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# DISCIPLESHIP CURRICULUM

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CATALOG & DESCRIPTIONS



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Dear Group Leaders,

Thank you for the way that you serve God, the participants in your classes and our entire church by leading your respective groups. You play an invaluable role in helping our church in the work of making disciples of Christ.

I hope that you will find this Curriculum Catalog helpful for facilitating your groups and making your experiences together the most enjoyable and beneficial that they can be. Here is how I hope that you will use this resource:

- Browse the list of suggested curricula for one that you would like to use in your group. Notify me of your choice, and we will promote your class to the church based upon the content of your study. Approximately 3-4 times per year we will have a selected week when I will encourage all groups to start new studies at the same time.
- If you want to study something not included in this list, I ask that you send me information on the material you would like to use (a web link, or extra print copy, etc.). After looking at it, I will decide whether or not it is something that we would like to include in this catalog.
- If for some reason, your chosen curriculum is not something that we can include in the catalog, you are still free to use it. However, the church will not purchase it for you nor advertise it to the congregation.

It is my hope that this system will be very helpful to you in selecting quality materials and being aware of special dates when newcomers will be likely to come to your class. I also believe that it will make it much easier for people who are looking to connect with one of our groups to do so.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## **CHRISTIAN LIVING**

### **1. *The Life You've Always Wanted* (John Ortberg)**

In this six-session small group DVD curriculum, award-winning author John Ortberg teaches participants the skills essential to "running the marathon" in the Christian life: slowing down, celebrating joy, practicing prayer, studying Scripture and trusting God. Running time of each session is approximately 15 minutes.

[http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/cms\\_content?page=1773174&sp=1025](http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/cms_content?page=1773174&sp=1025)

### **2. *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* (John Ortberg)**

Award-winning author John Ortberg teaches participants the skills essential to "water-walking" in faith with God: discerning God's call, transcending fear, risking faith, managing failure and trusting God.

[http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/cms\\_content?page=1773174&sp=1025](http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/cms_content?page=1773174&sp=1025)

### **3. *An Ordinary Day with Jesus: Experiencing the Reality of God in Your Everyday Life* (John Ortberg)**

What do you get when you invite Jesus to walk beside you on an ordinary day? An extraordinary soul-nourishing adventure! Learn to experience "abundant life" as you recognize the Holy Spirit's voice, simplify your routine, spend time alone with God and dedicate every relationship and activity to Christ.

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### **4. *When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box: Six Sessions on Living Life in the Light of Eternity* (John Ortberg and Stephen Sorenson)**

Like cards and tokens at a board game's end, life's rewards—houses, cars, promotions—all get "put away" after we take our last breath. Discover how to make the temporary a servant of the eternal and exchange having for the riches of being!

[http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/cms\\_content?page=1773174&sp=1025](http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/cms_content?page=1773174&sp=1025)

### **5. *God is Closer Than You Think* (John Ortberg, Stephen Sorensen and Amanda Sorensen)**

Do your days sometimes feel like a page from a *Where's Waldo* adventure—and your heavenly Father is nowhere to be found? John Ortberg reveals the truth—that God stretches out to reach us and is an active presence in our lives.

[http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/cms\\_content?page=1773174&sp=1025](http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/cms_content?page=1773174&sp=1025)

### **6. *A Life Worthy of the Gospel* (Sondra Ely Wheeler)**

How do Christians think and act faithfully in a complex and often ambiguous world? What models from Scripture and Church history might help us to live "lives worthy of the Gospel" in the 21st century? Join noted ethicist Dr. Sondra Wheeler in an exploration of these vital questions.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=358049>

### **7. *Enough* (Adam Hamilton)**

Money has great power in our lives and when used wisely, helps us meet our goals, provide for our needs and fulfill our life purpose. But in recent years, many of us ignored this when managing and spending our money. We found ourselves spending tomorrow's money today. The result of all of this was not greater happiness but greater stress and anxiety. *Enough* is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom on prudent financial practices. Find the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=776749>

**8. Character: Who You Are When No One's Looking (Bill Hybels)**

This study examines the idea of character: courage, discipline, vision, endurance, compassion and self-sacrifice.

**9. Transformation: Letting God Change You from the Inside Out (Bill Hybels)**

This study talks about the partnership between you and God in transforming your life.

**10. God Views (Curt Cloninger)**

Part 1 of the *Curriculum of Christlikeness* series, featuring the performance and teaching of Curt Cloninger. *God Views* challenges participants to explore their concepts of the nature of God, nurturing a helpful view of the One who loves us most.

