James has the answers along with “how to” on choosing wise paths through life's maze.

New Community (Colossians)

Bill Hybels

(Six Sessions, (2) books available)

Knowing, Loving, Serving, Celebrating

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Ephesians The Church: God's Servant

CPH

(13 lessons with in-depth exploration of the book of Ephesians)

Paul's letter to the Ephesians is about the church and about the fellowship of believers who make up the church. It is about us, for by faith we are the church in our time and place. We, by God's grace, are part of God's family—a family united in Christ and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Through Paul's letter to the Ephesians, God speaks to us today concerning:

- The church
- Husbands and wives
- Parents and children

God's power enables us to "live a life of love" with one another, a life worthy of the calling we have received and the grace we have graciously been granted.

Mark: Follow Me

James Hoover

(20 studies in two parts – each participant needs individual guidebook)

In the book of Mark we meet Jesus, the man who is King. He shatters our expectations. He comes to serve and not to be served. He eats with sinners rather than royalty. And his crown is made of thorns. This is the one who calls us to follow him. Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus come?

Ephesians: Wholeness for a Broken World

Le Peau

(11 studies – each participant needs individual guidebook)

Broken marriages, shattered friendships, racial division, war between nations—we live in a fractured world. How can the pieces be put back together? In Ephesians, Paul lifts the veil from the future to allow us to see God's plan to unite everyone and everything in Christ. Studying this book will renew your hope.

Colossians And Philemon

Max Lucado

(12 lessons, 25 books available)

Do you remember when God amazed you? When he marvelously provided for you? Sadly, sometimes we forget God's mercy. We lose sight of his grace. The early believers in the Colossian church had forgotten. Instead, they were impressed by spiritual claims from false teachers, and the church was starting to add some extras to salvation. The apostle Paul's letters reminded them that Jesus is all we will ever need. Paul encourages. He challenges. He gives principles for living and interacting at work, in our families, and our churches. Paul also knew that one of his friends had been betrayed and had every reason to seek revenge. So Paul wrote to Philemon encouraging him to rise above his hurt and show mercy, forgiveness, grace and love. Paul's letters remind us of the difference Christ makes in every aspect of our lives.

Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely

William Mouser

(10 studies – each participant needs individual guidebook 3 books available)

The book of Proverbs is the Bible's how-to manual. The proverbs teach us how to be successful and prosperous in our work, our dealings with family and friends, and our relationship with God. The direction and guidance they give us is practical, concrete, reasonable and fruitful. By reading Proverbs we discover the vital importance of learning to live wisely.

Freedom in Christ

O'Donnell, Galvin, Veerman, Barton

This study of Galatians and Ephesians is from the Life Application Bible Studies.

It has interesting questions, complete lesson format, the full text of the book you are studying, and the most extensive commentary available in a Bible-study booklet. Study notes, with background, history, geography, and culture. Application notes that help you apply God's Word to your life. Charts, maps, and profiles of Bible people that present biblical truths in unique and helpful ways. Thirteen ready to use lessons that stimulate thought, discussion, and practical life applications. Study questions thoughtfully arranged and suitable for group use. Application questions to help you map out your plan of action.

Life Application Bible Studies (Mark) O'Donnell, Galvin, Veerman, Barton

Part 1 contains the complete text of Mark from the New Living Translation as well as study notes, covering background, history, geography, and culture that are easy to use and understand.

Part 1 also contains application notes that help you apply God's Word to your life, charts, maps, and profiles of Bible people that present biblical truths in unique and helpful ways. Part 2 has 13 ready to use lessons that stimulate thought, discussion, and practical life application. Study questions are thoughtfully arranged and are suitable for individual or group use.

There is generous space for writing answers and special application questions to help you map out your personal action plan at the end of each lesson.

Revelation – Unveiling the End Act 1

Chuck Swindoll

Revelation 1-5 (12 DVD set and (1) book)

As one of the most studied yet least understood book of the Bible, Revelation has captivated believers and unbelievers alike with its fascinating language, intriguing symbols, and heartening message. This book of prophetic visions serves as a roadmap for our ultimate destiny and cuts to the heart of our deepest yearnings and questions about life. Ultimately it unveils the central figure of Scripture in all His awesome glory – Jesus Christ. This study will help you understand and apply some of the most relevant and challenging words from the opening chapter of this amazing book.

Revelation: Unveiling the End Act 2

Chuck Swindoll

The Earthly Drama - Revelation 6 – 13

Revelation. From the day of its writing, believers and unbelievers alike have been captivated by its symbols, intrigued by its language, and stirred by its message. As one of the most studied and least understood books of the Bible, Revelation has inspired art, music, and literature, as well as unparalleled controversy. Yet as a roadmap toward our ultimate destiny, this book of prophetic visions is profoundly applicable for us today. In "Act 2", you will understand and apply some of the most relevant and challenging words from its chapters. Are you feeling hopeless? Fretting over the future? Questioning the purpose behind your struggles? This text cuts to the heart of our deepest yearnings and questions about life, unveiling the central figure of Scripture in all His awesome glory: Jesus Christ.

Revelation: Unveiling the End-Act 3
The Final Curtain - Rev. 14-22

Chuck Swindoll

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Be Hopeful

Warren W. Wiersbe

How to Make the Best of Times Out of Your Worst of Times
A New Testament Study 1 Peter (12 chapter study)

The people who first read Peter’s epistle were familiar with suffering and persecution because of their loyalty to Christ. But Peter warned that something new would soon happen: a “fiery trial” of official persecution was about to begin. Peter wanted to tell them how they could be triumphant for the glory of God. We can expect to suffer for our faith, but we can also be hopeful. God’s grace is ours for the asking! Suffering in the will of God leads to the glory of God. We can prepare for the best of God’s blessings rather than fear the worst of man’s hatred. Look to Jesus Christ and BE HOPEFUL!

Be Mature

Warren W. Wiersbe

Growing Up in Christ
A New Testament Study of James (13 chapter study)

Yes, having Christ as your personal Savior is only the beginning. After that, you have to grow up! Many problems in our lives are caused by spiritual immaturity. God wants us to grow up, not just grow old. And He has given us the formula for maturity in the epistle of James. In discussing Christian maturity, Dr. Wiersbe shows you:

- How to learn to be patient
- How to overcome temptation
- How to practice what the Bible teaches
- How to learn to control the tongue
- How to make peace rather than trouble
- How to pray and get results

Be Rich

Warren W. Wiersbe

Gaining the Things That Money Can’t Buy
A New Testament Study of Ephesians (13 chapter study)

The cost of living index frightens most of us. Prices go up, up, up. The value of money goes down, down, down, Earthly wealth seems more and more transient. But Be Rich tells you where to find wealth that can change your life, and change your attitude toward things that the world calls riches. “People today know the price of everything-and the value of nothing.” Says Dr. Wiersbe. This Be Rich book brings you:

- A study of the Christian home as it relates to the work of the Holy Spirit
- A study of the of strategy of Satan, and how a Christian can be victorious over him
- A study of each Christian’s responsibility, in light of his great wealth in Christ

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Discover Truth For Yourself **(DVD set 16 Lessons)**

Kay Arthur

In a world of competing assertions and conflicting worldviews, it is liberating and empowering to realize that Truth exists and can be known. Our God, full of grace, has revealed Truth to us and saved it in His Book-the Bible.

FAITHFUL ABUNDANT TRUE **Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer & Beth Moore** **(6 Session Workbook and questions)**

Women can use this versatile study guide for a retreat or a six session Bible study with two weeks each of Kay, Priscilla and Beth. Made to fit women's busy schedules, this brief format will take most women 15 to 30 minutes daily.

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook **Adele Ahlberg Calhoun**

In the *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook* Adele Calhoun give us directions for our journey toward intimacy with Christ. While the word discipline may make us want to run and hide, the author shows how desires and discipline work together to lead us to the transformation we're longing for-the transformation only Christ can bring. Instead of just giving information about spiritual disciplines, this Handbook is full of practical accessible guidance that helps you actually do them.

A Taste of Freedom-Simply Relevant Series **Relational Bible Series for Women** **(6 Sessions on Self-Control)**

Group

Imagine how sensational it feels to be free: Free from guilt...free from anger...free from unhealthy desire....and so much more! It's all about developing self-control and experiencing the abundance of life God promised us. Let God's Word come alive in you and be set free-celebrating your new-found freedom with yourself and your friends. Simply Relevant is a relational study that encourages new friendships and allows women to discover how relevant God's Word is to or lives today-no matter who you are or where you are in life.

Patience-Simply Relevant Series **Savor the Moments, Relational Bible Series for Women** **(6 sessions on Patience)**

Group

Imagine being able to savor every moment-without feeling rushed or impatient. You can! Discover and grow in this Fruit of the Spirit as you find patience in places you may have never expected, like lines at the grocery store or traffic jams. You'll also find patience in your relationship....and in solitude. It's all in God's timing. Simply Relevant is simple enough for those who have never studied the Bible-and its packed with new insights for those who have studied it for years.

Grace-Simply Relevant Series **Chocolate Boutique-Relational Bible Series for Women** **(6 sessions on Grace)**

Group

Imagine gathering with friends. Dipping plain fruit chunks into chocolate fondue. Indulging in these newly transformed treats. Then discussing the way God transforms our lives with his amazing grace! You'll be challenged to actually practice grace with your friends before heading home to "try grace" out on others. Simply Relevant is simple enough for those who have never studied the Bible-and its packed with new insights for those who have studied it for years.

Steadiness in God--Simply Relevant Series
Finding Balance- Relational Bible Series for Women
(6 sessions on Steadiness in God)

Group

What does living a balanced life look like? How can you stay upright without falling down....or apart? In this study, you'll discover that nothing works better than reaching out for the hand of God to steady you! Each week, you'll study a different aspect of balance and learn how relying on God can help you find more balance in your life. Simply Relevant is simple enough for those who have never studied the Bible-and its packed with new insights for those who have studied it for years.

Finding Joy in Life's Ups and Downs-Simply Relevant Series **Group**
Singing in the Rain/Finding Joy-Relational Bible Series for Women
(6 sessions on Finding Joy)

Do you wonder how you can be joyful even when you feel like you need an umbrella to shield you from all the bad things that seem to rain down on your world? True Joy isn't the same as a happy heart or a smiling face. In this study, you'll discover what the Bible says true joy is (hint: it's not just happiness), how you can experience it, and how you can be joyful in all of life's circumstances. Simply Relevant is simple enough for those who have never studied the Bible-and its packed with new insights for those who have studied it for years.

Spiritual Refreshment-Simply Relevant Series
HeartSpa-Relational Bible Series for Women
(6 sessions on Spiritual Refreshment)

Group

Imagine how a realizing shoulder massage feels....then compare that to finding rest in a relationship with God. Or imagine how a simple pedicure could teach women about Jesus washing his disciples' feet. It's the Bible made relevant to our busy lives through experiences! Simply Relevant is simple enough for those who have never studied the Bible-and its packed with new insights for those who have studied it for years.

TOUGH LOVE, TENDER MERCIES

Lisa Harper

(3 short stops in the Minor Prophets, book club discussion DVD included)

You are invited on a trip to a place in the Bible that is rarely traveled, but extremely rewarding-the Minor Prophets. To keep things interesting we are going to compare three Prophets' stories to contemporary movie themes! In our first stop, we'll look at Julia Roberts' turn as a prostitute in Pretty Woman as it relates to God's merciful treatment of Gomer in Hosea. Then we'll take a look at how Morgan Freeman's portrayal as a tough-love principal-Joe Clark of Lean on Me- illustrates God's holiness in Zephaniah. Finally, we'll visit the book of Malachi, where a town of Scarlett O'Hara wannabes, learn how to hold on to hope when their Tara is trashed.

HOLDING OUT for a HERO

Lisa Harper

(A new spin on Hebrews, book club discussion DVD included)

The first-century Hebrews knew what it felt like to be so discouraged and disheartened that they lost focus on what was really important. Well, guess what, ladies? Two thousand years later, nothing has changed. We're just as tired, stressed out and out of focus as ever. But that's all about to change. It's time to take a fresh look at one of the New Testament's most inspiring books and to get reacquainted with the greatest Hero of all time.

Duty or delight?: Knowing where you stand with God
6 week study, 1 member book with leader guide in back

Tammie Head

Is your relationship to God more like a duty or a delight? God didn't save you to keep Him happy. God saved you to be your absolute delight. Join Tammie Head on the six stops along the way to free yourself from spiritual insecurities and ignite your faith. Christ means more than keeping all

the boxes checked. You can stop living in guilt, confusion and duty. You can delight in the God who delights in you.

Apples of Gold

Betty Huizenga

A six-week Nurturing Program for Women

Join other women in the Apples of Gold nurturing program-as a mentor or as a learner-and you'll be blessed as you grow together in your love for God, your family, and others. An Apples of Gold class is more than a Bible study. As you meet weekly, mature women mentor younger women through

- Topical Bible studies based on Titus 2 3-5
- Cooking demonstrations and sharing a meal
- Encouragement to be the women God has called you to be

Six Basics of a Balanced Life (Six week study)

Carol Kent & Karen Lee-Thorp

Not just another item on your to-do list, *Six Basics of a Balanced Life* will help you find answers to the key question, "What's really important?" In this valuable, six-week study, you'll find-perhaps surprisingly-that it's not important to "do it all." You'll learn to relax and have fun as you make important decisions about the way you structure your life. And you'll learn to relax and have fun as you make important decisions about the way you structure your life. And you'll gain valuable input from the life of Jesus on how to put your life wonderfully in balance.

Six Steps To Clarify Your Calling- (6 sessions)

Carol Kent & Karen Lee-Thorp

Six Steps to Clarify Your Calling offers you the chance to take time to listen to that voice. While in six sessions you probably won't come to understand God's map for the rest of your life, it's likely you will gain clarity about your next step. And as you respond to Gods whisper, you'll discover a sense of focus and meaning that worldly success cannot begin to match.

No Other Gods: Confronting our modern-day idols 8 week study, 2 member books with leader guide in back

Kelly Minter

Looking for a relational yet deep approach to bible study? Ready to merge Scripture with "real life"? Are you longing for something that will feed your soul and your body? Join Kelly, Carrie, Lauri, Anadara and Alli – five fun, smart, deep, thinking women on a journey that makes room for God by confronting the modern-day idols that clutter and claim our hearts. You're sure to enjoy this conversational approach to Bible study, one we recommend doing in your favorite living room...where you can share space, meals and lives.

The Patriarchs

(Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) (Six DVD, 10 sessions with guide and music CD)

Beth Moore

Explore with Beth Moore such concepts as blessings, covenant, and promise. See how they affect our lives as New Testament believers. Get to know the individuals and families God used to birth His redemptive plan. See a perfect and holy God endure in His relationship with man at his best-and at his weakest and worst. Full of twists and turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery, this in-depth study of Genesis 12-50 will keep you captivated by the God who stars in it. This eleven-week study includes personal, daily assignments and weekly group sessions.

Esther

(It is tough being a Woman)

Beth Moore

(Six DVD's, 10 sessions with leader guide and one workbook)

Join Beth Moore in an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day it's tough today. Beth peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives.

BELOVED

**(The life and ministry of John)
(10 Audio CD's with listening guide)**

Beth Moore

John the apostle must have thought he had seen everything. Having been with Jesus all the years of His ministry, John witnessed more miracles than he could count, saw more displays of power than he could comprehend, and experienced more love than he could fathom. John was there when Jesus turned the water into wine, offered living Water to the woman at the well, yielded to His Father's will in the garden of Gethsemane, and gave His life on a Roman cross. And one unforgettable morning young John outran Peter to his Savior's empty tomb. Yet God had more in store for the Son of Thunder. As the other disciples were martyred one by one, John remained to write his sublime Gospel proclaiming Jesus' identify as the eternal Word of God. In his three letters John left a legacy of divine love to ignite the passion of future believers. And while exiled on Patmos, John recorded His risen Lord's glorious revelation of victory and hope. John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." Just as Christ took John on a lifelong journey into the depths of His love, He will do the same for you. The Bridegroom's love is unmatched and inexhaustible, and His is waiting to lavish it on you, His beloved.

DANIEL

**Lives of Integrity Words of Prophecy
(6 DVD's, 12 sessions, workbook and leader guide)**

Beth Moore

Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressure to compromise his faith in hostile culture and was constantly confronted by temptations and threats, today's believers face similar trials. This 12-session study, unique from Beth's previous Bible studies, falls in two parts and can be used as one or two studies. The first portion, from Daniel chapters 1-6, deals with Daniel's life as he faced the kind of pressures and temptations Christians encounter today. Daniel models how to develop enduring integrity in an enticing world. The second portion, chapters 7-12, explores thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ.

**Here and Now.....There and Then
A lecture Series on Revelation**

Beth Moore

(DVD 11 week Session & Guide) (11 DVD's and 1 guide)

With a fresh wave of humility and inadequacy, I make this small offering. Its hopeful purpose is to increase worship, anticipation, and yes, fear of God in willing hearts and to light a fire in our spirits to study Revelation in greater depth. If a single one of those aims is accomplished, God alone performed it. Since we are forced to leave out so many verses of the book in our limit of eleven sessions, you will find brief weekly assignment to help you keep up your reading and broaden some small measure of understanding. By the time you complete these assignments, you will, at least, have successfully read all 22 chapters. In doing so, you are promised a blessing from the very opening of the Apocalypse, particularly if you "take to heart what is written in it."

