The following is a list of LifeGroup materials that we have currently approved. They are arranged as listed below, in alphabetical order. Not all of these materials are on hand, but can be obtained if requested with at least two weeks advantage. Thank you for planning in advance.

Pastor John Markum

Andy Stanley – Northpoint Resources

Ed Young – Creative Pastors

lifebiblestudy.com

Individual Studies
NAME: 5 Things God uses to Grow your Faith (North Point)

SUBJECT: Discipleship

LENGTH: 6 Weeks

FORMAT: DVD

SYNOPSIS:
Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you. Imagine how differently you would respond to difficulties, temptations, and even good things if you knew with certainty that God was in all of it and was planning to leverage it for good. In other words, imagine what it would be like to have PERFECT faith.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME: Balanced: Gaining & Maintaining Financial Stability (North Point)

SUBJECT: Financial

LENGTH: 6 Weeks

FORMAT: DVD

SYNOPSIS:
This study is filled with insightful perspectives and practical exercises to build a Biblical foundation for just about every aspect of your finances.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME:  Breakaway (North Point)

SUBJECT:  Life Choices

LENGTH:  6 Weeks

FORMAT:  DVD

SYNOPSIS:

None of us sets out to be like everybody else, but it happens. Life begins to squeeze us into a mold until one day we wake up feeling trapped. Unfortunately many people think the answer is to run away, but they only end up making the same bad decisions over and over again. How do you break the cycle and break out of the crowd?

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME:  Defining Moments (North Point)

SUBJECT:  Beliefs/Faith

LENGTH:  9 Weeks

FORMAT:  DVD

SYNOPSIS:

In Defining Moments, we listen in as Jesus introduces some rather perplexing truth to seven individuals who had grown comfortable with their misinformed lifestyles and belief systems. For those who had the courage to embrace the truth, their lives were changed forever. They discovered firsthand that the truth can set you free.

LEADER REVIEWS:
In kindergarten, ignoring the rules was a blast--especially if you could get away with it. But as adults, we understand that rules are for our protection . . . and that if we break God's rules, we cause heartache and broken relationships.

In this six-part series, Andy Stanley clearly explains God's basic set of life rules, which, when lived, hold the power to improve your current relationships and mend hurting ones.

LEADER REVIEWS:
**NAME:** Time of Your Life: Making the Most of It. (North Point)

**SUBJECT:** Time Management/Priorities

**LENGTH:** 5 Weeks

**FORMAT:** DVD

**SYNOPSIS:**

Maybe we think about time so much because there never seems to be enough of it. Maybe there’s only one question we need to ask. “What am I doing with my time?” Simple question. Easy Answer? It’s time you found out. In this 5-part series, *Time of Your Life*, Andy will help you discover that answer. Don’t waste another second

**LEADER REVIEWS:**
NAME: Twisting the Truth: learning to Discern in a culture of Deception (North Point)

SUBJECT: Temptation/Wisdom

LENGTH: 6 Weeks

FORMAT: DVD

SYNOPSIS:
The most dangerous lies are the ones you never notice. Common but deadly deceptions impact you every day. They can twist your thinking in ways you’d never expect and leave you with a life you never imagined. Your ability to recognize them can spell the difference between happiness and the loss of all you hold dear.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME: Staying in Love (North Point)

SUBJECT: Marriage

LENGTH: 4 Weeks

FORMAT: DVD and Study Guide

SYNOPSIS:
We all know what’s required to fall in love . . . a pulse. Falling in love is easy, but staying there, that’s something else entirely. With more than a thousand matchmaking services available today and new ones springing up all the time, finding a romantic match can be easier than ever. But staying together with the one you’ve found seems to be the real challenge.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME:    Your Move (North Point)

SUBJECT:  Decision Making

LENGTH:    4 Weeks

FORMAT:  DVD and Study Guide

SYNOPSIS:
Throughout our lives, we are confronted with decisions we never anticipated having to make.

    Relationship decisions
    Career decisions
    Financial decisions
    Parenting decisions

The list goes on and on. To complicate matters further, the timeframe for making a decision is often short and our options limited. But regardless, a decision must be made. So, what do you do when it's your move and you aren't sure what to do? In this 4-part series, Andy Stanley offers four powerful questions that will help you determine your best move.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME:  Character Tour (Creative Pastors)

SUBJECT:  Character

LENGTH:  6 Weeks

FORMAT:  Study Guide

SYNOPSIS:
We need great characters in our day, too, who understand character and who are willing to let God morph them from the inside out. Explore character qualities like the:

  - Endurance of Noah
  - Courage of Joshua
  - Love of Hosea
  - Creativity of the Creator
  - Discipline of Daniel

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME:  *Doors* (Creative Pastors)

SUBJECT:  Decision making

LENGTH:  6 Weeks

FORMAT:  DVD and Study Guide

SYNOPSIS:

When it comes to life, there are doors that we consciously choose to open and close as well. And these doors can have serious repercussions or abundant rewards, depending on what we do with them.