<http://www.lifespringsresources.com/products/multimedia/christlikeness/godviews/>

**11. Renovation of the Heart (Dallas Willard)**

Part 2 of the *Curriculum of Christlikeness* series, based on the book by Dallas Willard. *Renovation of the Heart* explains the dynamics of character formation and spiritual growth through thoughtful presentations made by Dallas and unscripted conversations among Dallas, Larry Crabb and John Ortberg.

<http://www.lifespringsresources.com/products/multimedia/christlikeness/renovation-of-the-heart/>

**12. Celebration of Discipline (Richard Foster)**

Part 3 of the *Curriculum of Christlikeness* series, based on the best-selling book by Richard Foster. *Celebration of Discipline* offers the means of transformation into Christlikeness through the practice of Christian disciplines. Participants are inspired through motivating presentations by Richard, as well as candid conversations, stories and musical performances by his guests.

<http://www.lifespringsresources.com/products/multimedia/christlikeness/celebration-of-discipline/>

**13. Streams of Living Water (Richard Foster)**

Part 4 of the *Curriculum of Christlikeness* series, based on the best-selling book by Richard Foster. *Streams of Living Water* provides a balanced vision for personal change and communal life. Joining Richard for insightful discussion in this lesson series are John Ortberg, Jack Hayford, Emilie Griffin and many more.

<http://www.lifespringsresources.com/products/multimedia/christlikeness/streams-of-living-water/>

**14. Living the Mission: A Spiritual Formation Guide (Richard Foster)**

*Living the Mission* explores what it means to be a Christian today. By examining the early church's struggle in the wake of Jesus' devastating death and awe-inspiring resurrection in the book of Acts, we learn how we can follow Jesus, how Jesus is still with us in the Holy Spirit and how we are called to form communities into which we are forever inviting others.

**15. Discovering Soul Care (Mindy Caliguire)**

This study explores how to assess the health of your soul and shares practical ways to restore life and vitality to your soul through authentic connection with God—one step at a time.

**16. What's So Amazing About Grace? (Philip Yancey)**

Yancey's award-winning book offers intimate glimpses of God's power to forgive the most horrible deeds, love the unloving and redeem the seemingly irredeemable.

**17. *The Jesus I Never Knew* (Philip Yancey)**

Yancey's award-winning book seeks to help us discover a more accurate, dynamic and biblical portrait of Jesus.

**18. *Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?***

In this DVD-based curriculum, award-winning author Philip Yancey probes the very heartbeat—the most fundamental, challenging, perplexing and deeply rewarding aspect—of our relationship with God: prayer. What is prayer? How does it work? And more importantly, does it work? <http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=404967>

**19. *Prayer: Too Busy Not to Pray* (Bill Hybels)**

These studies are designed to help you slow down and listen to God as well as learning how to respond.

**20. *The Workbook of Living Prayer* (Maxie Dunnam)**

This workbook can be used by individuals or groups to make the experience of prayer come alive. This six week prayer adventure features daily commentary on a particular facet of prayer, scripture readings and reflections by the author. [http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item\\_id=12497](http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=12497)

**21. *The Workbook on Lessons from the Saints* (Maxie Dunnam)**

In this study, individuals or small groups will discover a path to spiritual growth by making the connection between their lives and the lives of great spiritual writers of the past.

**22. *The Workbook on the Seven Deadly Sins* (Maxie Dunnam)**

This study for individuals or groups is soundly rooted in scripture and helpful without being judgmental. Become more aware of the expressions of sin in your own life. Discover how Christ brings new life and can deliver you from the impulses that get between you and God. [http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item\\_id=12590](http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=12590)

**23. *This is Christianity* (Maxie Dunnam)**

The book explores such questions as: Who is God? What is my relationship to God? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus come? What is sin? What is salvation? Who is the Holy Spirit? <http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=443971>

**24. *Simply Christian* (N.T. Wright)**

Have you ever wondered why humans in all places and times have yearned for beauty, truth, spirituality and justice? Bishop Wright contends that it is because we hear the echoes of God's voice—the same God who created the world, is known through the children of Israel and Jesus Christ and who is at work in the world through the Holy Spirit. Connecting to this God through worship, prayer, scripture and the church leads to life that is full and abundant. Not since C. S. Lewis's classic summary of the faith, *Mere Christianity*, has such a wise and thorough scholar taken the time to explain to anyone who wants to know what Christianity really is and how it is practiced.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=359794>

**25. *Following Jesus* (Carolyn Slaughter)**

First produced by Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, this 12-session study is perfect for groups just beginning their faith walk or for anyone looking for a deeper foundation. Following Jesus leads adults to rediscover Jesus, grow in the spirit and learn to live in faith and in service to the church, community and world. Includes a fruits of the spirit inventory, membership interview form and other helpful tools. <http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=685150>

**26. *Three Simple Rules for Christian Living* (Jeanne Torrence Finley and Rueben P. Job)**

This small-group study by Jeanne Torrence Finley is based on Rueben P. Job's book *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*. Six sessions provide extended reflection for adults on three principles of Christian life: do no harm, do good and stay in love with God.  
<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=739912>

**27. *Momentum for Life* (Michael Slaughter)**

Visionary pastor Mike Slaughter calls us all to a renewed life of faith, health and balance that will prepare us to fulfill God's plan and our own potential. Based on his book, *Momentum for Life*, Revised Edition, participants in this study will focus on five key areas—devotion, lifelong learning, key relationships, vision and healthy lifestyle—to be our best selves and move forward to God's promised future.  
<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=683497>

**28. *The Way to Heaven: The Gospel According to John Wesley* (Steve Harper)**

Is there a way to heaven? John Wesley believed so, and he developed his theology to help people make the journey from sin to salvation, with God's grace as the keynote from start to finish. In this book, Dr. Steve Harper presents Wesley's theology of grace and its power to transform in a relevant way.

[http://www.amazon.com/Way-Heaven-Gospel-According-Wesley/dp/0310252601/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_sr\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1223927415&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Way-Heaven-Gospel-According-Wesley/dp/0310252601/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1223927415&sr=8-1)

**29. *Yes Lord I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Excuses* (James W. Moore)**

Individuals and groups across the country have read and enjoyed James Moore's books and what they reveal to us about God and ourselves. In his book *Yes Lord I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Excuses*, Moore observes that people often give excuses for their arrogance, dishonesty, presumptuousness and poor choices. He reminds us that God sees through our excuses and he challenges us to grow beyond them.  
<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=446259>

**30. *In God's Time* (Craig C. Hill)**

This course offers an alternative to sensationalist perspectives, an alternative that is at once faithful and sane, readable and scholarly. Dr. Hill encourages Christians both to take seriously and to think sensibly about the hope of God's ultimate victory.  
<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=358012>

**31. *Gospel in Life* (Timothy J Keller)**

In the *Gospel in Life* DVD, join author and pastor Timothy Keller in an eight-week video-based study of the gospel and the ways to live it out in your everyday life. From exploring the world you live in now to preparing for the world that is to come, you will learn how the gospel can change your heart, your community, and how you live in the world.

<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/en-US/Product/ProductDetail.htm?ProdID=com.zondervan.9780310399018&QueryStringSite=Zondervan>

**32. *The Divine Conspiracy: Jesus' Master Class for Life* (Dallas Willard)**

In this new six-session DVD study with John Ortberg and participant's guide—*The Divine Conspiracy*—Willard offers a timely and challenging call back to the true meaning of Christian discipleship.

<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/en-US/Product/ProductDetail.htm?ProdID=com.zondervan.9780310324386&QueryStringSite=Zondervan>

**33. *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* (N.T. Wright)**

Many Christians believe that our future in heaven is all that really matters. But that's not what the Bible teaches. Premier Bible scholar N. T. Wright takes you inside the Scriptures to grasp the full, breathtaking hope Jesus offers the world, and its implications for how we live our lives today as believers.

<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/en-US/Product/ProductDetail.htm?ProdID=com.zondervan.9780310324720&QueryStringSite=Zondervan>

**34. *Start Becoming a Good Samaritan* (Michael Seaton)**

*Start Becoming a Good Samaritan Participant's Guide*, a groundbreaking six-session DVD hosted by John Ortberg, will help believers learn how to make an individual difference today, right where they live. Think of the world-changing impact Christians could have if we banded together to tackle today's most critical issues. It's happening now.

<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/en-US/Product/ProductDetail.htm?ProdID=com.zondervan.9780310285069&QueryStringSite=Zondervan>

## **MARRIAGE & FAMILY**

**1. *Value-Packed Parenting* (Dr. Kevin Leman)**

*Value-Packed Parenting* is Dr. Leman's newest resource to help parents protect their children from our pleasure-driven world.

[http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/value-packed-parenting-video-series/prod\\_7.html](http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/value-packed-parenting-video-series/prod_7.html)

**2. *Single Parenting that Works!* (Dr. Kevin Leman)**

How many single parents are there in your church or community group? More than you probably realize! Help them with this powerful training and encouragement by Dr. Kevin Leman.

[http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/single-parenting-that-works-video-series/prod\\_4.html](http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/single-parenting-that-works-video-series/prod_4.html)

**3. *Running the Rapids: Helping Your Teen Survive the Turbulent Waters of Adolescence* (Dr. Kevin Leman)**

Adolescence is often the most critical time to understand and relate to your child, though it can be painful at times. Learn from leading psychologist Dr. Kevin Leman as he mixes humor and wit with wisdom and truths that will lead to a respectful and less turbulent adolescence.

[http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/running-the-rapids-helping-your-teen-survive-the-turbulent-waters-of-adolescence-video-series/prod\\_6.html](http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/running-the-rapids-helping-your-teen-survive-the-turbulent-waters-of-adolescence-video-series/prod_6.html)

**4. *Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours* (Dr. Kevin Leman)**

Psychologist Dr. Kevin Leman teaches principles of child-rearing that really work! This popular video seminar will be enjoyed by teachers, parents and grandparents alike.

[http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/making-children-mind-without-losing-yours-video-series/prod\\_5.html](http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/making-children-mind-without-losing-yours-video-series/prod_5.html)

**5. *Have a New Kid by Friday* (Dr. Kevin Leman)**

How to change your child's attitude behavior and character in five days using the techniques found in Dr Leman's best-selling book.

[http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/have-a-new-kid-by-friday-video-series/prod\\_64.html](http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/have-a-new-kid-by-friday-video-series/prod_64.html)

**6. *Making the Most of Marriage* (Dr. Kevin Leman)**

Make the marriages in your church everything they can be with Dr. Kevin Leman's proven relationship techniques. This seminar, now used in more than 10,000 churches and organizations, features practical and proven truths couched in Dr. Leman's trademarked humor and fun.

[http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/making-the-most-of-marriage-video-series/prod\\_2.html](http://www.drleman.com/store/video-seminars/making-the-most-of-marriage-video-series/prod_2.html)

**7. *Making Love Last a Lifetime* (Adam Hamilton)**

Sessions from this DVD-based teaching with Pastor Adam Hamilton will focus on keys to developing a healthy, satisfying, and successful marriage. If you are single, this study can prepare you to have a successful relationship. If you are married, this will help you grow in your relationship with your spouse so that you can experience all that God intends a marriage to be.

**8. Sacred Marriage: What If God Designed Marriage To Make Us Holy More Than To Make Us Happy? (Gary Thomas)**

In this six-session video curriculum, writer and speaker Gary Thomas invites you to see how God can use marriage as a discipline and a motivation to love Him more and reflect more of the character of His Son.

<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/en-US/Product/ProductDetail.htm?ProdID=com.zondervan.9780310291442&QueryStringSite=Zondervan>

**9. Sacred Parenting: How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls (Gary Thomas)**

In this six-session video group study, Gary Thomas will help you and your group look at parenting from a different perspective: not about successfully raising perfect children, but about you becoming more holy.

<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/en-US/Product/ProductDetail.htm?ProdID=com.zondervan.9780310329459&QueryStringSite=Zondervan>

## **BIBLE STUDY**

**1. Invitation to the Old Testament (Celia Brewer Marshall & Dr. James D. Tabor)**

Explore the Old Testament's story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the biblical text. Gain insight from biblical scholars and take a visual tour of archaeological sites, ancient artifacts and other physical remains related to and illuminating scripture and events. Participants gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Old Testament as an integral part of the Christian Bible and a renewed discovery of our identity in God and God's vision for all things. This study is ideal for adults with a strong Sunday school or personal study background.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=440687>

**2. Invitation to Genesis**

This study takes groups into the rich tapestry of Genesis by exploring the interaction between God and very human people—pride, family relationships, conflict and journey all showcase the best known stories of Creation, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Rebekah and Joseph. The video reflects the drama of the Genesis stories, first with selected text dramatized by an actor and then study writer, Peter Enns interviews a scholar to help unpack the meaning and the mystery in the stories.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=446226>

**3. Invitation to Psalms**

Make a deeper connection to the world of the *Psalms* so that these well-known scriptures can help you give voice to all aspects of our human experience—joy, faith, uncertainty and sorrow. Experience a varied presentation of individual psalm texts, including dramatic reading, music, dance and images. Listen to insights into specific psalms presented by one of two biblical scholars through an informal, roundtable conversation format. Ideal experience for adults who are interested in the practice of prayer and worship and would like to connect prayer practice with Scripture.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=446948>

**4. Journey Through the Psalms (Denise Dombkowski Hopkins)**

Bring the *Psalms* to life for prayer and worship in your church and learn to approach God with the emotional intensity of the ancient Psalmists. Each video segment is ten minutes in length.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=358073>

**5. Old Testament Stories from the Back Side (J. Ellsworth Kalas)**

J. Ellsworth Kalas brings to your group his years of experience as a preacher, educator, public speaker and author. In *Old Testament Stories from the Back Side*, Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight into selected stories by entering them through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=445854>

**6. *Parables from the Back Side* (J. Ellsworth Kalas)**

J. Ellsworth Kalas brings to your group his years of experience as a preacher, educator, public speaker, and author. *Parables from the Back Side* is one of his most popular books and it is the first in which he adopted the approach of taking familiar Bible stories or Scripture passages and looking at them in new and unexpected ways.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=443876>

**7. *Luke's Message: Good News for the New Millennium* (J. Ellsworth Kalas)**

This study takes a thematic look at the whole of the Gospel of Luke.

**8. *24 Hours That Changed the World* (Adam Hamilton)**

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In his inspiring book *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Adam Hamilton guided us, step-by-step, through the last day of Jesus' life. Now, in a companion DVD that also functions beautifully on its own, we travel to the Holy Land with Adam Hamilton to visit the sites where those earth-shaking events took place. We walk where Jesus walked and see what he may have seen along the road that led to the pain and triumph of the cross.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=803235>

**9. *Invitation to the New Testament* (David A. deSilva & Emerson B. Powery)**

This survey of the New Testament looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith. In the weekly video segments, listen as scholars fascinate you with facts and information that opens new understanding and enlightenment for your group. In the second video, sit in on a table conversation between guest scholars and debate key issues in the text.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=440680>

**10. *Invitation to John***

The invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow me." Experience the magnificent passages in John including the "I am" statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water and more). Revisit stories only told in John's gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and the raising of Lazarus. Participants for this *Invitation to John* do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy and benefit from participation.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=446661>

**11. *Invitation to Romans* (Pamela Eisenbaum)**

Compare what Paul writes in Romans to what theologians like Augustine, Luther and Calvin say in trying to understand Paul in their time. At the end of this study your group will have a more informed commitment to Paul's radical vision of God's relationship to both Christians and Jews and to their relationship to each other, thanks to the "love of God in Christ Jesus." This study is meaty and extremely enjoyable for those students with some familiarity of Romans and with a strong biblical foundation to rely on.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=446322>

**12. *Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation* (Bruce M. Metzger)**

An easy-to-understand, scholarly, video-based study of Revelation for adults.

**13. *Women Speak of God* (Dr. Amy Oden)**

From the earliest days of the church women have spoken and written of their faith. Hear their stories of how God works in difficult times and places. *Women Speak of God* is an eight session study of Christian writings by women led by Dr. Amy G. Oden, Professor of History of Christianity, Wesley Theological Seminary.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=358110>

**14. *Adult Bible Studies* (Cokesbury)**

Together, Adult Bible Studies and Daily Bible Studies are used by almost 500,000 students and teachers each week. They are Bible-based, Christ-focused, United Methodist approved curriculum for use in adult Sunday school classes, mid-week Bible study and small-group based studies.

<http://www.adultbiblestudies.com/>

**15. *Adult Faith Connections Bible Study* (Bristol House Publications)**

The *Adult Faith Connections* series offers in-depth study for those who want to learn more about God's Word. Includes *Illustrated Bible Life*, a magazine which provides extra background information for a teacher, a family devotional guide, and additional resources.

<http://www.bristolhouseLtd.com/Site/109/>

**16. *The Prodigal God: Finding Your Place at the Table* (Timothy J. Keller)**

Pastor and bestselling author Timothy Keller helps churches and small groups plumb the powerful depths of Jesus' best-known parable to explore the story's characters of the younger son, the elder son, and the Father whose lavish love exceeds what either son ever expected.