Breaking Free

Beth Moore

(DVD set of 6 DVD's and 2 leader Guides 11 session study)

Breaking Free is an in-depth study of freedom in Christ, based on the book of Isaiah. Members will identify five primary benefits of the Christian life. They will explore what keeps believers from living in a daily experience of those benefits, and they will learn how to develop the lifestyle of obedience that leads to true freedom.

Believing God (DVD Series & Guide)

Beth Moore

(10 Sessions, 6 DVD's and leader guide)

Do you take God at His Word, believing what He has told us, or do you just believe in His existence and the salvation He offers? Beth Moore came face-to-face with this question well into adulthood. At first, her response to God was, "Lord, of course I believe in You. I've believed in You all my life." Over time, the Holy Spirit led her to understand He was saying, "I didn't ask you to believe in Me. I asked you to believe Me." Beth's study of this issue led her to write *Believing God*, first published as an Internet-only study. The groundbreaking Internet study proved so popular that people requested it in a print/video format. Based on Isaiah 43:10, *Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith* explores what it means to believe God. Through studying the lives of Abraham, Moses, and others from Hebrews 11 as examples of persons who believed God, Beth encourages women to deepen their own trust in God and receive a fresh word from Him.

STEPPING UP (DVD Series & Guide)

Beth Moore

(6 Session, 4 DVD's and one guide)

A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent explores Psalms 120-134. Traveling pilgrims sang these psalms both on the way to the great festivals of the Jews and as key elements of the worship at those festivals. Students will interact with Beth Moore and the Scriptures in new ways. They will gain a new appreciation for the life of faith as a journey to greater fellowship with and worship of God.

Living Beyond Yourself

Beth Moore

(10 Sessions, 6 DVD Series & Guide)

In *Living Beyond Yourself* noted bible teacher and author Beth Moore leads an in-depth study of the fruit of the Spirit—living proof that the Spirit of God dwells in us. Through this study you'll come to appreciate the supernatural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit on your own. Beth challenges you to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. As you walk with God, He develops in you the fruit of the Spirit. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself.

Loving Well

Beth Moore

(4 Session (DVD Series & Guide) Retreat in a Box)

Loving Well Leader Kit, a unique retreat in a box, features four heart-to-heart video messages from Beth Moore. Taped at 2005 Living Proof Live event, Beth describes different types of people—some easy to love and some not so easy to love. These messages include insightful truths as well as humor, all designed to help women embrace the biblical mandate to love and to develop skills for loving others. These DVD-based messages include bonus footage, featuring fun, laugh-out-loud ideas from Beth and Living Proof Live worship leader, Travis Cottrell. The leader kit also includes a CD-ROM and a leader guide with music and worship suggestions,

creative and engaging ideas for skits, decorating, promotional tools-even how to find take-away items for the women who participate.

So Long Insecurity

Beth Moore

(Audio CD set includes 7 CD's, one leader guide, 10 week Study)

In today's image-saturated society, insecurity among women is reaching epidemic levels. We worry about everything-from our looks to our finances to our relationships. But it doesn't have to be this way. It's time to say, "So long!" to insecurity and focus instead on becoming the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends God intended us to be.

The Power Of A Praying Wife

Stormie Omartian

(30 chapters one a week study)

Each week you'll discover insightful, revealing questions and suggestions to help you focus on God and His plan for your husband and your marriage. By asking and trusting God to build up, encourage, and direct your husband, you will experience renewed intimacy and a deeper spiritual union with God.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Courageous Living

Michael Catt, Stephen Kendrick, Alex Kendrick

Four sessions DVD and one member book

God is calling us to fight for our faith and for our families. He is calling us to follow Christ and live a life that is courageous. This four-session Bible study is designed to challenge you to live courageously for the sake of your family. With starter illustrations, powerful movie clips and thought-provoking questions, these sessions are easy to lead and great for outreach.

A Man's Strategy for Conquering Temptation

Bob Vereen

A six week, no Homework Bible study (one book available)

You are not alone in the battle against temptation. Our culture is obsessed with sex and it seems that we're assaulted continually with pornography and visually explicit images. The result is declining morals, sexual addiction, rampant adultery, and skyrocketing divorce rates. But you don't have to be a casualty of the enemy's tactics. In this six-week study you'll learn that God has provided everything you need to resist temptation. Through the examples of men in Scripture—those who fell into sin and those who stood firm—you'll find help for defending your heart and mind so that you can stand pure and blameless before God.

Character Studies

Jesus

Bill Hybels

Six sessions, one member book with leader's notes in back

Jesus is someone you need to know. Teacher. Physician. Servant. Shepherd. King. Jesus filled each of these roles in His walk on earth – revealing in them all a richly accessible identification with our humanity in His role as a Man. In *Jesus*, you'll explore these six roles one by one to arrive at a better understanding of the character and person of Christ.

God Meant It For Good

Dr. David Jeremiah

The Life of Joseph Volume 2 (Audio CD)

A Prophetic Legacy Genesis 49:1-33

Daniel Things To Come

Tommy Nelson

(4 DVD set, 12 Lessons, 2 Study Guides)

Biblical prophecy has a two-fold purpose first it educates us. We see how, the end times will look, who will be involved and what effect it will have on all of humanity. Second, it transforms us. This study of Daniel calls us all to examine who we are and how we are living today in light of eternity.

Ruth, Esther

(Shepherd's Notes)

Shepherd's Notes gives you a quick, easy access to the Bible-one book at a time. Whether you are involved in a Bible study group, teaching, or simply getting personally acquainted with history's greatest literary collection, you will find SHEPHERD'S NOTES deliver the essentials of each book in succinct, easy-to-digest bites. With SHEPHERD'S NOTES as your guide, you will grow in your confidence to discuss biblical themes and details with your friends and colleagues.

Spiritual Formation/Discipleship Studies

Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past

Kay Arthur, David & BJ Lawson

(A six week no homework Bible study 2 copies available)

Unleash the Healing Power of Forgiveness

As imperfect people living in an imperfect world, we eventually find ourselves needing to extend or receive forgiveness in nearly every relationship. But when the wounds run deep, forgiveness doesn't come easy. This liberating study deals with the difficult questions of forgiveness, including, *How can I forgive when the pain is so great? Does forgiving mean I have to forget the past? And What if I choose not to forgive?* As you dig into what the Bible says on this vital topic, you'll encounter the depths of God's own mercy and discover how choosing forgiveness can free you from a painful past and propel you toward being all that God intends you to be.

Turning Your Heart Toward God

Kay Arthur, David & BJ Lawson

(A six week no homework Bible Study, two books available)

Discover what it really means to be blessed. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus identified attitudes that bring God's favor: weeping over sin, demonstrating meekness, showing mercy, nurturing peace, and more. Some of these phrases have become so familiar that we've lost sight of their meaning. In this powerful study, you will gain a fresh understanding of what it looks like to align your life with God's priorities. Here you will discover anew why the word blessed means walking in the fullness and satisfaction of God, no matter your circumstances. As you look closely at the meaning behind each of the Beatitudes, you will see how these truths can shape your choices every day-and bring you closer to the heart of God.

Chase the Lion

Mark Batterson

Stepping confidently into the unknown

(6 sessions – each participant needs individual guidebook) 1 CD, 1 DVD, 1 Book

Leader kit contains audio, video, and written tools to empower your small group members to change fear into opportunity by identifying the "lions" in their lives and engage them rather than run in fear (based on 2 Samuel 23:20). In a Christian culture built on passivity, lion-chasers are in short supply. No sensible person would confront something as risky as a lion, much less chase after it. But what if the life you really want, and the future God wants for you, is hiding right now in your biggest problem, your worst failure, or your greatest fear?

Your greatest regret at the end of your life will be those lions you didn't chase. You will look back longingly on risks not taken, opportunities not seized, and dreams not pursued. Stop running away from what scares you the most, and start chasing the God-ordained opportunities that cross your path.

Fresh Encounter

Henry T. Blackaby & Claude V. King

God's Pattern for Revival and Spiritual Awakening

- God's Promise for Revival
- God's Chosen People
- No Heart That Departs
- God's Loving Discipline
- God's Call to Return
- Glory in the Church

Spiritual Friendship

(4-week study)

Mindy Caliguire

We are tired. Many of us long for sources of nurture for our weary souls, but we don't know where to turn. We've tried various Christian plans for growth, yet sometimes these programs leave us even more drained and frustrated. Interestingly, the answer can be found in our everyday lives: ordinary relationships can restore life and health to our depleted souls. So why do we resist intimacy with others if it's part of our soul's architecture? Because people also cause us pain. Four experiences are covered, each in 5 parts, which can be daily readings in each of 4 weeks.

- "A Source of Spiritual Power"
- "Barriers to Soul Friendship"
- "Forging a Soul Friendship"
- "Going Deeper"

Uniquely You **Mels Carbonell, Ph.D./Stanley R. Ponz, D.Min.**
(2 manuals (7) test booklets)

Personalizing your faith is vital to spiritual growth. Making your faith more personal involves developing your relationships with others and God's local church. Every Christian should be "plugged-in" to the Body of Christ. Being committed to a local church, whether officially or not, is so important to victorious Christian living. Once you decide where you are going to worship, you should then decide where you are going to work for the Lord.

H2O A Journey of Faith **City On A Hill**
(10 episodes, 4 DVD set, 2 participant's guides, two leader guides and (10) DVD "Storm")
Water. Our Planet couldn't exist without it. It covers our planet and fills our bodies. It keeps us alive. Jesus knew how important water was. Maybe that's why he called himself the living water. He was making a claim and an offer too good to ignore.

Meeting the Spirit **Douglas Connelly**
(10 studies – each participant needs individual guidebook)
Who is the Holy Spirit? How does he change our lives? How does he work in the world? This study will help you examine these and other critical questions. The Spirit of God is eager to work in your life and draw you to God.

Be Still **Bill Donahue, Amy and Judge Reinhold**
(DVD and participant's guide, 4 sessions)
In hectic, busy lives, we need to learn to be still and take time to reconnect with God. The *Be Still* DVD and Participant's Guide will help you learn about and experience the peace and power of "listening" prayer.

Celebration of Discipline **Richard J. Foster**
(13-week session) (2 DVD's, two participant's guides and 1 leader guide, companion CD)
Celebration of Discipline is a video-based curriculum built on Richard Foster's most acclaimed book. It is designed to help Christians experience authentic transformation through engagement with classic Christian Disciplines. With these curriculum materials, you and your group will have the resources to experience significant growth in your Christian walk. You will be able to listen to Richard as he discusses each chapter in his book, and you will be a fly on the wall for unscripted conversations between Richard and Dallas Willard.

Starting Point: Find Your Place in the Story **Louie Giglio**
(2Media kits with CD's, 1 starter guide, 1 leader DVD, 1 interactive CD, 4 sessions)

A conversational environment where people can explore faith and experience community. In preparation for each group meeting, there will be a chapter to read and a few questions to answer in this conversation guide. Each chapter contains four components:

- The Story Unfolds: narrative introduction
- The Story Behind the Story: key Scripture text
- Tensions in the Story: thought-provoking questions
- Continuing the Story: additional resources

There are audio, video, or other experiential components to do each week. Discussion and dialogue will be a priority of group meetings.

Christian Life & Witness Course

Billy Graham

A four-part study designed to help Christian students revitalize their won faith and share it with others.

Connect with Others: Sermon on the Mount 1

Bill Hybels

(6 sessions, 2 books available)

The quality of our lives--our health, growth, happiness, even life itself—hinges on our relationships. Jesus considered human relationships so vital that he dealt with them extensively in his most celebrated teacher. He painted a compelling portrait of how we are to conduct ourselves with each other and with a non-Christian world. The six sessions in this book explore what Jesus has to say about mercy, peacemaking, authentic faith, healing, connection, lust versus love, truth-telling, judgementalism, and other relational essentials.

Connect with God: Sermon on the Mount 2

Bill Hybels

(2 books available)

Jesus laid out principles for a relationship with God that differed radically from anything people had ever heard. Making God's kingdom accessible not to the outwardly holy but to the inwardly hungry, Jesus challenged religious elitists who seemed to have their act together and brought hope to people who knew they didn't. Learn the importance of unpretentious prayer, faith, and giving. Find out Jesus' prescription for worry. Discover what it means to live for God's approval only, and other secrets to cultivating a relationship with him that brings joy to you both.

Essential Christianity: Practical Steps for Spiritual Growth

Billy Hybels

(Six sessions, one member book with leader's notes in back)

Like a house built on a firm foundation, the Christian faith is founded on some key, enduring truths. Do you know what they are? If not, you owe it to yourself to find out whether you're building your life – and your eternity – on solid ground. *Essential Christianity* is your invitation to spiritual discussion with others as you explore the basics of faith – principles deeper and more far-reaching than you may have imagined. You'll learn what it means to really know Christ. You'll discover the secret to confident living, how to grow spiritually, how to handle your failures, how to follow Jesus in a world that's anything but devoted to Him, and the different ways God wants to guide you in the practical concerns of life.

Images of Christ

Dale & Sandy Larsen

(10 chapter study)

There are many images of Christ in Scripture. Some of these word-portraits are easier for us to grasp than others, but each reveals an important aspect of who Christ is. By helping us understand ten different images, these studies by Bible study experts Dale and Sandy Larsen lead us to the reality behind the images- Christ himself-in new and deeper ways.

Downpour – He will come to us like the rain

James McDonald

(12 Sessions – book DVD combo 2 available)

Are you spiritually dry and thirsty for more of God? The landscape of our lives has become dry and scorched. But heaven is bursting with the blessings God wants to rain down on us—not a drizzle but a deluge. With its powerful call to revival, James MacDonald’s study leads believers to lift up their eyes and return to the Lord. When we do, He will heal us...revive us...and restore us. That was the message God gave Hosea, and it’s still true today. So if your church is thirsty for spiritual renewal, there’s a downpour on the horizon.

The Three Habits of Highly Contagious Christians

Garry Poole

(3 sessions)

The three sessions included in this guide have been specifically designed to sharpen your thinking about reaching out to seekers for Christ—and to ignite your heart to do it. Living an intentionally contagious Christian life really matters! It is, without a doubt, worth all the effort and risks involved. This study will equip and inspire you to make an eternal impact through:

- Building relationships with seekers
- Sharing a verbal witness with seekers
- Bringing seekers to outreach events, services, and small groups

You will discuss effective ways to make a difference in the lives of people you know. Few things in life are as important as implementing the habits to become highly contagious.

Prodigal Perspectives

Chris Seay

(DVD, participants guidebook, leaders guidebook, 3 Sessions)

Guilt, shame, entitlement, bitterness, grief-stricken...our relationships with others surface a variety of feelings. In these three sessions, viewers will experience unique perspectives from the Prodigal Son story in the Bible through the eyes of the younger son, the elder son and the father as performed in separate, dramatic films by professional actor/writer, Jason Hildebrand.

Session 1: The Younger Son (13 minutes)

Session 2: The Elder Son (11 minutes)

Session 3: The Father (16 minutes)

After each short film, Chris Seay will walk us through the Scripture helping us to understand how jealousy, selfishness and forgiveness affect our own lives and relationships.

Getting Through the Tough Stuff

Chuck Swindoll

(14 chapters, Best used with each member having an individual workbook.)

Life is Tough. It’s that simple. If you don’t agree, you haven’t lived long enough, because when we stop to think about the trials that life sends our way, it’s always something. Despite our deep-seated and very natural desire for a trouble-free, happy, secure existence, Christians everywhere face family struggles, financial crises, debilitating diseases, and crushing disappointments. So what do you do when life gets so tough you think you can’t endure another minute? Feeling sandwiched between aging parents and teenagers? Stretched beyond your limits at work? Dazed and emotionally bruised by events in your family? This workbook offers special features including “Getting to the Root,” which explores biblical words and concepts, and “Taking Truth to Heart,” which guides you into personal reflection and application.

So, You Want to Be Like Christ?

Chuck Swindoll

(8 lessons, Best used with each member having an individual workbook.)

Remember when you were a new believer in Christ, and your love was simple, your devotion pure, your passion blazing, and your eternal hope high? Do your friends have a marvelous idea about how godly you are, when in truth you feel stagnant and frustrated? Returning to a deep, intimate relationship with the Lord can be achieved with the help of these essential spiritual disciplines: intimacy, simplicity, silence, solitude, surrender, prayer, humility, self-control, and sacrifice.

Life Group Studies

Out of the Box Bible Studies-Surprising Things Jesus Said Group **(1DVD, six session study with activities and one leader guide)**

This series takes a fun and fresh approach to adult small-group Bible study, with the focus on making the Bible study R.E.A.L. That is Relational: developing a deeper friendship with Jesus and the other people in your group; Experiential: a multisensory, hands-on and interactive engagement of a topic; Applicable: relevant to your life and designed to move people to “be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22)and Learner-based: focused on delivering a dynamite session every time that leaves people saying, “Wow, that lesson really touched me.” Whether you are leading a group of mature Christians, a group of new Christians, or a group of seekers, the people in your group will be challenged to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus. Each session in each course takes a look at an interesting episode or encounter from Jesus’ life.