In this 6-part study, Ed Young approaches the threshold to some of these doors. And as he unlocks what it takes to close and open the right doors, we discover how our finances, relationships, attitudes and even our very salvation all come down to a single question: What are we going to do with the door?

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME: Ignite (Creative Pastors)

SUBJECT: Faith

LENGTH: 8 Weeks

FORMAT: Study Guide

SYNOPSIS:
Fire, it is a source of destruction and a source of life. It incinerates and destroys. But it also refines and purifies. In the Bible, God used fire and other trials to turn up the heat and reveal His power through the lives of people. Ed Young explores these trials from Scripture to help fan the flames of our own faith today. Catch a spiritual spark from this intense small group study that can ignite a white-hot passion for Christ.

LEADER REVIEWS:
What would you change about your life? Let's face it. We all have things about ourselves we want to change, whether they are big or small. Some people dread, even avoid change, while others seek it out like the next big thing, latest fad or adrenaline rush. But change isn't always what we think it is. When it comes to changing our lives, we think it only takes a certain amount of determination, drive and discipline. But there's much more to change. And in this study, Ed Young teaches us that change real change comes only from God. And when we learn to partner and cooperate with him, we tap into the power that can radically change everything about our lives, forever.
NAME: Tri-God (Creative Pastors)

SUBJECT: Trinity

LENGTH: 6 Weeks

FORMAT: Study Guide

SYNOPSIS:
Three in One, One in Three. The Trinity. God in three persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--is one of the most misunderstood doctrines in the Christian church. Yet Ed Young teaches in this exciting new series that our awareness of God's triune nature is pivotal to growing with Him. This 6-week small group study will not only help you know God more intimately, it will also show you how to relate to the people around you.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME: Collisions (lifebiblestudy.com)

SUBJECT: Difficult times/Disappointment

LENGTH: 4 Weeks

FORMAT: Study Guide/Online

SYNOPSIS:
Bad stuff happens all the time. Everything seems to be moving right along as planned and then, “boom!” Life happens. But why? And how could God allow bad things to happen?

Collisions: My Expectation – God’s Character is a four-session adventure into the character of God that will help make relevant real issues of faith and doubt and worry and “why’s?” directly from God’s Word.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME: The Darkest Hour (lifebiblestudy.com)

SUBJECT: Goals/Life vision

LENGTH: 6 Weeks

FORMAT: Study Guide/Online

SYNOPSIS:
Sometimes, our day-to-day can seem downright terrible. Sure, there are a lot of happy times in life, but there’s also a lot of bad.

The Darkest Hours: Seeking God in Desperation reveals how God is present in the good times and the bad. This series will help make discovering all of His promises a comforting reality. This book is the perfect compliment to the LifeBibleStudy lessons because it allows students to get personally involved in each lesson.

LEADER REVIEWS:
Everybody is guilty of not being perfect. We’ve all told lies. We’ve all had bad thoughts. We’ve stolen, cheated, been unfaithful, ungrateful and well, “unperfect” for as long as we’ve been alive. But here’s the good news: God uses imperfect people to fulfill His perfect plan. In the six-week series, Flawed: Imperfect People Chosen By God, you’ll rediscover real examples from God’s Word that prove how God can and will use common people in the most uncommon ways. This book is the perfect compliment to the LifeBibleStudy lessons because it allows students to get personally involved in each lesson. Each study guide offers lesson overviews, discussion questions, scripture references, and a memory verse that reinforce the group Bible Study.
NAME:    How to Be Human (lifebiblestudy.com)

SUBJECT:  Walking with God

LENGTH:  6 Weeks

FORMAT:  Study Guide/Online

SYNOPSIS:
While Jesus walked the earth, He explained how men and women could be restored to full fellowship with God. In this 6-week study, learners will examine selected segments from the Sermon on the Mount that best reveal "How to be Human."

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME:  Jesus (lifebiblestudy.com)

SUBJECT:  Jesus

LENGTH:  6 Weeks

FORMAT:  Study Guide/Online

SYNOPSIS:
Who is this man, Jesus? Is He really who He said He was two thousand years ago? Is He the Son of Man? The Son of God? God Himself? Jesus revealed Himself as the fulfillment of Scripture, but what does that really mean? Who is He... really? In the six-week series, Jesus: Image of the Invisible, we will develop a deeper understanding of the reality of Christ: both fully human and fully God, and the only One we can truly call "Savior." This book is the perfect compliment to the LifeBibleStudy lessons because it allows students to get personally involved in each lesson. Each study guide offers lesson overviews, discussion questions, scripture references, and a memory verse that reinforce the group Bible Study.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME:  No Excuses (lifebiblestudy.com)

SUBJECT:  Book of Romans

LENGTH:  6 Weeks

FORMAT:  Study Guide/Online

SYNOPSIS:
Paul’s letter to the Romans systematically explains the process of salvation and the responsibilities that salvation brings. The questions he answered are as timely today as they were to his original readers. And his answers show we have No Excuses for how we are to respond to God’s salvation in our lives.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME: Radical (lifebiblestudy.com)

SUBJECT: Goals/Life vision

LENGTH: 8 Weeks

FORMAT: Study Guide/Online/Book

SYNOPSIS:
In Radical, David Platt invites you to encounter what Jesus actually said about being his disciple, and then obey what you have heard. He challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated a God-centered gospel to fit our human-centered preferences.