[http://www.amazon.com/Prodigal-God-Finding-Place-Table/dp/0310325358/ref=sr\\_](http://www.amazon.com/Prodigal-God-Finding-Place-Table/dp/0310325358/ref=sr_)

**17. *The Bible Jesus Read: An Eight-Session Exploration of the Old Testament* (Philip Yancey)**

The Old Testament is God's biography, the story of his compassionate encounters with people and also a prequel to the story of Jesus. This Small Group Edition uses video and group discussion to explore the sometimes shocking and cryptic writings in an effort to know God better.

<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/en-US/Product/ProductDetail.htm?ProdID=com.zondervan.9780310275213&QueryStringSite=Zondervan>

## **DOCTRINE & THEOLOGY**

**1. *Basic United Methodist Beliefs***

Now in its 17th printing, *Basic United Methodists Beliefs*, with its study questions, has helped countless United Methodists understand the core beliefs of their faith.

<http://www.bristolhouseLtd.com/Site/16/>

**2. *United Methodists and the Sacraments* (Gayle Carlton Felton)**

This study is designed for use with any group of adults interested in learning more about how United Methodists understand and practice the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Gayle Felton guides us through the rituals and practices of these sacraments in order to help us understand their life-enriching value. Each chapter offers a comprehensive look at what United Methodists believe and how United Methodists practice the sacraments.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=445981>

**3. *How United Methodists Share Their Faith* (Rodney Wilmoth)**

The author believes that United Methodists are sometimes reluctant to bring up the subject of religion with their friends and next-door neighbors. They doubt that their acquaintances would be interested and feel it would be inappropriate to inquire about their personal faith. Discussing evangelistic practices that are unique to United Methodists, Rodney E. Wilmoth suggests ways in which United Methodists can become more comfortable about sharing their faith.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=441665>

**4. *How United Methodists Study Scripture* (Everett Tilson & Gayle Carlton Felton)**

This volume in the United Methodist Studies series challenges United Methodists to engage in life-transforming practices. The author explains a theme and underscores major emphases within the United Methodist denomination. This adult study is divided into four sections with suggestions for group discussion and can be completed in four to eight sessions. No leader's guide is needed. In this book four authors contribute with different emphases to the process of Bible study and interpretation.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=442184>

**5. *Eight Life-Enriching Practices of United Methodists* (Henry H. Knights II)**

This resource is a summary study of the eight life-enriching practices that are part of the series—prayer, Bible study, evangelism, community, worship and the sacraments, outreach, justice and others. Questions for discussion are included with each chapter.

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**6. *Prayer and Devotional Life of United Methodists* (Steve Harper)**

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**7. *Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition* (Steve Harper)**

This workbook describes major features in John Wesley's devotional life and it illustrates how you can apply his ministry to your own life. Structured around Wesley's *Means of Grace*, the workbook covers scripture and prayer, among other topics in this seven-week study.

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**8. *Religion and Science***

Join more than a dozen world experts as they consider how religion and science might coexist and even complement one another in the 21st Century.

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**9. *Christianity and World Religions* (Adam Hamilton)**

Adam Hamilton, named by PBS's *Religion and Ethics Newsweekly* as one of the top "Ten People to Watch," has created an inviting new series of video-and-book studies on love and marriage, life issues, world religions and Christian denominations. Hamilton calls these small-group studies "fishing expeditions" because they include tools for congregation wide and community-wide programs to draw in new members.

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**10. Christianity's Family Tree (Adam Hamilton)**

Participants will learn of the history, theology and distinctive emphases of eight different Christian denominations and faith traditions. For each tradition participants will hear from a clergy member of that tradition and look at Scriptures that have shaped that faith. Churches that purchase the study will be given tools and sermon starters to create a congregation-wide emphasis, which will shape worship around elements of each denomination as it is studied.

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**11. Confronting the Controversies (Adam Hamilton)**

This study is designed as a "fishing expedition" with tools that will enable congregations to make the study a church and community wide outreach event, including sermon starters and promotion aids. *Confronting the Controversies* is a seven-session group study of "tough issues" based on Adam Hamilton's sermons on these topics.

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**12. Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White (Adam Hamilton)**

Offering insights first outlined in his book, *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, now comes a video resource featuring Adam Hamilton teaching these concepts on DVD for group or individual study.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=725729>

**13. The Case for Christ (Lee Strobel)**

Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, cross-examines several experts with doctorates from schools like Cambridge, Princeton and Brandeis who are recognized authorities in their own fields. Strobel's tough, point-blank questions make this six-session video study a captivating, fast-paced experience.

[http://www.christianbook.com/case-christ-dvd/9780310282808/pd/282808netp\\_id=524212&event=ESRCN&jtem\\_code=WW&view=covers](http://www.christianbook.com/case-christ-dvd/9780310282808/pd/282808netp_id=524212&event=ESRCN&jtem_code=WW&view=covers)

**14. Serious Answers to Hard Questions (hosted by Bishop Kenneth Carder)**

Life presents us with a lot of hard questions. In this thought-provoking and inspiring course, leading Christian and Jewish theologians address ten issues that are obstacles to faith for many both in and outside of the church. Video sessions are approximately 30 minutes in length.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=358337>

**15. Devotion to Jesus (Dr. Larry Hurtado)**

The *Da Vinci Code* is only the most successful in a long line of books containing revisionist accounts of how and when early Christians came to believe in the divinity of Christ. In fact, the true story of their extraordinary "devotion to Jesus" is much more amazing, as Professor Larry Hurtado of Edinburgh University, one of the world's leading authorities on Christian origins, demonstrates in this important new DVD-based course.

<http://www.wesleyministrynetwork.com/DJ/>

**16. The Spirituality of Science: What Christians Learn from Scientists (Gabe Lyons)**

In *The Spirituality of Science: What Christians Can Learn From Scientists*, part of the Q Society Room experience, your group will explore the relationship between science and faith, and you'll discuss how all Christians (non-scientists included) should be mindful, rather than uninformed or even fearful, of these issues.

<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/en-US/Product/ProductDetail.htm?ProdID=com.zondervan.9780310325154&QueryStringSite=Zondervan>

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1.	The Life You've Always Wanted	John Ortberg	DVD, LG, PG	6 sessions
2.	If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat	John Ortberg	DVD, LG, PG, CK	6 sessions
3.	An Ordinary Day with Jesus	John Ortberg	VHS, LG, PG, PPT	8 sessions
4.	When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box	John Ortberg, Stephen Sorensen	DVD, PG	6 sessions
5.	God is Closer Than You Think	John Ortberg, Stephen Sorensen and Amanda Sorensen	DVD, LG, PG	6 sessions
6.	A Life Worthy of the Gospel	Sondra Ely Wheeler	DVD, LG, PG, Book, Website	6 sessions
7.	Enough	Adam Hamilton	DVD, LG	5 sessions
8.	Character: Who Are You When No One's Looking	Bill Hybels	PG	6 sessions
9.	Transformation: Letting God Change You from the Inside Out	Bill Hybels	PG	6 sessions
10.	God Views	Curt Cloninger	DVD, LG, PG, CD	12 sessions
11.	Renovation of the Heart	Dallas Williard	DVD, LG, PG, CD	13 sessions
12.	Celebration of Discipline	Richard Foster	DVD, LG, PG, CD	13 sessions
13.	Streams of Living Water	Richard Foster	DVD, LG, PG, CD	13 sessions
14.	Living the Mission: A Spiritual Formation Guide	Richard Foster	PG	12 sessions
15.	Discovering Soul Care	Mindy Caliguire	Book	4 sessions
16.	What's So Amazing About Grace?	Philip Yancey	DVD, LG, PG	10 sessions
17.	The Jesus I Never Knew	Philip Yancey	DVD, LG, PG	14 sessions
18.	Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?	Philip Yancey	DVD, LG, PG	6 sessions
19.	Prayer: Too Busy Not to Pray	Bill Hybels	PG	6 sessions

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20.	The Workbook of Living Prayer	Maxie Dunnam	PG	6 sessions
21.	The Workbook on Lessons from the Saints	Maxie Dunnam	PG	8 sessions
22.	The Workbook on the Seven Deadly Sins	Maxie Dunnam	PG	8 sessions
23.	This is Christianity	Maxie Dunnam	DVD, LG, Book	
24.	Simply Christian	N.T. Wright	DVD, LG, PG	10 sessions
25.	Following Jesus	Carolyn Slaughter	Book	12 sessions
26.	Three Simple Rules for Christian Living	Jeanne Torrence Finley and Rueben P. Job	DVD, LG	6 sessions
27.	Momentum for Life	Michael Slaughter	DVD, LG, PG, Journal	
28.	The Way to Heaven: The Gospel According to John Wesley	Steve Harper	Book	12 sessions
29.	Yes Lord I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Excuses	James W. Moore	DVD, LG, Book	12 sessions
30.	In God's Time	Craig C. Hill	DVD, LG, PG, Book	10 sessions
31.	Gospel in Life	Timothy J. Keller	DVD, PG	8 sessions
32.	The Divine Conspiracy: Jesus' Master Class for Life	Dallas Willard	DVD, PG	6 sessions
33.	Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church	N.T. Wright	DVD, PG, Book	6 sessions
34.	Start Becoming a Good Samaritan	Michael Seaton	DVD, PG	6 sessions

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1.	Value-Packed Parenting	Dr. Kevin Leman	DVD, LG, PG, Audio	7 sessions
2.	Single Parenting that Works!	Dr. Kevin Leman	DVD, LG, PG, Audio	6 sessions
3.	Running the Rapids	Dr. Kevin Leman	DVD, LG, PG, Audio	6 sessions
4.	Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours	Dr. Kevin Leman	DVD, LG, PG, Audio	6 sessions
5.	Have a New Kid by Friday	Dr. Kevin Leman	DVD, LG, PG, Audio	6 sessions
6.	Making the Most of Marriage	Dr. Kevin Leman	DVD, LG, PG, Audio	7 sessions
7.	Making Love Last a Lifetime	Adam Hamilton	DVD, LG, Book	8 sessions
8.	Sacred Marriage: What If God Designed Marriage To Make Us Holy More Than To Make Us Happy?	Gary Thomas	DVD, PG, Audio, Book	6 sessions
9.	Sacred Parenting: How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls	Gary Thomas	DVD, PG, Book	6 sessions

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1. Invitation to the Old Testament	Celia Brewer Marshall and Dr. James D. Tabor	DVD, LG, PG	8 sessions
2. Invitation to Genesis		DVD, LG, PG	10 sessions
3. Invitation to Psalms		DVD, LG, PG	10 sessions
4. Journey Through the Psalms	Denise Dombkowski Hopkins	DVD, LG, PG, Book, Website	8 sessions
5. Old Testament Stories from the Back Side	J. Ellsworth Kalas	DVD, LG, PG, Book	12 sessions
6. Parables from the Back Side	J. Ellsworth Kalas	DVD, LG, PG, Book	12 sessions
7. Luke's Message: Good News for the New Millennium	J. Ellsworth Kalas	PG	6 sessions
8. 24 Hours that Changed the World	Adam Hamilton	DVD, LG	7 sessions
9. Invitation to the New Testament	David A. deSilva and Emerson B. Powery	DVD, LG, PG	8 sessions
10. Invitation to John		DVD, LG, PG	11 sessions
11. Invitation to Romans	Pamela Eisenbaum	DVD, LG, PG	8 sessions
12. Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation	Bruce M. Metzger	DVD, LG, PG	8 sessions
13. Women Speak of God	Dr. Amy Oden	DVD, LG, PG, Website	8 sessions
14. Adult Bible Studies	Cokesbury	Weekly Lessons	ongoing
15. Adult Faith Connections Bible Study	Bristol House Publishers	Weekly Lessons	ongoing
16. The Prodigal God: Finding Your Place at the Table	Timothy Keller	DVD, PG, Book	6 sessions
17. The Bible Jesus Read: An Exploration of the Old Testament	Philip Yancey	DVD, LG, PG, Audio, Book	8 sessions

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1. Basic United Methodist Beliefs	Various	Book	8 sessions
2. United Methodists and the Sacraments	Gayle Carlton Felton	Book	10 sessions
3. How United Methodists Share Their Faith	Rodney Wilmoth	Book	10 sessions
4. How United Methodists Study Scripture	Everett Tilson and Gayle Carlton Felton	Book	4-8 sessions
5. Eight Life-Enriching Practices of United Methodists	Henry H. Knights II	Book	12 sessions
6. Prayer and Devotional Life of United Methodists	Steve Harper	Book	4-8 sessions
7. Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition	Steve Harper	Book	7 sessions
8. Religion and Science	Various	DVD, LG, PG, Bonus DVD	9 sessions
9. Christianity and World Religions	Adam Hamilton	DVD, VHS, LG, PG, CD	6-8 sessions
10. Christianity's Family Tree	Adam Hamilton	DVD, LG, PG, CD	8 sessions
11. Confronting the Controversies	Adam Hamilton	DVD, VHS, LG, PG	7 sessions
12. Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White	Adam Hamilton	DVD, LG, Bonus Video	5 sessions
13. The Case for Christ	Lee Strobel	DVD, LG, PG	6 sessions
14. Serious Answers to Hard Questions	Various	DVD, LG, PG, Website	10 sessions
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