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Topical Studies

Spiritual Warfare

**The Invisible War
(Living In Victory Over the Enemy)
(2 books available)**

Rob Randall

Eight chapters with questions and case studies.

Trials

**Keep Climbing
(DVD, participants guide, leaders guide and workbook, 4 sessions)**

Todd Phillips

Why doesn't God take away our hardships? Why doesn't God give us what we think we need when we're in the middle of difficult situations? There are times when we wish God would just flatten the mountain and get rid of the problem. It's natural to beg that He take the hardship away or to plead for immediate answers. It is in trials where our faith is shaken and we're forced to abandon our comfort zones. When we're torn from that security, we can realize our trust must be found completely in Christ. As we learn to trust and depend on God, regardless of our circumstances and feelings, we start looking a little more like Him each day.

Our prayers to God aren't so much about what He will do for us, but about His presence. He knows us best and wants us to get to know him better. That's why He's called us to keep climbing, even in the terrifying storms of life, and to continue in what we know is truth. (Filmed in Russia on Mount Elbrus, Todd uses a perilous trek as a backdrop to explore how God works with us through the challenges in our lives.)

**How Could God Allow Suffering and Evil?
(Six-week discussion 2 books available)**

Garry Poole

How can an all-powerful God allow suffering? Is Jesus really the only way to God? Why should I trust the Bible? Tough questions. Reasonable questions. The kinds of challenging questions you, or someone you know may be asking, that are worth taking time to explore. In six discussions designed to get small groups thinking and interacting, each guide in the Tough Questions series deals frankly with objections commonly raised about Christianity. You'll engage in the kind of spirited dialog that shows the Christian faith can stand up to scrutiny.

Biblical Doctrines

The Ever-Loving Truth

Voddie Baucham

(7 sessions and DVD set and 2 participants' guidebook)

God's Word commands believers to contend for the Christian faith. In today's culture that may mean doing battle in the marketplace of ideas. In *The Ever Loving Truth*, Bible teacher Voddie Baucham arms believers for the battle. Through this inductive Bible study participants will discover God's answers to questions like these: Does truth exist? We have our faith...should we try to convince people that ours is right? While we believe the Bible, other people believe their holy book. Who can say that ours is correct? Who is Jesus? What are the implications of our beliefs about Him? Participants will learn how to defend and share the truth. Staying on the conviction that the truth must not be compromised, participants will be ready to contend for the faith in today's diverse and sometimes hostile marketplace of ideas.

Why Jesus?

David Nasser

(5 DVD set, 1 leader guide, one workbook- 4 sessions)

Culture is blurring the lines between different faiths. It is increasingly difficult for people to grasp how their faith in Jesus Christ is unique. In these four powerful sessions, David Nasser addresses the tough questions that people have about Jesus and points them back to the scriptural truths about our Savior.

Faith Under Fire

Lee Strobel

Does the Christian faith stand up to scrutiny – tough scrutiny? How credible is the Bible and how seriously should you take it? Can you entrust your eternity to its message? Based on Lee Strobel's provocative national TV program of the same name, Faith Under Fire, features fascinating debates and riveting interviews with Christians, atheists, Muslims, and proponents of other faiths as they tackle today's hottest spiritual topics., Interviewer and facilitator Lee Strobel concludes each session by offering his own perspective.

Faith Under Fire - Faith and Facts

(1 DVD, Participants Guide Available -- 4 Sessions on the Bible, Heaven, Hell, and Science)

- Is the Bible Bogus? Michael Shermer, Ben Witherington III
- Is Heaven Real? Randy Alcorn
- Hell: Fact or Fiction? Gary Amirault, Jerry Walls
- Does Science Point to a Creator? Michael Shermer, Stephen Meyer

Faith Under Fire - Tough Faith Questions

(1 DVD, Participants Guide Available-4 Sessions on Forgiveness, Pain and Suffering, the Trinity, Islam)

- Is Anything Beyond Forgiveness? Henry Cloud, Father Frank Pavone
- Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering? Julia Sweeney, Craig Detweiler
- The Mystery of the Trinity? Rabbi Tovia Singer, William Lane Craig
- Do Christians and Muslims Worship the Same God? Deborah Caldwell, Ergun Caner, Hesham A. Hassaballa

The Parables of Jesus

Matt Williams

(DVD and participants' guidebook 6 Sessions)

Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. In six engaging, interactive small group sessions, this Deeper Connections DVD will give you new insights into his parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life.

Evangelism

Just Walk Across the Room

Bill Hybels

(4 week study, DVD set , hardback book, and consumable participants' guide)

This natural and empowering approach to evangelism is modeled after Jesus himself. This dynamic four-week experience will equip and inspire you to follow his lead by taking simple walks across rooms to extend care, compassion, and inclusiveness to people who might need a touch of God's love today. Discover how to partner with the Holy Spirit in a way that allows him to accomplish his kingdom-building activity through you. You can make the difference of an eternity for someone standing near you. This is something you can do, and it all begins with a simple walk across the room.

Prayer

The Essentials Of Effective Prayer

Kay Arthur, David & BJ Lawson

(6 sessions)

The 40-minute Bible Studies series from the teaching team at Precept Ministries International tackles the topics that matter to you. These inductive study guides, designed to be completed in just six 40-minute lessons with no homework required, help you discover for yourself what God says and how it applies to your life today. With the leader's notes and Bible passages included right in the book, each self-contained study is a powerful resource for personal growth and small-group discussion.

When God's People Pray

Jim Cymbala

(6 session study, DVD set and individual participants guide book)

Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. What are the keys that unlock its power, that turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all his resources? In *When God's People Pray*, Jim Cymbala, pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, shows you and your small group truths about prayer that God has used to turn his own church from a tiny, struggling inner-city congregation into a vital, thriving community of believers who pray with passion, focus, and faith. Featuring teachings by Jim Cymbala and video interviews of ordinary people who have received extraordinary answers to their prayers, these six sessions will help you pray with new confidence.

Prayer Beholding God's Glory

Author Unknown

Our Father understands the pressure we're under –how busy we are, and how many demands are placed upon us. That's why He's given us the gift of prayer, to help us learn to practice His presence. True prayer involves turning your soul toward God with a thirst to know Him. Its fruits are a better relationship with Him, and a clearer grasp of your place in His plan. In this unique little booklet, you'll discover what it means to place yourself in God's presence, and to praise Him for His Goodness, glory, and grace.

Financial

The Treasure Principle

Randy Alcorn

Discovering the Secret of Joyful Giving

(12 week study, 1 bible study guidebook and one DVD available)

(DVD) Discover the joy of giving! “The Treasure Principle,” Randy Alcorn’s best selling book, is wonderfully brought to life through this dynamic video program which will help you experience how material freedom and radical generosity can revolutionize your world.

(Bible Study Book) Learn to apply the liberating financial principles within Randy Alcorn’s The Treasure Principle with this dynamic accompanying Bible study guide. In a twelve-week format, the authors focus on two key foundational concepts weekly drawn from the bestselling book. Brief, six-page lessons are perfect for individual or small group use.

Money and Possessions

Kay Arthur & David Arthur

(The Quest for Contentment, a 6 week study)

In these days of economic uncertainty, and in a society that values financial security, money is an emotional topic. But while we tend to view money and possessions as a measure of our success, God sees our financial attitudes as the measure of our relationship with Him. According to the Bible, our view of money reveals where our true affections lie. In this six-week study you will discover God’s view of material wealth, along with the truth about where money comes from and how we’re to handle it. As you dig into the Scriptures, you’ll find practical insights for enjoying an abundant life of contentment, regardless of your financial circumstances.

Biblical Financial Study

Crown Financial Ministries

(Small Group Student Manual, Workbook, Small Group leader guide 1 DVD)

Many people are experiencing financial challenges. But did you know that the Bible contains 2,350 verses dealing with money? Many Christians have been taught what the Bible says about how to handle 10 percent of their income-the are of giving. Although this is crucial, they need to understand God’s perspective of managing the rest of their money as well.

After learning biblical financial principles in the Small Group Student Manual each week, the Practical Application Workbook helps you to apply that wisdom in your personal finances. It contains practical financial exercises that you will complete prior to attending the small group each week.

Generation Change

Dave Ramsey

(4 lessons, a 5 DVD series and 3 workbooks and leader guide available)

Financial Peace University on a High School level. A four-week Video series for High School students entering College.

Christian Living

How to Make Choices You Won't Regret Kay Arthur, David & BJ Lawson (A six-week, no-homework bible study 6 book available)

Everyday we face countless decisions, some of which had the potential to change the course of our lives forever as we reap with everlasting remorse or immeasurable joy. Here's the good news: Whatever decision or temptations confront you today, God offers the help you need to be sure that today's choices won't turn into tomorrow's regrets. This study explores the role of Scripture and the Holy Spirit in the process of decision-making and examines the choices of people as David, Josiah, Eve, and Jesus. Through each dynamic lesson, you will be equipped to make choices that bring honor to God and peace to your heart.

Crazy Love

Francis Chan

Overwhelmed By A Relentless God

(Ten-week lesson book & DVD combo 2 books available)

Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts- it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same.

Fearless ~ Imagine Your Life Without Fear

Max Lucado

(10 hard back books, 11 paperback group discussion guidebooks, DVD set (3 DVD's) and a study set of (1) DVD, (1) CD and (1) leader guide, 6 Sessions)

Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, and upswings in global warming. But what if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, and doubt, what would remain? Lucado's timely book, *Fearless*, addresses these questions and more, taking an honest and hopeful look at what can happen when fear meets faith.

Enemies of the Heart

Andy Stanley

(6 week session, one book available)

Divorce. Job loss. Estrangement from family members. Broken friendships. The difficult circumstances you are dealing with today are likely fed by one of four emotional forces that compels you to act in undesirable ways, sometimes even against your will. Andy Stanley explores each of these destructive forces-guilt, anger, greed, and jealousy-and how they infiltrate your life and damage your relationships. He says that, left unchallenged, they have the power to destroy your home, your career, and your friendships.

Relationships/Marriage /Dating Studies

Preparing for Marriage (One book with 6 sessions)

Boehi, Nelson, Schulte & Shadrach

The study includes six fun, romantic sessions and five special projects that will prepare you as a couple for a loving, lasting marriage firmly established in your Lord Jesus Christ. Best studied with both engaged/serious man and engaged/serious woman having personal copies.

Boundaries in Marriage

Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

(8 sessions, 1 DVD, 1 book, 1 VHS, 2 workbooks and 1 guide)

Only when a husband and wife know and respect each other's needs, choices, and freedom can they give themselves freely and lovingly to one another. This study gives the couples in your group the tools they need. By applying the powerful biblical and relational principles presented, couples can make a good marriage better and even save one that's headed for disaster. This kit maximizes interaction, support, and insights within your group and minimizes the preparation required of you as leader. Exercises and activities in each of the eight sessions help partners connect principles with marriage-strengthening application. This study will move couples to mutual care, respect, affirmation, and intimacy.

Surviving the Holidays

Divorce Care

5 holiday devotions, 12 workbooks

Facing a holiday after a separation or divorce can be more difficult than your friends and family members may realize. The DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays video, discussion group and devotional material will help you not only to survive the holidays, but to find strength, healing and tools to move forward in your daily walk through these painful emotions.

Love & Respect

Emerson & Eggerichs

(2 DVD sets, 36 workbooks, one guide, 5 sessions)

A wife has one driving need – to feel loved. When that need is met, she is happy. A husband has one driving need – to feel respected. When that need is met, he is happy. When either of these needs isn't met, things get crazy. *Love & Respect* reveals why spouses react negatively to each other, and how they can deal with such conflict quickly, easily and biblically.

Marriage 101-Back to the Basics

Grace Products Corp

(8 sessions (2)-4 DVD sets, 1 Coaches Guide, 15- workbooks Men, 15 workbooks Women)

The #1 producer of premarital counseling resources brings you the most cutting edge series they have ever released. *Marriage 101: Back to the Basics* goes straight to the heart of the crucial issues that face marriages today. Dr Gary & Barb Rosberg, Dave Ramsey, and Dr. H. Norman Wright address Conflict Resolution, Money, Sexual Intimacy and much more.

How to Avoid the 10 Mistakes Single Women Make

Michelle Mckinney Hammond

(10 chapters with questions)

Bestselling author Michelle McKinney Hammond takes a compassionate, down-to-earth, and very real look at how women can avoid:

- Hanging onto attitudes that push men away
- Putting life on hold until a man completes the picture
- Compromising standards in order to secure commitment
- Making choices that lead to pain and regret
- Missing the value of each immediate season of life

Biblical wisdom, insightful questions, and real-life solutions from a woman who's been there help you examine your current outlook and provide a healthy attitude about men, romance, finances, your biological clock, and your future.

Sex is not the problem (lust is)

Joshua Harris

Sexual Purity in a Lust-Saturated World

Based on his bestselling message in *Sex is Not the Problem (Lust is)*. Joshua Harris offers a companion study guide specifically designed to address the issues men face. Versatile in nature, this study guide can be used in a one-on-one accountability or in a church group setting.

Experiencing God's Dream for your Marriage

Chip Ingram

(3 DVD's 12 session)

Would you like a fresh breeze to blow in your marriage? Do you long for a marriage where intimacy and communication are a reality instead of a dream? *Experiencing God's Dream for Your Marriage* is a 12-part DVD series examining God's design for marriage, with practical instruction to help you make your marriage what God desires it to be.

Marriage Built to Last

Chip Ingram

Living Intentionally & Loving Biblically

(6 sessions, 6 DVD set with a leader's guide and 6 workbooks)

We all want a healthy, loving marriage, but there are so many real issues that can stand in the way. In these six sessions of *Marriage Built to Last*, 24 couples share real-life stories about their honest questions and struggles as they seek to build a marriage that will last a lifetime.

- Adjusting to Expectations
- Learning to Communicate Clearly
- Breaking Down Walls
- Resolving Conflict
- Restoring Sex and Intimacy
- Striving for a Christ-Centered Marriage

Love, Sex, & Lasting Relationships

God's Prescription for Enhancing Your Love Life

Chip Ingram

(3 DVD's and 3 workbooks, 10 sessions)

The pursuit of "true love" is everywhere you look! So why is "true love" so elusive? What does real love look like? In this 10-part small group curriculum, you'll discover that there is a better way to find love, stay in love, and grow in intimacy for a lifetime. Chip Ingram unpacks Ephesians Chapter 5 and delivers to us God's prescription for building relationships that last a lifetime.

House or Home?

Chip Ingram

(5 workbooks, Audio CD set, 9 sessions)

We all long to be deeply connected with our families. However, for many of us, this longing goes largely unmet and our hearts ache because of it. In *House or Home?*, Chip Ingram takes you step by step through Ephesians 5:21-6:4 and explains what it takes to become a family that is not only close, but has the strength and stability to weather life's storms. From a thorough exploration of God's design for marriage to key issues of parenting and discipline, Chip will help you gather the tools and follow God's blueprints for building a family that loves and lasts.

Making your Remarriage Last

Jim Keller

Remarriage holds a variety of challenges: undue pressure to be everything the previous marriage was not, learning to trust again, making the marriage a priority despite unique distractions, and more. You will discover grace and healing in God's Word, as well as positive principles for building a strong, healthy, lasting marriage relationship. This study is designed to bring husbands and wives closer to each other, closer to God, and closer to other couples. You will study God's Word, share in your challenges and successes and build a marriage that will last. Together with other couples, you and your spouse will learn how to move beyond unmet expectations to see what the Bible offers for a positive marriage. Manage stresses unique to remarriage and learn how to commit to keeping your marriage a top priority. Build trust in your marriage in practical ways, while breaking free from negative habit patterns.

Winning With People

John C. Maxwell

**Discover The People Principles that Work For You Every Time
(Workbook)**

Does an individual have to be born with an outgoing personality or a great sense of intuition to succeed relationally? When it comes to people skills, are there simply the haves and the have-nots-and we just have to accept whatever abilities God has given us? In this interactive workbook, great for individual or group study, best-selling author John C. Maxwell helps you answer these questions while leading you through the 25 People Principles, which are designed to help make you relationally successful.

Song of Solomon: God's Best for Love, Marriage, Sex, and Romance

Tommy Nelson

(11 Sessions 6 CD's, 4 VHS, 4 DVD's and 2 workbooks)

"We all have passion and a yearning for intimacy. God designed us this way. Whether you are single or married, how you handle your romantic relationships will change you – for better or for worse. But God did not create these desires in us without also giving us the owner's manual for relationships. In fact, He gave us an entire book of the Bible, which deals with all the aspects of love, marriage, sex, and romance. It's called the "*Song of Solomon*."

This study consists of 11, 25-minute sessions, which address the art of attraction, dating, courtship, intimacy, conflict, romance, and commitment. Tommy speaks directly and humorously on each of these issues. The material is designed for both individual and group study. Whether you are single, married, young of old, this study is for you.

Building your Marriage

Dennis Rainey

(HomeBuilders Series) 7 Sessions – 2 Workbooks available

This study is designed to bring husbands and wives closer to each other, closer to God, and closer to other couples. You will study God's Word, share in your challenges and successes and build a marriage that will last. Together with other couples, you and your spouse will learn how to increase intimacy and rekindle romance. Grow together spiritually and develop meaningful friendships with others couples. Learn to apply biblical truths to your marriage.

Building Teamwork in Your Marriage
(HomeBuilders Series) 6 Sessions

David Sunde

Men and women are different. Sometimes these differences can bring tension to a marriage. The good news is that by using biblical teamwork principles, couples can use these differences to make their marriage thrive. Solid Biblical instruction and convenient individual workbooks make this study a necessity for married couples in small groups. Together with other couples, you and your spouse will learn how to... Understand and appreciate one another more. Explore what the Bible has to say about the responsibilities and responses husbands and wives are called to build respect and sensitivity toward one another. Learn principles for using differences to grow closer and become a team.

Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem
(HomeBuilders Series) 6 Sessions - Workbook

David Sunde

This study is designed to show husbands and wives how they can help build self-esteem in their mate. Part of God's plan for marriage is for you to help your mate become all that God intended. While that may sound like a big job, all it takes is letting your mate know that you accept them and are committed to meeting their needs. Together with other couples, you and your spouse will learn how to make your marriage a place for building self-esteem. Truly accept your mate unconditionally and put past hurts and negative experiences behind you. Speak words that uplift's and encourages your mate. Help your mate separate self-worth from performance.

Growing Together in Christ
(HomeBuilders Couple Series) 6 Sessions-6 Workbooks available

David Sunde

You and your spouse will discover power and joy as you help each other grow in your Christian faith. (workbook only) You will learn how Jesus provides the strongest possible foundation for your marriage. And, as you grow together in Christ, you'll find true fulfillment in your marriage – and in God's purpose for your lives. Build your marriage on your relationship with Christ. Learn how prayer can bring you closer to God and to your spouse. Discover the joy of reading the Bible together and understand the power of the Holy Spirit in your marriage

Marriage: From Surviving to Thriving
(6 Sessions, DVD included with each workbook – best studied with personal copies or couple copies)

Chuck Swindoll

It's a scary time, isn't it? Divorces. Remarriages. Blended and not-so-well-blended families. In a day when half of all marriages fail, we need insight on how to make—and keep—our marriages strong. This interactive workbook examines all that God intended for married couples to experience and enjoy. Many marriages simply survive, lacking the essential qualities that God designed—intimacy, kindness, mutual affirmation, encouragement, and love. Certainly the Lord intended your marriage to have all of these qualities and more!

Mastering Money in Your Marriage

David Sunde

(HomeBuilders Couple Series) 6 Sessions - Workbook

It's no secret that money can cause conflict in marriage. Now you can learn how to work on money issues and strengthen your marriage at the same time! This study is designed to bring husbands and wives closer to each other, closer to God, and closer to other couples. You will study God's Word, share in your challenges and successes and build a marriage that will last. Together with other couples, you and your spouse will learn how to...

- Learn to manage money wisely
- Practice stewardship in light of God's Word
- Set wise financial goals that honor God
- Discover how borrowing money can affect long-term financial success
- Understand the principle of giving in relation to financial freedom

Resolving Conflict in Your Marriage

David Sunde

(HomeBuilders Couple Series) 6 Sessions - Workbook

Some conflict in marriage is unavoidable. Knowing how to resolve it is what makes a marriage flourish! This study is designed to bring husbands and wives closer to each other, closer to God—and closer to other couples. You will study in God's Word, share in your challenges and successes and build a marriage that will last.

Together with other couples, you and your spouse will learn how to...

- Understand the value of transparency in resolving conflict
- Practice loving confrontation as a way to strengthen your marriage
- Take responsibility to forgive in order to replace conflict with peace
- Learn to exchange your natural responses for God's supernatural ones

Parenting

“Parenting is Your Highest Calling”

Leslie Leyland Fields

(And 8 other Myths That Trap Us in Worry and Guilt) 9 week study, 13 books available

Through a close look at God’s own life as a parent as well as stories from real-life families, Fields highlights the transforming biblical truths that release parents from the grip of mistaken assumptions. Fresh, provocative insights that lifts the weight of guilt and fear and frees you to love your children as God intended.

Parenting: How to Raise Spiritually Healthy Kids

Bill Hybels

(Six sessions – each participant needs individual guidebook)

Parenting. Nothing gives us more joy—or greater challenges. This study helps you and your group tackle the thorny issues parents face today. Each session covers a topic that’s key to effective parenting, from raising well-balanced kids to overcoming the mistakes you make along the way. This practical, hands-on discussion guide helps you create a home where children can thrive. You’ll develop confidence and competence in your God-entrusted role as a parent and enjoy watching your kids grow into vibrant, godly adults.

Effective Parenting in a Defective World

Chip Ingram

(3 DVD’s and 1 leader guide)

We live in a time of unprecedented challenges for parents. The world seems more defective than ever. But the truth is that God has been working in the lives of young people from defective situations for thousands of years. And He longs to do the same in your life. With penetrating truth and sincerer honesty, Chip Ingram shares the life lessons from his personal experience of raising four children. He describes his failures and the challenges of teenage rebellion. And he reveals how the hand of God worked through it all to draw everyone in his family safely to the Lord.

Parenting The Early Years

Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott

(6 sessions, 6 DVDs, 1 Book, Leaders Guide, and 6 workbooks)

Who you are matters more than what you do. When your kids are all grown up, how will they remember you? In these six sessions, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott will take you through a parenting approach you won’t find in any other parenting resource.

Parenting: From Surviving to Thriving

Chuck Swindoll

(12 sessions)

(This workbook format is best studied with personal copies or couple copies.)

To be sure, parenting these days is a white-knuckle adventure—a scary roller coaster ride we only hope we can survive. Is there any hope at all that we can actually thrive as parents? What an opportunity to grow deeper in our relationship with our heavenly Father! Parenting is a profound privilege and opportunity that demands more of us than we can give. We need help. This workbook explores God’s divine plan for successful families.

Leadership Training Materials

Church Growth

User Friendly Churches

Barna

What Christians Need To Know About The Churches People Love to Go To

In this book I will take a different approach to describing cases in which churches have been successful. Rather than identify a church and describe its structure, its values and its performance, I will describe the principles that underlie the success of these.

Grow Your Church From The Outside In

George Barna

Understanding the Unchurched and How to Reach Them

Backed by rock-solid research among several thousand Sunday stay-at-homes, George Barna provides a clear real-world profile of the unchurched-their values, attitudes, behaviors, beliefs, religious practices, demographics, life goals and spiritual expectations. You will receive excellent insight into your target audience-what makes them tick and what ticks them off.

Shepherding the Small Church

Glenn Daman

A leadership Guide For The Majority Of Today's Churches

Seventy-five percent of America's churches have an average weekly attendance of 150 or less, yet they find themselves in the shadow of a few mega churches with boundless entrepreneurial skills and ministry resources. When the pastors of the typically sized congregation attend church growth and leadership conference, they can easily come away discouraged and disillusioned, having found little help to impact their ministries. Glenn Daman is an experienced small church pastor and ministry director, who knows that effectiveness is not determined by numbers, programs, and buildings. Instead it is defined by faithful service that results in transformed lives-one person at a time.

Creative Church Conference 2006

Fellowship Church

(Six Sessions 6 DVD's set)

Change is a necessary catalyst for our growth, maturity and development. Although we experience changes almost daily, there is something that never changes. From eternity to eternity, God remains a constant. Simply put: God is.

But the same cannot be said about the church. The methodology must change in order to meet the changing contour of the world around it. In short: Church evolves. As leaders of the church, we must be willing to facilitate that evolution. Through this series of talks, we can learn to do church in ways we never thought possible and discover together what the church can become because of who God is.

REVEAL

Greg L. Hawkins and Cally Parkinson

Where Are You? The Answer Will Transform Your Church

In an effort to better understand the hearts of people, Willow Creek Community Church undertook a three-year process to study and research to find a way to measure spiritual growth. And to see whether the church was accomplishing its mission of facilitating that growth. To that end, they surveyed not only their congregation but also six other churches across the United States. The results of the study were startling. Long-held assumptions crumbled. And Willow Creek came to grips with the fact that things had to change. Now Willow Creek invites you to learn from its finding. You'll learn more about what catalyzes and stunts spiritual growth. And you'll understand how the church needs to change in order to help people become like Christ.

On The Verge

Alan Hirsch and Dave Ferguson

Missionologically profound but practically oriented, this book combines the best thinking on missional strategy with the best practices in contemporary church growth. Written with successful contemporary expressions of church in mind. On the Verge articulates a vision of the kind of church that can really flourish in the twenty-first century.

House Church Networks

Larry Kreider

(A church for a new generation)

A new model of church is emerging throughout North America. Discover how these new house church networks offer community and simplicity, especially as they fit the heart, call and passion of the younger generation. These house church networks will work together with the more traditional community churches and mega-churches to show the transforming power of Christ to our neighborhoods.

My Generation

Josh James Riebock

A real journey of change and hope

Generation Y is the generation of tattoos, cell phones, social networking, and iPods. It is the generation of authenticity, social justice, racial diversity, and community. But it is also the generation of broken homes, school shootings, immense performance pressure, loneliness, self-indulgence, and insecurity. Christians have largely failed to bring restoration to this 70 million-member group of young people. What are we missing? And what are the consequences if it doesn't change? Josh James Riebock takes you on a journey deep into the soul of a generation that is slowly being transformed from within.

Transformation

Bob Roberts Jr.

A Vision to Live and Die For

The first-century church turned its world upside down. With God's help, churches today can do the same! But it won't come about through a new church program, but rather through a new church culture—a culture of transformation.

Houses That Change The World

Wolfgang Simson

The Return Of The House Churches

In this book, Wolfgang Simson brings to light what God is saying to Christians everywhere. Researched across the globe, he presents the case for the reformation of the Church's existence. In a world where the Church is being ignored, it is time to bring the Church to the people, and not the people to the Church. Whether it is what we know as Church from the last five years or the last five hundred years, no one has truly been able to break free from the structures of the past. Many may see this book as radical, many may see it as a reforming of old ideals, but all who read it will be challenged in their Churching and have their priorities refocused in a life-changing way.

Radical Renewal Today (The Problem of Wineskins)

Howard A Snyder

This best seller has been updated for the 90's, challenging you to examine the current church structure. If you have never read this classic, you have missed a treasure chest of information and wisdom from one of the most respected authors of our time.

The Power of Momentum

Andy Stanley & Craig Groeschel

(A Video Teaching Series includes 4 DVD's)

- **Gaining and Sustaining Momentum**
- **Creating a Culture of Continual Improvement**
- **Busting Barriers with Mindset Changes**
- **Creating Personal Spiritual Momentum**

The Power of Momentum series takes a practical approach to unlocking the secrets of creating and sustaining momentum. Through examples and application, you will learn the systems and tactics that fuel personal, organizational, and ministry progress. Each of the DVD's in *The Power of Momentum* includes a main talk divided into four sessions, behind-the-scenes discussion and access to the participant's guide.

Can We Do That?

Andy Stanley & Ed Young

Innovative practices that will change the way you do church

Church Ministry In Focus

Keynote Speaker Andy Stanley

(9 CD's of a 2007 Conference at Dallas Theological Seminary)

- **Session 1: Creating a Leadership-Friendly Culture**
- **Session 2: When Less is More**
- **Pastors Panel**
- **Developing Elders and Lay Leadership**
- **Developing Effective Administration**
- **Developing Authentic Worshipers**
- **Developing Mature Believers**
- **Developing a Missional Church**
- **Developing a Vibrant Women's Ministry**

SouLTsunami

Leonard Sweet

Sink Or Swim In New Millennium Culture

The Purpose Driven Church

Rick Warren

The Purpose Driven Church is the exciting story of Saddleback. This book explains the convictions, principles, and practices that have been mightily used by God in building one of the most effective churches on the North American continent.

First Impressions

Mark L. Waltz

(Creating Wow Experiences in Your Church)

Before a service begins, first-time guests usually decide whether they'll return to your church. This means church leaders need to create no-fail; practical ways to ensure a visitor's first impression is the best impression. When guests feel valued, they will return. And when they do, they'll have the opportunity to experience Jesus' love. Let visitors know "You matter to God so

you matter to us.” Author Mark Waltz shares the strategies that work in his church-and takes “greeting” to a while new level. Adapt these practical ideas to your church’s unique setting, and it wont be long before everyone feels welcome.

The Creative Leader

Ed Young

(Unleashing the Power of your Creative Potential) (3 books available)

“If church leaders are going to live out the challenging mission that God has laid out for the local church, we much unleash the creative potential available to us, develop it, and use it to communicate the most compelling message ever given to mankind. Creativity is not an option for the church; it is a biblical mandate that flows from the very character of the Creator. If you’re looking for a resource to help you maintain the status quo, this is not it. If you are looking for a few buzzwords or shortcuts, you wont find them here either. But if you’re looking for a book that can bring a sense of vitality and excitement to both your life and your organization, keep reading.”

College-Church Growth

Passion Conferences Presents: Thirsty Re: Think Fuel Focus

(A 10 DVD Conference Series 2004)

From the beginning Passion has been rooted in the confession of Isaiah 26:8: “Yes Lord, walking in the way of Your truth we wait eagerly for You, for Your name and renown are the desire of our souls.” As a result, Passion seeks to gather college and university students across the nation and around the world to seek the face of God, asking Him to ignite in our souls a passionate pursuit of Jesus Christ and a desire to spread His fame to everyone on earth. We believe God is calling out a generation of college students committed to the glory of His name in all things. God longs to bring awakening to every campus, mobilizing the students of today to finish the task of global evangelization in this generation. God is calling us out for this purpose, in this moment, for His renown.

Lost And Found

Ed Stetzer

The Younger Unchurched And The Churches That Reach Them

In this book, you will find research and stories about unchurched younger adults. But we’re going to give you more than that. You also will hear from churches that are effectively reaching unchurched younger adults.

Student-Church Growth

Story Signs And Sacred Rhythms

Chris Folmsbee

In Story Signs And Sacred Rhythms, Chris Folmsbee proposes no less than a reinvention of youth ministry based on a robust narrative theology-in other words, a theology of youth ministry that follows the contours of the biblical story. Youth workers (and pastors and parents and mentors) who have the courage to rethink their ministries along these lines will, as a result, see students shaped into truly biblical Christians, something that’s been lacking for far too long.

Student-Leadership

Leadership Academy 2001 Course Workbook Equipping Students to Maximize their Leadership Potential

Equip

Course workbook with many topics:

- The Art of the Basin and the Towel
- Primary Colors of a Leader
- This is a Test!
- Becoming a person of Influence
- Security or Sabotage
- Leadership and Intimacy with God
- I have a Dream
- Living the Life you were meant to Live
- I Like Your Style
- Life Missions Exercise
- 80/20 Principle and Strategic Leadership
- Personal Assessments

Group Magazine

Group

Jan 2011 issue

Main Topics:

- Risky Business- The risks youth workers are taking on behalf of their ministry, the obstacles they've overcome and the dreams that have come true because of it.
- Interns Unleashed- Finding, screening, training and launching your best ministry partners.

Leadership Men

Accountability

Discipleship Ministries

Developing Relationships for Spiritual Growth and Protection (Men's Edition)

(2 available)

- Importance of Small Group Accountability
- Introducing Small Group Accountability
- How to Organize a Small Group
- Tips for Small Group Success
- Conclusion

Leadership

Barna

Seminar material on Discipleship, Ministry Evaluation, Leadership Teams and The Unchurched

Barna Research Group

Teaching Moments

(Volumes 1-3 each volume on separate DVD)

Blue Fish TV

Volume 1:

- A Sister's Sacrifice
- The Story Behind The Song: *It IS Well With My Soul*
- A Majestic God
- A Daughter Killed By A Drunk Driver
- Famous Failures
- The Big Bang

Volume 2:

- Sports Sunday: The Big Show
- Charles Goodyear's Extraordinary Passion
- Challenge The Ordinary
- The Offering Plate
- Confessions Of A Shop-A-Holic
- Take A Shot

Volume 3

- Jonah: More Than a Kid's Story
- Moth And Rust
- The Church Saved My Life
- One Fan
- Homeless Beggar
- What Are We Missing?

The Making Of A Leader

Dr. J. Robert Clinton

(Recognizing the lessons and stages of leadership development)

- **Where do leaders come from?**
- **What does it take to be a leader?**
- **When does leadership begin?**

The answer to these questions may surprise you. Leadership is not confined to position, title, or training, nor is it limited by experience. In fact, these things sometimes cloud the real issues of leadership. In *The Making of a Leader*, Dr. Robert Clinton identifies the patterns God uses to develop a leader. By studying the lives of hundreds of historical biblical, and contemporary leaders, Dr. Clinton has determined the six stages of leadership development, and he establishes checkpoints to clarify where you are in the process. As you examine these principles and case

studies, you'll begin to recognize that the ministry of leadership flows from a person's being. And that's something God continues to mold throughout a lifetime.

Good To Great

Jim Collins

Why Some Companies Make the Leap....and Others Don't

Evolve

Fellowship Church

Creative Church Conference 2006 Magazine

- Creativity
- Leadership
- Growth

At Your Service

Fellowship Church

(2 CD)

Audio from Preston Mitchell and Tracy Barnes on Service

Identify your C3reative

Fellowship Church

(3 CD's)

Creative Church Conference 2004, General Session 1,2 and 3 from Ed and Lisa Young on the "Private Life of a Public Pastor"

Identify your C3reative

Fellowship Church

(A 5 DVD set and a 5 Audio CD set)

General Sessions

- Session 1 with Ed Young
- Session 2 with Ed Young
- Session 3 with Andy Stanley
- Session 4 with Greg Laurie
- Session 5 with Ed Young, Andy Stanley and Greg Laurie

Identify your C3reative

Fellowship Church

DVD on Worship Planning (1 DVD available)

DVD on New Member Assimilation & Volunteer Involvement (4 DVD's available)

Compassion in Jesus' Name

Fellowship Church

Releasing children from poverty (Volunteer Compilation 2 set DVD) 2 available

Creativepastors.com

Fellowship Church

(Volunteer Kit: Building a Volunteer-Driven Church, one CD)

The volunteer-driven church is a working model of the "less is more" principle-less staff, more volunteers. Putting ministry in the hands of volunteers was God's plan from the very beginning and infuses the local church with the enthusiasm, excitement and passion of those serving. This

Volunteering Kit is transferable to churches of any size and explains pivotal principles for developing a strong volunteer force.

Bless Your Pastor's Heart

Dr. Danny Forshee

Investing in the lives of our spiritual leaders

Bless the Pastor's Heart is written to encourage pastors and their families. So many pastors, if not most in the United States, are under tremendous pressure and stress in their churches. The goal of this book is to build up pastors and encourage them to continue to serve their people with passion and consistency. The book also encourages congregations to care for their pastors and staff.

Teaching To Change Lives

Dr. Howard Hendricks

Whether you are an "official" instructor or one who shares wisdom and knowledge "off the cuff," you can make the most of your God-given opportunities to inspire, to instruct, and to positively and permanently impact lives for the kingdom of God with *Teaching to Change Lives*.

Defining Moments

Bill Hybels

Advanced Training for Christian Leaders

- **Questions Posed to Seasoned Pastors Volume 2** (1CD)
- **Keeping the passion for Ministry Alive** (1 CD)

The Last Christian Generation

Josh McDowell

(The Crisis is Real. The Responsibility is Ours)

The Last Christian Generation documents the urgency of the crisis but also provides a fresh revelation of the heart of God through seven lifelong responses of a true follower of Christ- a definitive "Christianity 101." Josh makes a ground-breaking case for the need to move from program-driven to process-driven ministry. Reintroduce the real and relevant Christ to your young people, lead them through the process of Christ likeness and you may very well ignite a spiritual revolution for an entire generation.

The Performance Factor

Pat MacMillan

(Unlocking the Secrets of Teamwork)

(2 books available)

Organizations that have successfully developed team strategies are now experiencing significant increases in productivity and services. Team resource expert Pat MacMillan, discusses the characteristics of high performance team and teaches you how to implement a new paradigm of leadership to bring your organization to greater levels of effectiveness.

A Work Of Heart

Reggie McNeal

Understanding How God Shapes Spiritual Leaders

You may discover that God's greatest adventure for you involves far more than making you a great leader. He wants to make you a great person.

The 2002 Group Life Leaders Retreat

North Point Community Church

Small Group Leadership (4 DVD set)

- Session one -People of the Way
- Session 2- Five Practices for Building Authentic Community
- Session 3-Catching a Vision for Balance
- Session 4-Dangerous Groups

The 2001 Group Life Leaders Retreat

North Point Community Church

Small Group Leadership (4 DVD set)

- Session 1- Catalysts for Life Change
- Session 2-Building Small Group Community
- Turning Meetings into Moments
- Cultivating Communication

Brothers, We Are Not Professionals

John Piper

A Plea to Pastors for Radical Ministry

We pastors are being killed by the professionalizing of the pastoral ministry. The mentality of the professional is not the mentality of the prophet. It is not the mentality of the slave of Christ. Professionalism has nothing to do with the essence and heart of the Christian ministry. The more professional we long to be, the more spiritual death we will leave in our wake. For there is no professional panting after God.

Simple Church

Thom S. Rainer & Eric Geiger

(Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples) (4 books available)

Simple Church calls Christians to make a clear return to the simple gospel-sharing methods of Jesus. No elaborate, multi-level out-reach strategies required. Based on a new case studies of four hundred American churches, authors Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger prove the process for making disciples is quite often too complex. Simple churches are thriving, and they are doing so by taking four concepts to heart: Clarity > Movement > Alignment > Focus

Hand Me Another Brick

Chuck Swindoll

Timeless Lessons on Leadership

(How Effective Leaders Motivate Themselves and Others)

16 lessons one book available

Our society is overdue for a fresh word on the matter of leadership. We desperately need God's steady, unchanging wisdom in our businesses, homes, ministries, government, and education. Growth in leadership is exactly what Nehemiah provides. You can rise to the challenge of becoming a dynamic, godly leader. You'll find the insights and help you need in the lessons and special features of this excellent Bible Companion. Join Chuck and Nehemiah now in rebuilding the walls of your life. And when times are tough, don't give up, just look to the Leader of all and say, "Hand me another brick!"

Volunteerism

Willowcreek Church

(Children's Ministry Team Edition)

(1 DVD)

Four session on recruiting, developing, and training volunteers from the Willow Creek Association Children's Ministry Conference on Volunteerism for you and your leadership team. A downloadable, reproducible handout with message outlines, discussion questions and key takeaways chart for capturing your team's learning's and planning next steps.

Leadership Uncensored

Ed Young

(5 CD's)

You will hear Pastor Ed Young and the staff of Fellowship Church talk about the highlights and lowlights of church leadership. Our passion will be obvious as we talk about the greatest hope for the world today-the local church and its message of Jesus Christ. These CD's are packed with principles and ideas that can be transferred to your local church and your life.

- Launching a Satellite Campus
- The Creative Leader
- Mission Drift
- Creating A Culture of Giving
- Ready, Set, Hire

Called to Teach

William R. Yount

An Introduction to the Ministry of Teaching

Life Groups

Key Values

John Burke, Larry Crab, Bill Donahue, Bill Hybels and John Ortberg

(2 DVD set)

Each week, your small group leadership team tackles the hurdles of ministry needs, tactical crisis, and problems with difficult people. The hectic pace can make it difficult to remember the values guiding your choices and direction. This 2-DVD set provides the tools and encouragement to lay a strong foundation for both existing and future small groups through defining and honing key factors like vision, leadership development, assimilation, and quality of group life.

1. Everybody's normal till you get to know them
2. Shaped in the chaos
3. Circles of Change
4. More than a meeting
5. Walk across the street

Home Cell Group Explosion

Joel Comiskey

How Your Small Group Can Grow and Multiply

This book is the most researched and practical book ever written on cell group ministry! Joel Comiskey traversed the globe to find out why certain churches and small groups are successful in

reaching the lost. He found the answers and freely shares them within this volume. If you are a pastor or small group leader, you should devour this book! It will encourage you and give you simple, practical steps for dynamic small group life and growth.

ReGroup

Henry Could, Bill Donahue, John Townsend

Training Groups to be Groups

(DVD set, (2 DVD's in set) and participant's guide)

The *ReGroup* small group DVD curriculum will guide all of you-leader and group together- into a new closeness and effectiveness. Designed to create healthy group dynamics and an atmosphere that fosters personal growth, this innovative approach equips both group leaders and members with essential skills and values for creating and sustaining truly life-changing small groups.

Four 60-minute sessions on the foundations of group life:

- 1. Getting connected-God's Purpose for Small Groups**
- 2. Five Habits of Life-Changing Small Groups**
- 3. Setting Ground Rules**
- 4. Determining Your Group's Purpose**

Thirteen 5-10 minute coaching segments on topics such as active listening, giving and receiving feedback, prayer, calling out the best in others, and more.

Three 60-minute sessions on critical-concern topics

- **Confrontation**
- **Conflict Resolution**
- **Helping people in crisis**

Leading Life-Changing Small Groups

Bill Donahue

Like nothing else, small groups have the power to change lives. They're the ideal route to discipleship a place where the rubber of biblical truth meets the road of human relationships. For six years Bill Donahue provided training and resources for small group leaders so that Willow Creek could build a church of small groups. Now he is committed to creating tools that will help church leaders pursue the same goal-to provide a place in community for everyone in their congregation. In *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups*, Donahue and his team share in depth the practical insights that have made Willow Creek's small group ministry so effective.

Coaching Life-Changing Small Groups

Bill Donahue

Small groups transform churches-and lives. Small group leaders often feel the weight of shepherding their members. But who shepherds the shepherd? And what are the best ways to provide that support and guidance? These are the questions answered in *Coaching Life-Changing Small Group Leaders*.

Assimilator's Playbook

North Point Community Church

Next to the players and coaching staff, a team's playbook is one of its assets. A team may have the most gifted players in their sport, but without an effective coaching staff helping them call the

right plays at the right time, the team never reaches it's full potential. They may be talented individually, but if they aren't running the same play, they aren't going to be successful.

Similarly, Assimilators that aren't calling the right plays and aren't fully utilizing their team members will never reach their fullest potential. Assimilators are a key part of a relay team. They work with NPCC attendees and members until they are connected into a Community Group. We've put this Assimilator's Playbook together to help you better work with your team and make the right handoffs at the right time. You will notice that we have divided the playbook into five sections. Many of the challenges you will face are addressed in these sections. Hopefully, your playbook will become a helpful resource in the days ahead. Great leaders know the importance of their team operating from the same playbook, and they know the importance of calling the right plays at the right time.

HOMETEAMS Infrastructure

Fellowship Church

We understand the important role of small groups in the local Church. Fellowship Church's HOMETEAMS structure is designed to facilitate a healthy and growing small group ministry.

- Vision/10 Keys
- Role of the Developer
- Builder/Developer Relationships
- Recruiting
- Problem Solving
- Website How To
- Vision, Goals, Actions Plans
- Calendar/Forms

FOUNDATIONS

Fellowship Church

(Hometeam Leader Training)

The mission of the HOMETEAMS Ministry is to connect people relationally, for the purpose of growing spiritually, caring for one another and multiplying ministry while helping to accomplish the stated purpose of Fellowship Church.

- Structure/Organization
- 10 Keys Overview
- Key 1 Connect Church
- Key 2 Recruit/Multiply
- Key 3 Invite
- Key 4 Prepare
- Key 5 Meet
- Key 6 Worship
- Key 7 Serve
- Key 8 Win
- Key 9 Seek
- Key 10 Commit

Leader's Playbook

North Point Community Church

Next to the players and coaching staff, a team's playbook is one of the most valuable assets. A team may have the most gifted players in their sport, but if they don't call the right plays at the right time, the team never reaches its full potential. They may be talented individually, but if they aren't running the same play, they aren't going to be successful. Similarly, small group leaders that aren't calling the right plays and aren't fully utilizing their coaches will never reach their fullest potential either. That's why we've put this Leader's Playbook together, to help call the right plays

at the right time. You will notice that we have divided the playbook into 5 sections. Many of the challenges you will face are addressed in these sections.

Coach's Supplement

North Point Community Church

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Community Group Leader Training
(CD from a seminar)

Andy Stanley

New Leaders

The Thin Line

Catalystspace

(A collection of articles from many authors)

A Review of Leadership Thought and Practice Volume VI (5 books available)

The Thin Line is a study for next generation leaders committed to living as a reflection of Christ, a people of unwavering commitment and obedience. Tension drives us toward the in-between of leadership. Each day we are confronted with the decision to venture into the uncomfortable places of life so we can be agents of change. This volume will strengthen and encourage every leader determined to work within the in-between of leadership-to walk tension's think line.

Take Courage

Catalyst Dallas

(6 DVD series from May Conference) (2 sets available)

Catalyst is one of the few conferences that's specifically geared towards inspiring and encouraging young leaders. If you are passionate to make a difference, want to leave your mark and want to become all God created you to be, Catalyst is a great place to begin your leadership journey. Beyond an event, Catalyst provides incredible resources and content throughout the year that will help challenge and shape you as a young leader. I personally have grown tremendously through the experiences attending and being connected with Catalyst.

New Leadership 101

John C. Maxwell

(Inspirational Quotes & Insights for Leaders) (13 books available)

You will be inspired by the dozens of high-impact quotes collected from many successful leaders. And, you'll be challenged by the real-life stories that illustrate the most crucial points. This practical source of encouragement and motivation will teach you how to pass the test of effectiveness in the real world.

The Next Generation Leader

Andy Stanley

(Essentials For Those Who Will Shape The Future)

(2 books available)

Straight talk to tomorrow's leaders. Five characteristics mark the man or woman who will shape the future. Do you have them? Can they be taught? Why are these so critical? Drawing on two decades of experience mentoring a rising generation, seasoned visionary Andy Stanley shows how to:

- Discover and play to your strengths
- Harness your fears
- Leverage uncertainty
- Enlist a leadership coach
- Maintain moral authority

Family Ministry Leadership

Think Orange

Reggie Joiner

Imagine The impact When Church And Family Collide.....

Two combined influences can make a greater impact than just two influences. The church leaders who think Orange make radical changes so they can.....

- Engage parents in an integrated strategy
- Synchronize the home and church around a clear message
- Provoke parents and kids to fight for their relationships with each other
- Recruit mentors to become partners with families
- Mobilize the next generation to be the church

When you think Orange you rethink the way you do ministry for children and teenagers.

Counseling

Life Change

Counseling and Discipleship for New Believers, Rededication and Serving in Ministry (3 small guides available)

How to respond to questions and encourage LifeSteps

- **Responding to Jesus Christ for the First Time**
- **Restoring Your Commitment to Christ**
- **Committing to Serve God in Ministry**
- **What do I do when I doubt?**
- **What about my family?**
- **What about my friends?**
- **How will my life change?**

Christian Reading/Viewing

Study Tools

Holy Bible

New Living Translation

The New Testament

The Recovery Version

The Student Bible Dictionary

A complete learning system to help you understand words, people, places and events of the Bible

My Utmost For His Highest

Daily Devotional Journal

Chambers

The Bible made easy

An easy-to-understand pocket reference guide

Hendrickson Publishing

The Everyday Guide to The Bible

A friendly & informative guide to the Old and New Testaments

Humblecreek

The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible

Large easy to read print

Nelson

The Discovery Study Bible

NIV Version

The Message

New Testament And Psalms

Eugene Peterson

Life Application Study Bible

Red Letter

Divine Appointments III
Daily Devotional Guide

Student Discipleship Ministries

Thirteen weeks of practical devotionals helps to aid you in your growing passion for God.

Santa Biblia/Holy Bible

Vida

Holy Bible (Kings James Version)

Zondervan

Christian Living

Peppermint-filled piñatas

Eric Michael Bryant

Breaking through tolerance and embracing love

We live in a diverse world filled with unprecedented opportunity. Here is a call to move past the barriers that stand between us, and those who may be different. Eric Michael Bryant has seen tolerance shown to those who are different from us- racially, religiously, sexually, politically, economically- and believes there must be more. After all, Jesus didn't just tolerate people; he embraced all of them with love.

Connecting

Larry Crab

A Radical New Vision

Dr. Crab envisions a day when communities of God's people-ordinary Christians whose lives connect as husband to wife, brother to sister, friend to friend-will accomplish most of the healing that we now depend on mental health professionals to provide. God has deposited within us the power to heal soul-disease, and the power is released to do its work as we relate to each other in revolutionary new ways. In challenging, practical language, Dr. Crabb shows us how.

The Seed

Jon Gordon

A story for anyone searching for more passion, purpose, and happiness

Stop Dating The Church

Joshua Harris

Fall In Love with the Family of God

We are a generation of consumers, independent and critical. We attend church, but we don't want to settle down and truly invest ourselves. We're not into commitment-we only want to date the church. Is this what God want for us? *Stop Dating the Church* reminds us that faith was never meant to be a solo pursuit. The church is the place God grows us, encourages us, and uses us best. Loving Jesus Christ involves a passionate commitment to His church-around the world and down the street. We can't be apathetic. It's time to fall in love with the family of God.

Who You Are When No One's Looking

Bill Hybels

Choosing Consistency, Resisting Compromise

We are all at our best when it counts. But what are we like when no one's looking? That's where character come in-being consistent even when it doesn't seem to matter. Courage, Discipline, Vision, Endurance and Love. These character qualities are quickly becoming endangered. All too often we hear of marriages falling apart, governments lying, businesses cheating and scandals rocking the church. But with God's guidance and strength, we can maintain character that lasts despite temptations and troubles.

**Choosing Forgiveness
Your Journey to Freedom**

David Jeremiah

Perhaps you still remember the moment—the time of day, the look in the other person’s eye—when you were hurt. When your hopes and dreams were damaged by someone you trusted. And since then your life has been put on hold, sabotaged by harbored resentment, dreams of revenge, or perhaps indifference and numbness. Or it may be just the “stuff” of every day life and relationships that has left you with a knot in your stomach and a dull ache in your heart. There are no magic words or secret formulas for forgiveness. But there are biblical principles that can help you break free from bitterness and pain. In *Choosing Forgiveness*, celebrated teacher Nancy Leigh DeMoss delves into God’s Word to uncover the promises and expose the myths of forgiveness.

**Broken walls and those called to repair them
(2 books available)**

Kevin D. Kirkland

It is a cry for the people of God to take up the mantle of discipleship for the lost and broken children of the coming generations in our country. I have included some practical things that will no doubt be of use in parenting but most of the tools that we will discuss for restoration are simply about the call of God on our lives to come to Him in our brokenness. I pray that through our time together, your heart will be convicted, encouraged and consumed by the love of the God we serve and the call He has given each of us. I pray that as God reveals Himself to us, my heart and your heart would be connected by one common purpose that each of us would commit to becoming a “Repairer of the Broken Walls.”

Words to Live By

C. S. Lewis

A Guide for the Merely Christian

C.S. Lewis an interpreter of Christianity without match—had the ability to precisely define and explain key issues in the life of faith. This essential collection of selections from his fiction, nonfiction, and letters, showcases just how life-giving his writings can be. Inside discover the wisdom of C.S. Lewis on confession, desire, friendship, joy, marriage, silence, truth, and more.

One Minute After You Die

Erwin W. Lutzer

When you slip behind the parted curtain your life will not be over. Rather, it will be just beginning—in a place of unimaginable bliss or indescribable gloom. This updated edition of the bestselling *One Minute After You Die* opens a window on eternity with a simple and moving explanation of what the Bible teaches about death Erwin W. Lutzer brings a biblical and pastoral perspective to such issues as:

- Channeling reincarnation and near-death experiences
- What heaven will be like
- The justice of eternal punishment
- The death of a child
- Trusting in God’s providence
- Preparing for your own final moment

Wide Awake

Erwin Raphael McManus

The Future Is Waiting Within You

In *Wide Awake*, Erwin Raphael McManus challenges us to put an end to all the sleepwalking and settling, for each of us was created by God for a reason. He has called you to live as Jesus did, a heroic-life, void of monotony, teeming with danger, adventure, and the unknown. Living wide-awake is about realizing that the world desperately needs you to live up to your greatness.

**Seizing Your Divine Moment
Dare to Live a Life of Adventure**

Erwin Raphael McManus

We all have dreams. Why, then, do some of us realize our dreams and advance forward while others watch timidly from a distance and hope for a break? Author Erwin Raphael McManus believes there is a direct relationship between passion and initiative. But what about making sure that the things we do, and the dreams we dream, are truly God's will? In *Seizing Your Divine Moment* McManus offers a liberating reality—when we are passionate about God, we can trust our passions. Using the biblical account of Israel's war with the Philistines, McManus compares Saul with Jonathan to illustrate the tremendous impact possible in a life of purpose and adventure as opposed to a life of routine, apathy, and missed opportunities.

Tempted and Tried

Russell D. Moore

Temptation and the Triumph of Christ.

Refrigerator Rights

Dr. Will Miller and Dr. Glenn Sparks

How many people in your life right now have refrigerator rights in your home...free access to the refrigerator? How many of the people you encounter every day see you unshaven or without makeup? How many people do you "live life with"? The premise of this book study is that modern life has been profoundly affected by the loss of refrigerator rights relationships. Lost through increased mobility, heavy social emphasis on individualism, and emotionally numbing distractions. This book aims to show the connection between our loss of intimacy with people in our lives and the stress and disconnection that we feel in everyday life. This book is for all people who sense a gap between their level of personal and career achievement and their sense of inner peace and contentment.

**Forty Days On The Mountain
Meditations on Knowing God**

Stephen E. Smallman

The Quest For Character

Charles R. Swindoll

Inspirational Thoughts for Becoming More Like Christ

So many voices today tell us that avoiding pain and dodging trouble are the best we can expect from life. Yet God is at work in us. He doesn't call us to a bland vanilla existence but to an exciting quest for the best thing in life—a heart that reflects the character qualities of Jesus Christ. Let Chuck Swindoll show you the building blocks of character that God wants to develop in you and how these traits can help you achieve lasting fulfillment.

The God Catchers

Tommy Tenney

Experiencing The Manifest Presence Of God

Flesh cannot physically catch God—but when the hungry heart of a God chaser cries out for Him alone, those desperate cries capture His heart. At that moment, the Pursued becomes the Pursuer and the God chaser becomes a God catcher. When worship arrests His attention, He changes our future. Humanity has encountered divinity.

The Great Omission

Dallas Willard

The last command Jesus gave the church before he ascended to heaven was the Great Commission, the call for Christians to "make disciples of all the nations." But Christians have responded by making "Christians," not "disciples." This, according to brilliant scholar and renowned Christian thinker Dallas Willard, has been the church's Great Omission. Willard boldly challenges the thought that we can be Christians without being disciples, or call ourselves

Christians without applying this understanding of life in the Kingdom of God to every aspect of life on earth. He calls on believers to restore what should be the heart of Christianity – being active disciples of Jesus Christ. Willard shows us that in the school of life, we are apprentices of the Teacher whose brilliance encourages us to rise above traditional church understanding and embrace the true meaning of discipleship—an active, concrete, 24/7 life with Jesus.

Spiritual Formation

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices that transform us

Adele A. Calhoun

Like new, slightly used handbook

Have you heard about these practices and wanted to try them? Have you wandered from one practice to another not sure quite what to do? Are you overwhelmed by all the to-dos of your spiritual life? We have good desires – for a more intimate prayer life, perhaps or deeper insight from God’s word – but we don’t know how to get there. So we give up our pursuit, tired from wandering aimlessly, and end up feeling guilty and more distant from God instead of closer. In the *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook* Adele Calhoun gives us directions for our journey toward intimacy with Christ. Instead of just giving information *about* spiritual disciplines, this *Handbook* is full of practical, accessible guidance that helps you actually *do* them.

Basic Follow Jesus

Francis Chan

(DVD)

What does Jesus mean when He tells us to follow Him? Are we supposed to just agree with what He says, or does He really mean we’re supposed to do the things He did and live the life He lived? Once we understand how to follow Jesus, we see the hard life that might be in store for us, and then the real question becomes not how, but why we would want to follow Him in the first place.

Basic Fear God

Francis Chan

(DVD)

One of the recurring themes we see in the Bible is the idea of fearing God. When it comes to fearing God, though, it seems like so many in the church today want to reduce this fear to some sort of reverence or respect or awe. Could it be that when the Bible says we’re to fear God, it’s not just respect...that it really means we’re to be terrified of Him? Could it be that this fear of God is what will ultimately lead us to the life that we were created to live?

INDESCRIBABLE

Louie Giglio

(30 DVD’s available)

The Heavens are telling the glory of God, and their expanse declares the work of His hands. Night after night they remind us of just how small we are, and how huge God is. Looking out into the far reaches of the Universe, we find a seemingly infinite expanse of mystery and wonder, intricately fashioned by a God of unfathomable size and power. Just a glimpse of one of the billions of visible galaxies He has formed resizes us, shrinking us, and the world we call home to seemingly insignificance in an instant. But as tiny as we may seem, the God who knows every star by name also knows yours, and mine. And in the most stunning rescue imaginable, God sent His Son to his spinning planet we call home—the Creator reconnecting us to Himself with life that never ends. *Indescribable* takes us on an image-rich journey through the Cosmos, allowing us to peer into God’s universe to discover the amazing magnitude of His greatness and grace.

The Ragamuffin Gospel

Brennan Manning

Most of us believe in God's grace-in theory. But somehow we can't seem to apply it in our daily lives. We continue to see Him as a small-minded bookkeeper, tallying our failures and successes on a score sheet. Yet God gives us His grace, willingly, no matter what we've done. We come to Him as ragamuffins-dirty, bedraggled, and beat-up. And when we sit at His feet, He smiles upon us, the chosen objects of His "furious love." Brennan Manning's now-classic meditation on grace and what it takes to access it-simple honesty-has changed thousands of lives. It will change yours too.

Think

John Piper

(The Life of the Mind and the Love of God)

We often pit thinking and feeling against each other, especially when it comes to the Christian experience. Glorifying God with our minds and hearts, however, is not either-or, but both. Focusing on the life of the mind will help you know God better, love him more, and care for the world. This book will help you think about thinking, and about how the heart and mind glorify God together.

Radical

Taking Back Your Faith From The American Dream

David Platt

In *Radical*, David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple-then invites you to believe and obey what you heard. And he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a "successful" suburban church decides to get serious about the gospel according to Jesus. Finally, he urges you to join The Radical Experiment- a one-year journey in authentic discipleship that will transform how you live in a world that desperately needs the Good News Jesus came to bring.

The God Chasers

Tommy Tenney

"My Soul Follow Hard After Thee"

A God chaser is a person whose passion for God's presence presses him to chase the impossible in hopes that the uncatchable might catch him. A child chases a loving parent until, suddenly, the strong arms of the father enfold the chaser. The pursuer becomes the captive; the pursued the captor. "I chase after that I may catch that which apprehended me" (Phil. 3¹²)

Purpose Driven Life

Rick Warren

What On Earth Am I Here For?

(2 books, one CD audio set)

You were not an accident. Even before the universe was created, God had you in mind, and he planned you for his purposes. These purposes will extend far beyond the few years you will spend on earth. You were made to last forever! Self-help books often suggest that you try to discover the meaning and purpose of your life by looking within yourself, but Rick Warren says that is the wrong place to start. You must begin with God, your Creator, and his reasons for creating you. You were made by God and for God, and until you understand that, life will never make sense. This book will help you understand why you are alive and God's amazing plan for you-both here and now, and for eternity. Rick Warren will guide you through a personal 40-day spiritual journey that will transform your answer to life's most important question: What on earth am I here for?

Secrets of the Vine

Bruce Wilkinson

(3 books available)

Join best-selling author Bruce Wilkinson on a life-changing journey through John 15. As you explore the heart of Jesus' final message to the disciples before His betrayal and crucifixion, you'll discover the vital importance hidden within His words: "I am the vine; you are the branches."

With this fresh understanding, you'll begin to recognize God's great plan for your life—a plan to help you flourish in unbelievable ways as you partner with Him.

Worship

God's Favorite House

Tommy Tenney

"If You Build It, He Will Come"

Do you have fond memories of the house in which you grew up? What are those memories? Recalling the warm events that happened in that home rather than the physical structure of the house is what would make you "homesick." If God were ever to get "homesick" for any of the houses of worship on earth where would that be? What events at that location would provoke the eternal mind of God to label that house as His favorite, to forever memorialize it in His own memory? Man seeks God encounters at what he calls "God's house." But God seeks man encounters at what He calls "man's house." Remember the names? "Moses' Tabernacle," "David's Tabernacle," "Solomon's Temple"? God has searched the earth for intimate worship since the Garden of Eden. What would happen if the ancient patterns and old blueprints were rediscovered? What if the anointed practices were refreshed and restored? If we could "rebuild" that house, would He "revisit"? While the landscape is littered with multimillion-dollar steeples piercing God's atmosphere and stained windows coloring His sunshine, it would seem that the choice of His favorite house would be elaborate. Prepare to be surprised as you discover *God's Favorite House*.

Healing

Christ the Healer

F.F. Bosworth

Jesus healed people when He walked this earth. But is supernatural healing still meant to happen with any regularity today? F.F. Bosworth answers with a resounding Yes! In his classic *Christ the Healer*, Bosworth presents a life-changing discussion of healing, based on the biblical premise that Jesus redeemed us from our diseases when He atoned for our sins.

Trials

Overcoming Hurts & Anger

Dwight L. Carlson, M.D.

Finding Freedom from Negative Emotions

People have often been told to deny or suppress the dark and undesirable side of their personalities. The result, says well-known psychiatrist Dwight L. Carlson, is the "emotionally crippled" personality that is the most vulnerable of all. What if you didn't have to experience the numerous emotional and physical problems that anger causes? Instead, by confronting and learning to cope with your feelings and negative emotions, you could experience liberation and fulfillment and come to enjoy the riches of God's mercy and grace in greater ways than ever before.

When Someone You Love Dies

William L. Coleman

Why did she have to die? What will happen to us now? We hear questions like these from our children when someone close to them dies. Writing for children ages 8-12 and their parents, William Coleman discusses the fears and questions that young people have when someone they love dies, perhaps a parent, grandparent, sibling, or close friend. He offers advice and support as

they struggle to understand death and helps them work through the grieving process.

When God & Cancer Meet

Lynn Eib

True Stories of hope and healing

Cancer survivor Lynn Eib knows from experience that God can touch you. Right where you are, whoever you are: Newly diagnosed and in shock, praying there's been some mistake. Facing surgery, hoping the doctor can get it all. Holding the hand of a loved one, trying to be strong. Trudging through chemotherapy and radiation, hoping they work. Undergoing tests, longing for good news. *When God & Cancer Meet* is a book of powerful stories about cancer patients and their families who have been touched by God in miraculous ways.

Hope When Life Hurts Most

Louie Giglio

(DVD with music CD 3 DVD's available)

Life isn't easy. We experience problems and setbacks every day. But during the hardest parts of life, when the bottom seems to fall out, where do we turn for peace? Although God doesn't offer any easy solutions, He does offer Himself and His cross as an anchor of hope no matter what we face in life. And more than simply enduring suffering, the hope we find in Him allows us to leverage our darkest moments for His fame. When life hurts most, the world listens most intently to our message, allowing us to broadcast through our pain the goodness of the One who loves us the most.

A Bend In The Road

David Jeremiah

Experiencing God When Your World Caves In

Less than a heartbeat away, according to Dr. David Jeremiah. When life suddenly turns upside down, there, in the midst of our trials and in the center of our pain, is God-comforting, guiding, encouraging, teaching, sustaining. In this perceptive and deeply personal book, Dr. Jeremiah draws from the beautiful poetry and deep truths of the Psalms-passages that gave him comfort and strength on his journey into the unknown.

Stepping into the Ring

Nicole Johnson

Fighting for Hope Over Despair (In The Battle Against Breast Cancer)

While Nicole Johnson hasn't had cancer, she has experienced it through the countless women whose courageous stories are the basis for this dramatization of one woman's struggle with the formidable disease. Walk with this character-this "every-woman"-through the denial, the anger, and the big "D" of Despair. Share her pain as she faces friendly fire from well-meaning acquaintances offering bumper-sticker inspiration. Feel the deep injustice as she confronts the loss of a breast-and what feels like the loss of her womanhood.

The Problem of Pain

C.S. Lewis

Why must we suffer? "If God is good and all-powerful, why does he allow his creatures to suffer pain?" And what of the suffering of animals, who neither deserve pain nor can be improved by it? The greatest Christian thinker of our time sets out to disentangle this knotty issue. With his signature wealth of compassion and insight, C.S. Lewis offers answers to these crucial questions and shares his hope and wisdom to help heal a world hungering for a true understanding of human nature.

He Held My Hand

Deborah Marocco Mason

A Spiritual Battle Over Cancer

Have you ever wondered why bad things happen to good people? Have you ever been faced with a trial bigger than what you can handle? Have you been diagnosed with a disease that is life threatening? If your answer is yes to any of these questions then this book is for you. Read this incredible story of a young mother faced with a rare and dreaded disease, mouth cancer and find a testimony of God's grace, strength, redemption and healing for a tremendous personal battle. Read how the promises of God sustained and empowered her so when Death came knocking, she refused to answer the door. Debbie Mason is a trophy of God's grace in time of great need. Read about her personal struggles and victories and discover how God can and will give you strength and healing too.

Helping Those Who Hurt

H. Norman Wright

Compassionate and Practical Ways to Offer Comfort

Throughout our lifetimes, we'll find ourselves in the uncomfortable position of not knowing what to say to a friend suffering a loss or trauma. But not doing anything brings more harm than good. As Christians, it is not a question of whether or not to help, but how and when to lend a hand. In the newly revised *Helping Those Who Hurt*, H. Norman Wright offers practical and sensitive ways to help friends suffering a divorce, the loss of a spouse, a diagnosis of cancer, and other traumas. Specific suggestions tell you not only what to do but what not to do.

When We Hurt

Philip Yancey

Prayer, preparation & hope for life's pain

Few experiences in life are more universal than pain, which flows like lava beneath the crust of daily life. In this book taken from the writings of Dr. Paul Brand, bestselling author Philip Yancey shares wisdom and hope for those dealing with any kind of pain. Includes Scriptures, quotes, and prayers for meditation and encouragement when dealing with the hurts of life.

Irrepressible Hope (conference 2004) (Conference CD set of 4 CD's)

Women of Faith

Keep fresh wind in your sails all year round with this CD set. Stories of irrepressible Hope from Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, Sheila Walsh, and Thelma Wells-plus Sheila's "gift" wrap-up – are all here. These messages will help you keep your hopes up no matter what storms life may bring.

Spiritual Warfare

Arm Yourself Against The Enemy's Schemes

Beth Moore

A Taste of When Godly People Do Ungodly Things

Join Beth Moore as she explores the critical issue of why devoted followers of Christ fall into the traps of Satan. Beth writes with a passion fueled by the biblical warnings of Satan's seductive activity and the brokenhearted concern of a teacher who receives countless letters from repentant Christians who are limping along the road to restoration.

Piercing The Darkness

Frank E. Peretti

It all begins in Bacon's Corner. A tiny farming community far from the interstate...an attempted murder, a case of mistaken---or is it covered-up? ---identity, and a ruthless lawsuit against a struggling Christian school. Sally Beth Roe, a young loner, a burn-out, a kind of "leftover hippie," finds herself caught in the idle of these bizarre events, fleeing for her life while trying to recall her dark past. Across a vast panorama of heart-stopping action, Sally Roe's journey is a penetrating portrayal of our times, a reflection of our wanderings, and a vivid reminder of the redemptive power of the Cross.

Biblical Truth

No Fear of the Storm

Tim LaHayne

Why Christians Will Escape All the Tribulation

Christians today have more evidence that Christ could come in our lifetime than any generation that has come before. *No Fear of the Storm* outlines the hope of the pre-Tribulation rapture theory, responds to recent attacks on this position, and helps prepare you for the last days before Christ's return.

Jesus God Or Man?

Dr. Jim Denison

This booklet not only addresses issues raised by the Da Vinci Code, but hopefully will help you, the reader, to see Jesus as who he claims to be, the one Peter knew so well: "The Christ, the Son of the living God." It is my prayer that it will serve as a tool, which can be used when the next challenge to Christianity comes along. And the next. And the next.

More Than a Carpenter

Josh McDowell

Josh McDowell thought Christians must be "out of their minds." He put them down. He argued against their faith. But eventually he saw that his arguments wouldn't stand up. Jesus Christ really was God in human flesh. Josh became a speaker on college and university campuses, challenging those who were just as skeptical as he had been.

Fiction

Christmas jars

Jason F. Wright

Hope Jensen is a young, single woman and an aspiring newspaper writer, and when she receives a much needed but anonymous Christmas gift, she's determined to find her benefactor. That search leads her to an unusual family with a longstanding Christmas tradition. Sensing a front-page feature article, Hope desperately wants to publish their story, but doing so would be a breach of trust. What she decides to do will change her life forever.

Dinner With A Perfect Stranger
An Invitation Worth Considering

David Gregory

Your invited to a dinner with Jesus of Nazareth

The Mysterious envelope arrives on Nick Cominsky's desk amid a stack of credit cards applications and business-related junk mail. Although his seventy-hour workweek has already eaten into his limited family time, Nick can't pass up the opportunity to see what kind of plot his colleagues have hatched. The normally confident, cynical Nick soon finds himself thrown off-balance, drawn into an intriguing conversation with a baffling man who appears to be more than comfortable discussing everything from world religions to the existence of heaven and hell. And this man who calls himself Jesus also seem to know a disturbing amount about Nick's personal life. As the evening progresses, their conversation touches on life, God, meaning, pain, faith, and doubt-and it seems that having *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* my change Nick's life forever.

Financial

The Treasure Principle

Randy Alcorn

Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving

Priceless treasure is within your reach. And with it, liberating joy. In Randy Alcorn's *The Treasure Principle*, you'll unearth a radical teaching of Jesus-a secret wrapped up in giving. Once you discover this secret, life will never look the same. And you won't want it to!

Your Money Counts

Howard Dayton

The Biblical Guide To Earning, Spending, Saving, Investing, Giving, and Getting Out of Debt (4 book available)

Many people are experiencing financial challenges such as debt, a frustrating job, or inadequate savings. Recent surveys have found that over half of all divorces are the result of financial pressure at home. Suffocating materialism is robbing people of their spiritual vitality. In *Your Money Counts*, you will learn that the Bible has a lot to say about money, there are; in fact, over 2,350 verses that address everything you need to know about handling money. Indeed, the Bible is a blueprint for managing your finances. Not only is *Your Money Counts* practical, but in it you will discover the profound impact handling money has on your relationship with God.

Men's Issues

Every Man's Battle
(3 books available)

Stephen Arterburn, Fred Stoeker

From the television to the Internet, print media to videos, men are constantly faced with the assault of sensual images. It is impossible to avoid such temptations...but, thankfully, not impossible to rise above them. Shattering the perception that men are unable to control their

thought lives and roving eyes. Every Man's Battle shares the stories of dozens who have escaped the trap of sexual immorality and presents a practical, detailed plan for any man who desires sexual purity-perfect for men who have fallen in the past, those who want to remain strong, and all who want to overcome temptation in the future.

Game Plan

Bob Buford

(2 books available)

In Game Plan, Buford gives you a practical way to move from success to significance-and create an individual strategy that can get you where you want to be five...ten...twenty...thirty...or more years from now. If you sense it's time for a positive change in your life, Game Plan gives you the tools to uncover your best self, aim for your highest dreams, and make your career and personal life more meaningful and fulfilling than ever. With this book, there are no more excuses for postponing or evading the decision about what to do with the second half of your life-the half after age forty or forty-five.

Relationships

(Marriage & Dating)

Dating 101

Dr. Samuel Adams and Ben Young

Do you ever wish that dating came with a manual? Here is everything you need to know to survive- and thrive-in the world of relationships. Whether you are new to the dating scene and overwhelmed at its possible pitfalls, or frustrated because you can't seem to find "The One," relationship experts and best-selling authors Ben Young and Dr. Samuel Adams provide the answers in Dating 101.

Now You're Speaking My Language

Gary Chapman

Does your spouse hear what you say but not what you mean? Are you tired of misunderstandings and conversations that go in circles but get you nowhere? Do you long for a marriage where honesty clears the air in your home, making your relationship with each other and with God a more seamless, less tiring experience? The secret is in seeking to truly know the person you married. And in the real-life flow of this book, you'll find this out and more. You'll mine the well of your mate's emotions. You'll discover the plan God had in mind when He put you together.

How to Get a Date Worth Keeping

Dr. Henry Cloud

More than you've ever imagined. You can put an end to the datelessness. Starting today—right now—you can begin a journey that will bring fun and interesting people into your life broaden your experience of others and yourself, and lead you toward that date of all dates—a date worth keeping.

Boundaries in Dating

Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

How Healthy Choices Grow Healthy Relationships

Between singleness and marriage lies the journey of dating. Want to make your road as smooth as possible? Set and maintain healthy boundaries-boundaries that will help you grow in freedom,

honesty, and self-control. If many of your dating experiences have been difficult, *Boundaries in Dating* could revolutionize the way you handle relationships. And even if you're doing well, the insights you'll gain from this much-needed book can help you fine-tune or even completely readjust important areas of your dating life.

What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women

Dr. James Dobson

This book offers many helpful suggestions for solving each one of these barriers to marital harmony.

Better Love Now!

Tommy Nelson

With wisdom, humor and necessary frankness, he guides men and women through each topic, looking closely and candidly at the expectations and assumptions they both bring into their marriage. Together in this less vulnerable setting, couples can put any issue that might need improvement on the table, begin to better understand one another, and soon achieve escalated romance and relationship rewards. Your marriage was made to be a lifelong love affair. Take a step toward better love now!

The Book of Romance

Tommy Nelson

(8 sessions)

The Bible is well-known for its wisdom on spiritual concerns and righteous living. But did you know it can also guide you in matters of dating, courtship, and marriage? "Based on what God knows about us," says Tommy Nelson, "He has provided an instruction manual in the Song of Solomon with eight very enlightening, explicit, and highly practical chapters on the topics of love, sex, and intimacy." Wise and engaging, *The Book of Romance* digs deep into the Song of Solomon and what it says about the Bible's most passionate lovers. As you learn about their relationship, you'll discover how you, too, can experience the deep emotional, sexual, and spiritual satisfaction that God created to be enjoyed in marriage.

Parenting

You Have What It Takes

John Eldredge

What Every Father Needs to Know (60 copies small book)

Every boy wants to be a hero. He wants to be powerful, he wants to be dangerous, he wants to know...do I have what it takes? Every girl wants to believe that she is captivating, worth fighting for. She wants to know...am I lovely? Only you, Dad, can answer those questions. That makes you the most powerful man in your child's life. And as you will learn in this inspiring booklet, you have what it takes.

Have a New Kid by Friday

Dr. Kevin Leman

Want a kid without the attitude? Without the behavior that makes you slink away in the grocery store and pretend you're not the parent? A kid with character who isn't a character? If you're tired of defiant attitudes and power struggles with your little ankle-biters or the disrespectful hormone group, read this book and follow the simple principles, and you'll have a new kid by Friday. Guaranteed!

The Difference A Father Makes

Ed Tandy McGlasson

Calling out the magnificent destiny in your children. Do you desire to unleash the potential in your kids, helping them soar to unfathomable heights?

In the Difference A Father Makes, Ed Tandy McGlasson challenges dads to excel in fatherhood and equips them to do so. Using the model of Jesus and God the Father. Ed explains how setting up goal lines in the lives of children to make their entrance into adulthood is a must-and a father's job does not end there. He powerfully answers the "Yeah, but how?" question every man asks after being inspired. Discover the potential you have as a father to make a difference in the lives of your children! Learn how you can empower your children to pursue their dreams!

Too Small To Ignore

Dr. Wess Stafford

(3 books available)

Why are children easy to ignore in the busy mainstream of human life? They rarely cry out if overlooked-or worse, traumatized or abused. Yet it is vital for the future of humanity that we make children a priority in every area of life. With inspiring true stories, Stafford delivers compelling arguments for championing children worldwide.

Boundaries With Teens

Dr. John Townsend

With the wisdom and empathy, Dr. Townsend, a father of two teens himself, applies biblically based principles for the challenging task of guiding your children through the teen years. He shows you how to:

- Deal with disrespectful attitudes and impossible behavior in your teen
- Set healthy limits and realistic consequences
- Be loving and caring while establishing rules
- Determine specific strategies to deal with problems both big and small

First Things First

Kurt & Brenda Warner

The rules of being a Warner....what works, what doesn't, and what really matters most.

Writing from a his-and-hers perspective, Kurt and Brenda share candidly about their marriage, the values they are working to instill in their kids, things they've done right, mistakes they've made along the way, the importance of giving back, and the lasting legacy they hope to leave behind.

Be Parents Not Friends

Winston Churchill PTA

(DVD for teens)

- Alcohol awareness and safety discussions led by school administrators, a judge, a physician, and others
- The dangers of underage drinking and parental liability for serving and allowing alcohol consumption by minors and addressed
- Video running time is 8 minutes
- Designed for parents attending startup meetings for extracurricular activities, Booster Club

meetings, and a new student parent orientation

Fun Activities

Games

The Game of Things

You won't believe the things your friend's will say (4 Adult Players)

Parker Brothers

Family Bible Studies

Elevate Family

(8 lessons, 1 DVD)

Elevate Family is designed to give you confidence in sharing the principles of God's Word with your children in a clear, concise way. This creative resource is designed to equip parents to teach their children about God's Word and to bring spiritual conversation into the home. By watching the Animated Bible Story and Life Application Message with your kids and completing the enclosed Activity Cards, you will develop a common base of knowledge about God's Word that you can draw from when the moment calls for it.

Creative Pastors

An Introduction to Family Nights Tool Chest

This Tool Chest has 12 sessions based on Christian Beliefs, Character Qualities and Wisdom Life Skills

The power of family nights is two fold. First, it creates a formal setting within which Dad and Mom can intentionally instill beliefs, values or character qualities within their child. Rather than defer to the influence of peers and media, or abdicate character training to the school and church, parents create the opportunity to teach their children the things that matter most. The second impact of family nights is perhaps even more significant than the first. Twenty to sixty minutes of formal fun and instruction can set up countless opportunities for informal reinforcement. These informal impression points do not have to be created they just happen-at the dinner table, while driving in the car, while watching television, or any other parent/child time together. Once you have formally discussed a given family night topic, you and your children will naturally refer back to those principles during the routine dialogues of everyday life.

Heritage Builders

Holidays Family Nights Tool Chest

This Tool Chest has 13 sessions all based on different holidays.

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Hot Illustrations For Youth Talks

Wayne Rice

(100 attention-getting stories, parables, and anecdotes)

Your search for lively effective illustrations to spice up your youth talks is over. *Hot Illustrations for Youth Talks* is here! Veteran youth worker and nationally known speaker Wayne Rice has carefully selected and crafted 100 of the best stories, parables, and anecdotes anywhere.

Inheritance

Student Evangelism

(2 DVD set, 1 CD, 1 Life Guide, 1 Facilitators Guide, (2) sets available)

The highest calling of parents seems to be the most neglected calling in the lives of families and our churches today. What could be more crucial in the rearing of our children than to teach them to know, love, and follow Jesus? Teaching Gospel truth is often eclipsed by a barrage of competing duties that society says must be accomplished to properly raise our kids. Matthew 16:26 says, "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul.....?" In terms of parenting the question might be reworded in this way. "What shall it profit our kids if we give them everything the world says they need, and they miss Christ?" We must understand that God is calling us to invest in the eternity of our kids, not merely their temporal needs. Just dropping the kids off at the church for the children's minister or student minister to evangelize and disciple them is a clear abdication of our biblical calling as parents.

FaithLaunch

John Trent

(13 week journey (1) CD)

As a Christian Parent, you want to make sure your child gets a chance to know and love Jesus. Fortunately you don't have to be an evangelist to help your child begin a relationship with God. FaithLaunch shows you step by step how to prepare your child to make an informed decision to follow Jesus, or confirm a decision he or she has already made. All the confidence-building tools you need to fulfill your mission are included! Inside this great resource you will find:

- An informal 13 week journey-flexible to fit your busy schedule
- Fun family activities engaging questions, and object lessons that get kids thinking
- Options for kids ages 4-7 and ages 8-12 to help you fine-tune your flight plan
- Answers to more than 30 questions kids often ask about faith and God
- CD with three Adventures in Odyssey stories to reinforce the lessons

Children

Children's Bible Studies

Lively Bible Lessons for Preschoolers

Group

Children learn best when they're active and engaged, and these fast-paced Bible lessons captivate and educate to make learning fun.

His Word in My Life

Judy Reed

(Ideal for ages 10-12)

And now introducing.....Bible Bob! Bob the Bible archeologist loves to dig through God's Word to find facts about biblical times, places, and people. Join him in exploring God's Word. He will guide and introduce you to tools that will help you understand the Bible. With His Word in My Life, you too can be an archeologist of the Bible and uncover its many truths. So get ready to explore!

Children's Topical Reading

Parent/Child

Little Book -365 Daily Devotionals

(1) available

Daddy Promises

Kerry Arquette

Daddy Promises is about the special relationship between a father and his child. Most important, it is about the one-of-a-kind relationship between our heavenly Father and His chosen children.

The Case for Christ (for Kids)

Lee Strobel

You meet skeptics every day. They ask questions like: Was Jesus really born in a stable? Did his friends tell the truth? Did he really come back from the dead? Here's a book written in kid-friendly language to give you the answers.

Loss/Death

Tear Soup

Taylor Bills

In our richly illustrated new book, Grandy has just suffered a big loss in her life, and so she is cooking up her own unique batch of “tear soup,” *Tear Soup* gives you a glimpse into Grandy’s life as she blends different ingredients into her own grief process. Her tear soup will help to bring her comfort and ultimately help to fill the void in her life that was created by her loss.

The Goodbye Boat

Mary Joslin

Saying goodbye to someone you love is always hard. Saying goodbye when someone you love dies is perhaps the hardest thing of all. This book explores the pain and grief of saying goodbye. Even more important, *The Goodbye Boat* provides a message of hope that sadness will ease and that death is not the end.

Someday Heaven

Larry Libby

Explaining the mysteries of Heaven to a child can be a difficult task. But in *Someday Heaven*, author Larry Libby gives simple comforting answers to difficult questions that children ages 4 to 8 often have concerning heaven. *Someday Heaven* provides biblically based answers on a topic that’s not always easy to explain to a young child. The warm, illuminating art of Wayne McLoughlin helps to convey each toughing story of the future God promises to his children. Help your child discover the answers to the wonders of God’s mysterious and glorious home with *Someday Heaven*.

Someone I Love Died

Victoria Ponikvar

Children in our culture experience loss in many ways, whether through a move, through divorce, or through the death of a friend or relative. Once a child grasps the concept of death, it becomes one of their greatest fears in life. *Someone I Love Died* provides a positive approach for children to deal with the death of a friend or loved one in a comforting, non-threatening way and points them to Jesus Christ, the ultimate source of comfort and security.

- Includes a Faith Parenting Guide
- Provides helpful, personal activities
- Addresses questions a child may have and gives honest answers

Students

Student Christian Reading/Viewing

In A Pit With A Lion On A Snowy Day How To Survive And Thrive When Opportunity Roars

Mark Batterson

What if the life you really want and the future God wants for you is hiding right now in your biggest problem, your worst failure...your greatest fear? Mark Batterson is one of the outstanding young leaders in the U.S. today. As a pastor, he demonstrates his gifts and character in leadership and preaching. As a writer, he communicates wisdom and hope with both energy and clarity.

Making Ripples

Mike Breaux

"I sat along, crying. Then I did a strange thing-I raised my hands to God. This was not normal. If you did that in the church I grew up in, they would have asked, "Do you have a question?" Thus began at age seventeen, Mike Breaux's pursuit of God's plan for his life-a plan that included a contagious enthusiasm for making every moment count. And a heart eager to share the concept of creating "ripples"-where a life touches a life, which touches a life, which touches a life.

Be the Change

Zach Hunter

Your Guide to Freeing Slaves and Changing the World

Most people think the average teenager isn't capable of much beyond hanging with their friends and wasting time. But Zach Hunter isn't your average teenager. And he's hoping to show you that you're not either. Zach has been trying to end slavery around the globe. Most people (maybe even you) think that slavery has been over for a long time. But sadly, there are more people bound in slavery now than at any of the times we read about in our history books. Now Zach is working to end slavery and free the men, women, and children who are being held against their will. He's even found some friends in fight, including Jon Foreman of Switchfoot and Leeland Mooring of Leeland. Just look around the world and you'll find that there are plenty of things wrong with our planet-homelessness, hunger, global warming, AIDS..... the list goes on and on. We usually look at these problems and decide they're too big for us to do anything about. But Zach is proving that one person can make a difference. And in this book, he'll reveal the elements needed to make amazing changes in your world. Find your passion and start making changes!

Survival Kit (Five Keys to Effective Spiritual Growth)

Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr. and Bill Latham

You didn't need long after becoming a Christian to learn that Satan would stop at nothing to defeat your efforts to grow and serve your New Master. Right? Going up against Satan every day with everything on the line short of the security of your salvation is a scary thought! Christ wants you to know that just as surely as he saved you and keeps you saved, He can give you the victory over everything Satan will throw at you. You can be a survivor in your Christian Life! Survival Kit will help you learn five keys or spiritual truths help you resolve five issues that are basic to the survival of your spiritual growth.

The Case For Christ (student edition)

Lee Strobel

A journalist's personal investigation of the evidence for Jesus

Who was Jesus? A good man? A lunatic? God? There's little question that he actually lived. But miracles? Rising from the dead? Some of the stories you hear about him sound like just that-stories. A reasonable person would never believe them, let alone the claim that he's the only way to God! But a reasonable person would also make sure that he or she understood the facts before jumping to conclusions. That's why Lee Strobel-an-award-winning legal journalist with a knack for asking tough questions-decided to investigate Jesus for himself. An atheist, Strobel felt certain his findings would bring Christianity's claims about Jesus tumbling down like a house of cards. He was in for a surprise of his life. Join him as he retraces his journey from skepticism to faith. You'll consult expert testimony as you sift through the truths that history, science, psychiatry, literature, and religion reveal. Like Strobel, you'll be amazed at the evidence-how much there is, how strong it is, and what it says. The facts are in. What will your verdict be in *The Case for Christ*?

Going Home-The Journey of Kim Jones DVD

Student Discipleship

On September 15, 1999 during a See you at the Pole rally at Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, a tragic shooting left seven people dead and seven wounded. Kim Jones, a 23-year-old seminary student who passionately loved God, was one of those killed that night. She was ready for her journey home. Pastor Al Meredith of Wedgwood tells the story of the night in September and how only God could turn such tragedy into triumph. This video also introduces you to Kim Jones and contains her inspiring message of God's love and desire for you to have a personal relationship with Him-just like she had.

The Best of Student Life Videos Volumes 1-3 DVD

Student Life

Volume One- includes a selection of videos produced and used by Student Life at events in 2003. Whether you are reliving a moment from camp, or seeing these for the first time, you will laugh out loud at our "Awkward Situations", "Here for a Purpose:", and "Monkeypox" video series.

Volume Two- 35 of our most requested videos. Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at Student Life? Find out in bloopers and directors commentary!

Volume Three- You asked for it. The long-awaited third volume in the "Best of Student Life" video series is here! Featuring: Unfailing Things, What Were You Thinking, Know The Word.

Student Bible Studies

Creative Bible Lessons In John: Encounters with Jesus

Janice & John Ashcraft

Do you want to teach solid Biblical truth to your kids without their eyes glazing over as soon as you say “open your Bibles”? Now you can, with *Creative Bible Lessons in John: Encounters with Jesus*. The Ashcraft’s utilize creative learning techniques to spark your kids’ interest and keep them actively involved in each lesson, including:

- **Learning Games**
- **Discussions**
- **Video and Music**
- **Skits, Melodramas, and Roleplays**
- **“Digging Deeper” Investigations**
- **Interactive Worksheets and much more!**

Surrender

Francis Chan/Bluefish TV

Others before self and Christ above all (4 DVD Set, Leader Guide, four sessions)

Surrender typically implies weakness, loss and defeat. Can you actually gain something by giving up? Jesus said that the only way to truly live is to fully surrender our life to Him. In these four challenging sessions, students share real-life stories about their own struggles and triumphs in surrendering to Christ. Francis Chan examines Scripture to show students that it is only through surrendering to God that they can become who God wants them to be.

- **Surrender Stuff**
- **Surrender Status**
- **Surrender Sin**
- **Surrender Staff**

Discovering God’s Way of Handling Money- Crown Financial Ministries

(1 leader guide, 1 Student Manuel, 10 Chapters)

From the beginning to end, from Genesis to Revelation there are more than 2,350 verses dealing with how to handle our finances! The Lord talked so much about money because he realized it would play a big part in our lives. He has given clear instructions to help us handle money wisely. In this study you will learn about earning, spending, saving, investing, debt, giving and a host of other practical financial issues.

Conflict

Doug Fields-Bluefish TV

Overcoming Stress In Your Relationships (4 DVD set, one leader guide, four sessions)

Friends gossip and betray. Parents are all about rules and lecturing. Teachers and coaches single out favorites. When life is unfair, even God seems to be a part of the conflict. Students can start to feel like everyone is out to get them. In these four powerful sessions, students candidly share real-life stories about the conflict they experience in their lives. Doug Fields offers Biblical insight into the most common areas of conflict and teaches students how to reach peace and forgiveness in the relationships that mean the most to them.

- **Conflict with Family**
- **Conflict with Friends**
- **Conflict with Authority**

- Conflict with God

Creative Bible Lessons from the Life of Christ

Doug Fields

(one book, 12 lessons)

What in the Gospels is there for new-millennium teenagers? What makes the Gospels pivotal to the entire Bible? And how can you keep your students' eyes from glazing over when you say "Open your Bible, and let's look at Jesus' parable about..."? *Creative Bible Lessons from the Life of Christ*, that's what! Here are 12 ready-to-use, solid Bible lessons about Jesus' brief earthly ministry-lessons that make learning fun, and that point out how timely and relevant the life of Christ really is.

Rooted: New Testament

Doug Fields & Matt McGill

(One book, one CD for word documents, 6 studies)

We know all too well how many students "fall away" from the church and their faith when they graduate from High School. If you have an interest in helping them create a foundation that will support them through the slings and arrows of college and a secular world, then check out *Rooted: New Testament*. This resource is designed to give students a deeper more concentrated interaction with Scripture and the person of Christ. With over 18 hours of solid, biblical lessons, *Rooted: New Testament* accomplishes three distinct goals:

- Communicates essential biblical truths
- Give students an exciting overview of the New Testament
- Improves individual Bible study skills

Clear

Chris Folmsbee

(8 lessons on the Theological Foundations of Faith)

If your vision is out of focus, simple tasks like driving, reading and writing become difficult to do well. Faith isn't all that different. In order to follow Jesus and become more like him, it helps if you can see your faith clearly-to have a theology that you live by.

Wired For A Life Of Worship

Louie Giglio

(Student Edition of The Air I Breathe-Leader Guide)

In order to help the leader expand on Louie's lessons each chapter begins with a Wired Connection, ends with Additional Discussion Questions, and is interspersed with Wired Ideas. The Wired Connections are stories that illustrate the chapter's theme, and Wired Ideas give suggestions for activities you can do with your students.

Faith 4 Life Series Bible Studies for Junior High

Group

It's just what you're looking for and it's just what they need-lasting faith for a lifetime. With *Faith 4 Life Bible Study Series*, you'll lead students to explore vital spiritual and real-life issues in a way that engages their hearts, answers their questions and changes their lives-Forever!

(One book each of the following studies, 4 lessons)

Understanding The Bible

- **The Making of the Bible**
- **A New Look at the Old Law**
- **Gray Areas?**
- **Powerful Potential**

Sharing Jesus

- **A Class Act: Reflecting God Each Day at School**
- **Worth the Price: Sharing Your Faith in a Hostile World**
- **Show Me the Way: Helping Teenagers Tell Others About Jesus**
- **Extreme Christianity: Living Radically for God**

God's Purpose for Me

- **Knowing God's Will**
- **Doing God's Will**
- **A Code to Live By**
- **What Really Matters**

Dug Down Deep

Joshua Harris-Bluefish TV

Building Your Life on Truths That Last

(4 DVD set, Leader Guide, four sessions)

There is only a short window in a student's life to lay a foundation that will last a lifetime. What we know about God shapes the way we think and live. If we get it wrong then our whole life will be wrong. In these four thought-provoking sessions, students share the honest doubts and struggles they have about their own faith. Joshua Harris uses Scripture to challenge students to root their faith in the life and words of Jesus.

- **What Are You Building Your Life On?**
- **The Importance of Knowing God**
- **How God Makes Us Right**
- **How We Change**

Creative Bible Lessons In Essential Theology

Andrew Hedges

(12 lessons to help your students know what they believe)

Creative Bible Lessons In Essential Theology uses a conversational approach to give students a theological foundation to better understand God and his purpose for how to live their lives.

Throughout the twelve sessions of this study students will:

- Learn how creation provides evidence of God's existence.
- Look at how God has chosen to reveal himself through his Word.
- Learn to live lives that reflect God's love for them.
- Understand their need for God's direction.
- Commit to following God's will as they make life decisions.
- Visualize what they want to do with their lives as a result of God's invitation to enter his kingdom.
- Examine where they are with God on a personal level.

Am I Happy?

Sean McDowell-Bluefish TV

(4 DVD Series, one Leader Guide, four sessions)

Students have more access to entertainment, education, social networking and material “stuff” than ever before, yet they often feel confused and empty. In these four powerful sessions, students share the trials and struggles they face in their search for happiness. Sean McDowell offers Biblical insight into the fleeting nature of happiness and the true meaning of joy.

Four video-driven sessions:

- Searching for Happiness **In Relationships**
- Searching for Happiness **In Accomplishments**
- Searching for Happiness **In Appearances**
- Searching for Happiness **Despite Circumstances**

Why Jesus?

David Nasser-Bluefish TV

(4 DVD Set, one Leader Guide, four sessions)

Culture is blurring the lines between different faiths. It is increasingly difficult for students to grasp how their faith in Jesus Christ is unique. In these four powerful sessions, David Nasser addresses the tough questions that students have about Jesus and points them back to the scriptural truths about our Savior.

- **What’s the Big Deal about Jesus?**
- **Was Jesus God, or Just a Good Man?**
- **Were Jesus’ Miracles Just an Illusion?**
- **Is Jesus the Only Way to Heaven?**

King David

David Nasser-Bluefish TV

Trials, Temptations and Triumphs

(4 DVD set, Leader Guide, four sessions)

Hollywood couldn’t write a more conflicted and compelling story about a boy who would become king. But this humble shepherd boy who became the greatest king of Israel also struggles with sin, authority, purity, and integrity. In these four sessions, David Nasser talks about the trials, temptations, and triumphs that King David faced to show how the lessons found in David’s life are relevant to the issues students encounter every day.

- **Overcoming Our Giants**
- **When Life Isn’t Fair**
- **Things You Never Thought You’d Do**
- **One True Friend**

Me-the me I want to be

John Ortberg

Becoming god’s best version of you

(5 DVD set, one book, one participants guide, 5 sessions)

God’s best version of you is waiting. But first, John Ortberg has two very important questions: Are you Really Living= full of joy and peace, in harmony with God, others, self; curious, willing to learn and experience opportunities to grow toward the Best Version of yourself; Or are you Decaying=lacking mental and emotional energy, feeling uneasy and not very content, too self-focused? Ortberg has some intriguing answers to those questions in this book and video-based experience. The 5 sessions include:

- **Discovering the Spirit**
- **Renewing my mind**
- **Redeeming my time**
- **Deepening my relationships**

- **Transforming my experiences**

Small Group Studies

Barry Shafer

(12 Inductive Sessions on Practical Christianity JAMES)

All of God's Word is valuable. But not all of it is crystal clear in its meaning. Here's a chance to glean wisdom from one of the most up-front, rubber-meets-the-road, meat-and-potatoes books in the Bible....JAMES! This New Testament letter from the apostle (and earthly brother of Jesus) doesn't get any clearer-especially for your middle and high schoolers:

- So you say you have faith? **Let's see it.**
- Want wisdom? **Ask God.**
- Love Money? **Prepare for disappointment.**
- Want results? **Pray.**

Jr. High Small Group Super Pack (one CD)

Simply Junior High

The Jr. High Small Group Super Pack is everything you'll need to get small groups started in your junior high ministry. It's got ideas for getting students to talk about themselves and to each other, presentation materials, training tips and over 6 months of small group lesson plans.

32 weeks of small group curriculum

8 weeks on each of the following topics:

- Ten Commandments
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Beatitudes
- Basics of Faith

Paul/Timothy

Student Discipleship

**Student Curriculum/Student Journal Planner for individual use
(6 Sessions 2 available)**

Totally Consumed!

Student Discipleship

The Authentic Worshiper

(2 leader guides, 1 student curriculum, 5 sessions)

God Seeks Authentic Worshipers! Jesus said, "...true(authentic) worshiper's will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks." John 4:23

- **A Living Sacrifice**
- **Conformed or Transformed? A Heart Of Worship**
- **The Renewing Of Your Mind, Personal Worship**
- **Corporate Worship**
- **A Mighty Movement Of God**

Fusion-Money, Time, Health

Student Discipleship

(One leader curriculum, 6 sessions)

Six Sessions:

- **Who's the King of Your Ching and Bling?**
- **Live to Give**
- **Takin' Care of Bizness**
- **Managing Your Minutes**
- **Within Your Skin**
- **Your Life, Your Choice**

Christ (The Life Of Christ-The Basis Of Faith)
(Bible Study DVD lessons 1-48)

Student Life

Make weekly study times come alive for your students. Help students connect with God's Word. These performances support Student Life Bible Study 2.0 and feature the cast of All Things To All People.

Character Old Testament People
Encounters with God

Student Life

(4 books available, 48 week study)

These pages of the Old Testament are full of people stories. Those people experiences incredible victories....and incredible failures. Some of them acted bravely with pure hearts; others acted deceitfully. Some were strong, famous, and attractive. Others were simple people who lived much of their lives in poverty. The stories of Old Testament people include soldiers and scholars, politicians and prostitutes, shepherds and farmers. The pages of the Old Testament are full of people's stories but the Old Testament is not about those people. The Old Testament is about God. From the very beginning, God has been at work in people's lives. People always fall short of God's holiness, but He draws His people back to obedient faith. In this 48-week journal, you will experience God's call to faith and obedience....as surely as did the people of old.

Christ-The Life of Christ
(2 DVD sets, 4 available)

Student Life

Make weekly study times come alive for your students. They'll laugh, they'll think, they'll live it. These supporting performances for Student Life Bible Study 1.0 feature the experienced cast of All Things To All People.

Revealed-Discover the truth of God's Story
(2 books available, 4 lessons)

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The Bible is God's story revealed to you...if that's true, why don't you know it as well as you should? Is it because you don't have the desire? Or is it because you don't really know how to study the Bible? If it's either of these, *Revealed* removes the intimidation factor of the Bible by clearly teaching you the big picture of God's Word. *Revealed* also teaches you easy to remember skills to use in studying any passage of Scripture. The only question is: Are you ready to get serious about knowing the Bible?

31 Verses Every Teenager Should Know

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What do you know about love? The word "love" gets used all the time, so it's easily lost-in-translation when talking about God. But, it's a big deal. Huge actually. You need to start wrapping your brain and your heart around this thing called love. Jesus said His followers should be known for it. God is it. So, what will you do with it? God's love changes everything. It's more than feelings or preferences; love is a way of life.

Student Fun

Spontaneous Melodramas

Uproarious, no-prep skits your kids will love to perform in Sunday school, Bible studies, camps, retreats, anywhere!

Student Devotionals

Next Step 2

Thirteen weeks of practical devotional helps to aid you in your growing passion for God.

Quiet Time

1-Year Daily Devotional for Students.

My Quite Time

Thirteen weeks of practical devotional helps to aid you in your growing passion for God.

Dangerous Devotions for Guys

Dare to live your faith.

Tim Shoemaker

Free Items to Hand Out

My Utmost for His Highest

Devotional (8) available

Oswald Chambers

Journals

(10) available

Student Journal/Planner Daily Devotional Tool and Organizer for Students (1)