With passionate storytelling and convicting biblical analysis, Platt calls into question a host of comfortable notions that are common among Christ's followers today. Then he proposes a radical response: live the gospel in ways that are true, filled with promise, and ultimately world changing.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME: Uncommon (lifebiblestudy.com)

SUBJECT: Following God’s Call

LENGTH: 6 Weeks

FORMAT: Study Guide/Online

SYNOPSIS:
But what happens when He calls and it doesn’t make sense? What are we supposed to do when our plans get in the way of God’s, or vice versa? Uncommon: Compelled by God’s Call is a 6-week series that has been created to help us all understand, not only how to hear God when He calls, but also how to act on what He asks us to do. This book is the perfect compliment to the LifeBibleStudy lessons because it allows students to get personally involved in each lesson. Each study guide offers lesson overviews, discussion questions, scripture references, and a memory verse that reinforce the group Bible Study.

LEADER REVIEWS:
INDIVIDUAL STUDIES

NAME: Christ Follower

SUBJECT: Christ-likeness (Luke 6)

LENGTH: 5 Weeks

FORMAT: Study Guide/DVD

SYNOPSIS:
What exactly does Jesus say? How does He pray? Whom does He bless? How does He treat his enemies? How does He say we should view ourselves? What does a follower of Christ actually look like?

With keen insights, Scripture-based teaching, engaging questions for personal reflection and group discussion, and state-of-the-art video, "Christ Follower" will help participants grow in their relationship with Christ and each other as they reflect a clearer vision of Him.

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME:   Do Something!

SUBJECT:  Obedience/Faith and Action

LENGTH:   6 Weeks

FORMAT:    DVD

SYNOPSIS:
From NFL defensive back turned pastor, Miles McPherson offers a heartfelt call for believers to get involved, take action, and make a difference in a hurting world! Sharing riveting personal stories, illustrations from Christ's life, and interactive activities, he shows how God can transform broken lives through preparation, purpose, pain, power, and passion.

LEADER REVIEWS:
Great materials. Be ready to take notes! Only negative: No study guide/notes with this DVD. So you’ll have to take down questions before-hand, and encourage your group to bring a pen and pad of paper. Worth the trouble though. – Pastor John
NAME:   Intimacy with God

SUBJECT:  Knowing God

LENGTH:  6 Weeks

FORMAT:  Study Guide

Synopsis:
This devotional by popular Bible study teach Cynthia Heald shows how the Lord personally meets with you in the Psalms. You'll become more honest and vulnerable before God as you track the Psalmists' struggles and triumphs on their way to intimacy with God. Make fresh, personal observations with the help of quotes from classic Christian authors and thinkers, and you'll spend more time reflecting and less time looking for "right answers."

LEADER REVIEWS:
NAME:  Nooma

SUBJECT: Various

LENGTH:  1 week each

FORMAT:  Study Guide/DVD

SYNOPSIS:
Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God’s work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

LEADER REVIEWS:
**NOTE** Rob Bell is a controversial author and speaker. Edgewood does not endorse him wholesale. These materials, however, are largely accepted and are excellent for filling in 1 or 2 weeks in-between studies. Please check with me prior to using a Nooma video, or only use the ones that I provide. – Pastor John

SUBJECT: Being a “completely committed follower” of Christ

LENGTH: 6 Weeks (potentially 7)

FORMAT: DVD, Study guide, and participant’s “follower’s guide”

SYNOPSIS:
Told through a fictional narrative, Pastor Kyle Idelmann teaches from Scripture about the true meaning of following Christ.

LEADER REVIEWS:
This curriculum is Biblically sound, powerfully motivating, and “convicting” as several group leaders have reported back. Potential for dealing with emotionally raw issues is possible, but perhaps necessary for some people going through this study. Overall, it has been received very favorably by every group having gone through it up to this point.
– Pastor John
NAME:  Sun Stand Still

SUBJECT:  Faith/Prayer/Living

LENGTH:  6 Weeks

FORMAT:  DVD/Book

SYNOPSIS:

“Does the brand of faith you live by produce the kinds of results in your life that you read about in the biblical stories of men and women of faith? Chances are, not even close.” But it doesn’t have to stay that way. In Sun Stand Still, Steven Furtick challenges you to believe that the audacious faith that we see in the Bible, the faith that caused a man to pray and see the sun stand still in the sky, is the same faith we can claim for ourselves today. This is more than just another book. It’s a call to all of us to begin living the life of audacity God has created and saved us for.

LEADER REVIEWS: