

# New Resources April 2013

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(BK1153) Faith and Film: A Guidebook for Leaders Growing numbers of church leaders are discovering that many films are able to impact viewers with gospel truths almost as well as a good sermon. Ed McNulty, a former pastor and longtime reviewer of films, offers this guide to help church leaders enter into dialogue with contemporary films. McNulty carefully crafts a theology of movies and then provides practical suggestions for creating and leading movie discussions with groups. In addition, he provides people from all across the theological spectrum with a framework to understand whether the overall message of a film outweighs concerns over profanity, violence, or sex in the film. He concludes by introducing twenty-seven films and including provocative questions about each that will prepare leaders to assemble and facilitate a group.  Popular films explored include The Color Purple; Crash; Hotel Rwanda; The Matrix; Million Dollar Baby; O Brother, Where Art Thou? And The Shawshank Redemption. Age: YAS 272 Pages	1	Edward N. McNulty	Westminster John Knox Pr	2007
(BK1154) Holy Superheroes!: Exploring the Sacred in Comics, Graphic Novels, and Film Spider-Man. Batman. The X-Men. The Fantastic Four. Comic books and the characters they have spawned have become twenty-first-century mythology. Greg Garrett helps us see the profound depth that can be found in the glossy, fast-paced, and often violent world of comics, graphic novels, and the films they inspire. Holy Superheroes! provides extensive discussions of some of our most beloved comic heroes and concludes with an appendix of twenty-five comics and graphic novels for discussion of spirituality and comics. Age: HYAS 141 Pages	1	Greg Garrett	Westminster John Knox Pr	2008
(BK1155) The Stewardship of Life in the Kingdom of Death This study forcefully sets forth the church's crucial mission of stewardship in our world today. Hall outlines a biblical view of what it means to be partners in God's covenant of life in the context of a darkening kingdom of death. Age: YAS 144 Pages	1	Douglas John Hall	Eerdmans Publishing Co/A	1988
(BK1156) Full Disclosure: Everything the Bible Says About Financial Stewardship Financial giving is an important element of our spiritual relationship with God. There are twenty financial stewardship themes that recur and evolve in the Old and New Testaments. Full Disclosure identifies these themes, lists their historical importance, and illustrates contemporary applications for each theme. The themes fall into three categories: (1) Why should we give? (2) How does giving benefit us? and (3) How should we give? (2003) Age: YAS 128 Pages	1	Herb Miller	Discipleship Resources	2005
(BK1157) The Generosity Factor: The Power of Holding Things with a Gracious Heart FROM THE PUBLISHER: Don't you feel that way sometimes about greed? The things some people do in the pursuit of self-gratification would make anybody see red. And they should. Just look at what has happened to our families, our healthcare system, our corporate ethics, our cities, our environment, our national reputation, our fundamental ability to love -- all because, at rock bottom, some folks are out for themselves at any cost. They've completely missed the path to fulfillment. There is a route to genuine and enduring satisfaction, but it flies in the face of this greedy, self-obsessed culture. It's called generosity, and it involves freely giving our four most valuable resources -- our time, talents, treasure, and touch -- and receiving unimaginable riches in return. The Generosity Factor is a powerful and visionary parable for every man or woman who senses that there's more to life than getting more. You can read this book in a few hours, but the wisdom you'll obtain will last -- and shape you -- for a lifetime. Ken Blanchard and S. Truett Cathy tell the story of two similar yet very different people: the self-made young Broker who knows all about acquiring wealth, and the wise Executive who has discovered the reason for doing so. Their brief but profound encounter reveals five key principles that will have a lasting effect on the Broker's life -- and on yours. For they comprise the vital heart of The Generosity Factor, and their impact extends far beyond anything you can imagine. Don't just curse the darkness -- strike a match. Factor The Generosity Factor into your life, line up your actions with the lavish heart of God, and discover a wealth that continues to flourish the more you give to others. Age: YAS 128 Pages	1	Ken Blanchard and S. Truett Cathy	Zondervan Publishing	2005
(BK1158) What the Bible Says about Stewardship FROM THE PUBLISHER: Responsible Christian action supported by biblical understanding is the objective of this timely group study concerned with the relationship of stewardship and mission. Five sessions. Age: YAS 96 Pages	1	A. Q. Van Benschoten	Judson Press	1983

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(BK1159) Make Poverty Personal: Taking the Poor as Seriously as t Poverty is one of the great challenges of the 21st century. But poverty is not new. And neither is God's deep concern for the poor--it is a theme deeply woven throughout the Bible. Yet sadly, churches and individual Christians have too often been blind to this emphasis, or they have been paralyzed into inaction by feelings of helplessness. In this urgent, provocative book, Ash Barker offers both challenge and hope. Pulling out and reflecting on significant passages from both testaments, he reveals what the Bible says about both the nature of poverty and about how God calls his people to respond. These studies, ideal for either individual or small group use, are interlaced with personal reflections--first-hand accounts from fifteen years of ministry among the poor.  Contents: Beyond excuses : Moses, the Exodus and courage to face the nature of poverty -- Hebrew laws and "always having" poverty -- Hebrew poetry and the awesome truth -- Prophetic ministry: radical hope from the margins -- The Gospels and messianic transformations -- The early church : standing against poverty together -- Epistles : letters from jail and other tough places of discipleship -- Apocalypse now : last things and the things that last -- Final challenge : will we make poverty personal? Age: HYAS 203 Pages	1	Ash Barker	Baker Books	2009
(BK1160) Abingdon's Christmas Drama Collection SUBTITLE: Four Short Dramas. Four short, easy-to-use Christmas dramas that lift up Christian values and faith. Suitable for use by small and medium-sized churches.  Contents: Emmanuel-God with us / by Georgiana Summers -- Christmas in the toy shop / by Louise Gouge -- No room / by Louise Gouge -- An Epiphany play / by Kathy Webb. Age: EMHYAS 48 Pages	1	Various	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	1995
(BK1161) Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2013-2 This 64-page booklet is a tool designed to help individuals and small groups study the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church. It contains the official text of the Social Principles from The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2012 along with exercises for individuals or small groups, a topical index, and Our Social Creed. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church are the product of ninety-eight years of legislative decisions made by lay and clergy members of The United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations. The Social Principles are prayerful and thoughtful efforts on the part of many General Conferences to speak to complex and controversial issues in the global community.  Studying the Social Principles provides opportunities to examine your own theology and ethics and to practice discipleship. Age: MHYAS 64 Pages	1	The United Methodist Chur	Cokesbury	2013
(BK1162) Food at the Time of the Bible: From Adam's Apple to the Was the "forbidden fruit" of the garden of Eden really an apple? What is St. Peter's Fish? What was in the bowl that Jesus dipped into at the Last Supper? Within the pages of this book you will find a uniquely in-depth and easy-to-read survey of every aspect of food in the Bible, accompanied by fascinating illustrations and photographs. You will learn not only what people ate and drank in Bible days, but how they raised their food, stored it, traded in it, and prepared it. You will take a fresh look at food through the eyes of Scripture, seeing new and deeper symbolic meanings behind many a menu.  Best of all, you will find an exciting collection of biblically-inspired, easy-to-prepare recipes for a cornucopia of delicious dishes to share with friends and family.  As you enjoy learning about what our biblical ancestors ate, you will find yet another way of coming closer to Bible days and Bible ways. Through this book you will discover that Scripture, the most important inspiration in our spiritual lives, can be an inspiration in the kitchen as well Age: MHYAS 108 Pages	1	Mariam Feinberg Vamosh	Abingdon Press	2005
(BK1163) Table Talk Vol. 1: Small Talk Children's Leader Guide Even the youngest participants can become enthused about the Bible stories of the Table Talk series. The Small Talk Children's Leader Guide provides a complete set of active, kid-friendly sessions with take-home sheets for parents, craft and game ideas, and prayer helps. Age: eE 75 Pages	1	Carl Frazier	Abingdon Press	2013

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(BK1164) Table Talk Vol. 2: Small Talk Children's Leader Guide The stories presented in Table Talk Volume 2 include: The Beatitudes, The Least of These, The Great Commission, The Last Supper, Crucifixion, Resurrection. The Small Talk Leader Guide provides complete set of active, kid-friendly sessions with optional use of short video and includes take-home sheets for parents, craft and game ideas and prayer helps. Age: eE 76 Pages	1	Carl Frazier	Abingdon Press	2013
(BK1165) Table Talk Vol. 1 - Teen Talk Youth Leader Guide The Teen Talk Youth Leader Guide helps youth leaders start and sustain attendance and participation in this series of six-week programs for the whole church family. The stories presented in Table Talk Volume 1 include: Creation, The Fall, The Flood, Father Abraham, Ten Words, and The Great Commandment. Age: MH 76 Pages	1	Carl Frazier	Abingdon Press	2013
(BK1166) Table Talk Vol. 2: Teen Talk Youth Leader Guide The Teen Talk Leader Guide helps youth leaders start and sustain attendance and participation in this series of six-week programs for the whole church family. The stories presented in Table Talk's Volume 2 include: The Beatitudes, The Least of These, The Great Commission, The Last Supper, Crucifixion, Resurrection. Age: MH 77 Pages	1	Carl Frazier	Abingdon Press	2013
(BK1167) The Pastor's Wife Sabina Wurmbbrand's husband had been taken, his fate unknown, and now their young son would be left alone as police arrested her. Sabina Wurmbbrand's heart-wrenching story of her imprisonment in Romania speaks of the faithfulness of Christ in every situation. Age: YAS 256 Pages	1	Sabina Wurmbbrand	Voice of the Martyrs	2005
(BK1168) Proven Resources for Stewardship Promotion It's no secret that many pastors (and laypersons) are uncomfortable with the subject of stewardship. Because so many in the ministry view stewardship as little more than discussing money and budget matters, it is not a favorite topic. But Allan Weenink makes no apology for his zealous approach to stewardship. He believes that the spiritual dimension is just as important, and that cultivating the grace of generosity is vital for Christian ministry. Drawn from countless workshops and seminars conducted during a 16-year stint as a stewardship consultant, this book provides a wealth of proven "hands-on" material that will help you develop an effective stewardship model. It's a practical ministry resources that will yield bountiful dividends! CSS Publishing Co. Age: YAS 156 Pages	1	Allan J. Weenink	C S S Publishing Company	2005
(BK1169) More Money, New Money, Big Money: Creative Strategi Wayne C. Barrett shows that every congregation has significant sources of new and untapped income. Age: YAS 154 Pages	1	Wayne C. Barrett	Discipleship Resources	1992
(BK1170) What in the World is Christian Stewardship This book defines stewardship from an inclusive perspective, that is, it involves all of life: time, finances and talents. Age: YAS 108 Pages	1	Mallery Callahan	R.H. Boyd Publishing Corp.	1998
(BK1171) Rest in the Storm: Self-Care Strategies for Clergy and Oth Are You Overdosing on Overcommitment? Even the most committed and competent ministers suffer enormous physical, mental, and spiritual strain. Too many remain in denial about the severity of pastoral stress, even as they are deteriorating emotionally and physically. Age: HAS 131 Pages	1	Kirk Byron Jones	Judson Press	2005
(BK1172) Marriage and Divorce: What the Bible Says Teachings from Dr. Efird on what the Bible says about marriage and divorce. Age: YAS 96 Pages	1	James M. Efird	Abingdon Press	1985

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(BK1173) The Leadership Jump Not only are established leaders passing the baton to up-and-coming leaders, the very nature of leadership is being transformed. Veteran leader and cultural observer Jimmy Long has discerned how leadership positions and roles have changed in light of societal shifts. Authority is no longer derived from positional status but is earned from relational credibility. Leaders focus not only on tasks but on community. And leadership is less about directing followers to a particular destination, and more about empowering others on a shared journey. Existing leaders cannot write off emerging leaders because they work differently. Nor can younger leaders dismiss the contributions of those who have gone before. Here is a book that offers a positive vision for intergenerational partnership and leadership transference rather than competition. The practical tools outlined here will help existing and emerging leaders understand each others' leadership styles and collaborate fruitfully for the sake of the kingdom. Age: YAS 205 Pages	1	Jimmy Long	IVP Books	2009
(BK1174) Teaching Older Adults Dr. Vogel looks at both the gifts and the needs of persons ages 55 and older. She outlines methods teachers can use to involve older adults more meaningfully in the gospel story. Age: AS 48 Pages	1	Linda J. Vogel	Discipleship Resources	1989
(BK1175) An Unstoppable Force: Daring to Become the Church Go FROM THE PUBLISHER: Surprising. Risky. Daring to change the world. Church {just got really interesting!} In An Unstoppable Force, author Erwin McManus offers a vision of the church taking its rightful place. An unstoppable force created to change the world. A church that is active and engaged with its community. A church that dares to cut itself free from atrophied practices and programs to flourish in creative and compelling worship. Where teachers of the Word risk reaching out to our multi-sensory, multi-layered culture with music, the arts and other unique expressions of love and faith. A church that prospers in the life of Christ. New life comes into a church-an apostolic ethos-when it realizes its destiny is found in its early church origins. A living part of the body of Christ. Driven to find its uniqueness beyond being a cookie cutter copy of the "successful church." An Unstoppable Force will *Challenge you to see God's vision for the mission and purpose of the church. *Help you to explore specific changes in the culture that call for immediate change in the church. *Offer practical ways for your church to find its unique voice and identity to express Christ's love and faith to your culture. *Present interactive questions in each chapter to foster discussion about the life of your church, its focus on Christ, and how it can be a richer influence on your culture. Never settle for church as usual again! Let An Unstoppable Force excite and inspire you to be part of the Church that God had in mind! Age: YAS 224 Pages	1	Erwin Raphael McManus	Group Publishing	2005
(BK1176) Why Jesus Makes Me Nervous: Ten Alarming Words of F FROM THE PUBLISHER: "In this collection of meditations on some of the themes that undergird and define the Christian spiritual life, Jordan-Lake confronts what it means for believers to experience 'the difficult and disconcerting and, frankly, appalling teachings of Jesus.' A professor at Belmont University and a former Baptist chaplain at Harvard University, the author mines her personal history as a pastor, mother, social justice activist and friend to illumine and interpret ideas such as resurrection and hope. Sometimes wry, occasionally stern, Jordan-Lake, with a touch of Southern gothic sensibility, argues that foundational concepts of Christian living, like worship and blessedness, may often be disruptive, disturbing, frequently joyful and often deeply life-changing experiences. Although she has a gift for welcoming, lucid and insightful prose, there is something a bit ephemeral about this volume, as with a sermon in which an audience remembers the story but forgets the point. As though to balance out the structural weakness of such a heavily anecdotal book, Jordan-Lake includes discussion questions for each chapter, so that readers may grapple with how these exigent words of Jesus can be applied to their own lives." Publishers Weekly  10 sessions including discussion questions: resurrection, community, abundance, wisdom, holiness, peace, blessedness, worship, forgiveness, hope. Age: YAS 159 Pages	1	Joy Jordan-Lake	Paraclete Press	2007

(BK1177) What's Right with Islam is What's Right With America	1	Feisal Abdul Rauf	Harper Collins	2004
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One of the most pressing questions of our time is what went wrong in the relationship between Muslims and the West. Continuing global violence in the name of Islam reflects the deepest fears by certain Muslim factions of Western political, cultural, and economic encroachment. The solution requires finding common ground upon which to build mutual respect and understanding. Who better to offer such an analysis than an American Imam, someone with a foot in each world and the tools to examine the common roots of both Western and Muslim cultures; someone to explain to the non-Islamic West not just what went wrong with Islam, but What's Right with Islam. American Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf's mosque was only twelve blocks from the World Trade Center when it was attacked on September 11. In the aftermath, finding a common ground between his country and his religion became a personal quest. He began by looking back to a time before such divisions, back to our common ancestor, Abraham. Jews, Christians, and Muslims all claim Abraham as their patriarch, and the ethic this forebear imparted is an ethic still shared by all three traditions. Imam Rauf skillfully traces the evolution of these foundational beliefs through the golden age of Islam in medieval Cordoba and Baghdad, as well as the development of democratic and capitalist principles in the West.

In stark contrast to thinkers such as Samuel P. Huntington and Bernard Lewis, who suggest the crisis is in Islam itself, Imam Rauf argues that what went wrong is the relationship between the Muslim world and the West. He offers a basis for rebuilding that relationship by arguing that Islamic principles actually support the fundamental values of a pluralistic, free society, uncovering the promise of a Muslim form of democratic capitalism within the Qur'an, the stories and traditions of the Prophet Muhammad, and Islamic Law. Focused on finding solutions, not on determining fault, this is ultimately a hopeful and inspiring book.

Born to a long line of religious luminaries, Imam Rauf brings his extensive study of the sacred scriptures of Islam, along with his talent for storytelling and analysis, to bear on one of the most complex and critically important topics facing our world today. By tracing common philosophical roots and religious values, acknowledging the contributions of American democracy and Western capitalism, and by showing what Islamic culture can bring to a new reunion with the West, WHAT'S RIGHT WITH ISLAM systematically lays out the reasons for the current dissonance between these cultures and offers a foundation and plan for improved relations. Wide-ranging in scope, WHAT'S RIGHT WITH ISLAM elaborates in satisfying detail a vision for a Muslim world that can eventually embrace its own distinctive forms of democracy and capitalism, aspiring to a New Cordoba -- a time when Jews, Christians, Muslims, and all other faith traditions will live together in peace and prosperity.

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(BK1178) Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap...a	1	Jim Collins	HarperCollins Publishers	2005
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FROM THE PUBLISHER: The Challenge Built to Last, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The Study For years, this question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The Standards Using tough benchmarks, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck. The Comparisons The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness why some companies make the leap and others don't. The Findings The findings of the Good to Great study will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include: - Level 5 Leaders: The research team was shocked to discover the

type of leadership required to achieve greatness. - The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles): To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence. - A Culture of Discipline: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results. - Technology Accelerators: Good-to-great companies think differently about the role of technology. - The Flywheel and the Doom Loop: Those who launch radical change programs and wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap. Some of the key concepts discerned in the study, comments Jim Collins, "fly in the face of our modern business culture and will, quite frankly, upset some people. Perhaps, but who can afford to ignore these findings?

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(BK1179) Deep Change: Discovering the Leader Within Open this book at your own risk. It contains ideas that may lead to a profound self-awakening. An introspective journey for those in the trenches of today's modern organizations, Deep Change is a survival manual for finding our own internal leadership power. By helping us learn new ways of thinking and behaving, it shows how we can transform ourselves from victims to powerful agents of change. And for anyone who yearns to be an internally driven leader, to motivate the people around them, and return to a satisfying work life, Deep Change holds the key. Age: YAS 236 Pages	1	Robert E. Quinn	Jossey-Bass Publishers	1996
(BK1180) Revolution in World Missions: One Man's Journey to Cha In this exciting and fastmoving narrative, K.P. Yohannan shares how God brought him from his remote Indian village to become the founder of Gospel for Asia. Drawing from fascinating true stories and eyeopening statistics, K.P. challenges Christians to examine and change their lifestyles in view of millions who have never heard the Gospel. Age: YAS 230 Pages	1	K. P. Yohannan	Gospel for Asia Books	2004
(BK1181) Becoming a Giving Church Prepared for the Section on Stewardship, General Board of Discipleship, The United Methodist Church. Age: YAS 56 Pages	3	Herbert Mather	Discipleship Resources	1985
(BK1182) New Context for Ministry: The Impact of the New Econo FROM THE PUBLISHER: Old patterns of fund-raising in congregations, and old assumptions about stewardship, will no longer work. Charitable giving today is based on a complex set of factors, including the growing opinion that it is the giver, rather than the receiving institution, that should have full and final control of how the gift is appropriated. In this informative guide to fund-raising in the new economy, Schaller helps the reader to navigate through the difficulties and opportunities for churches in this new age of charitable giving. Age: YAS 340 Pages	1	Lyle E. Schaller	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	2002
(BK1183) Putting God First: The Tithe Norma W. Gaskill struggles personally along with us in this intimate and interactive guide. Four sessions with discussion guide included. Age: YAS 56 Pages	1	Norma Wimberly	Discipleship Resources	1998
(BK1184) How to Increase Giving in Your Church: A Practical Guide FROM THE PUBLISHER: How to Increase Giving in Your Church provides the professional research and insights into the American church that leaders have come to expect from George Barna. It's a must for everyone who desires to be the best possible steward of God's assets. Age: YAS 184 Pages	1	George Barna	Gospel Light Publications	1997
(BK1185) Dare to be Stewards: Stewardship Education for Youth - Helps for planning and leading a six-session exploration of stewardship for youth. Age: MH 30 Pages	1	Norma W. Gaskill	Discipleship Resources	1986
(BK1186) First Fruits: 14 Sermons on Stewardship Contents: Stewardship : this side of the eschatological divide / Ronald J. Allen, Romans 15:22-29 -- Birthright on the mark-down table / Rene Rodgers Jensen, Genesis 25:29-34 -- First fruits / Emery A. Percell, Mark 10:17-31 -- With glad and generous hearts / William H. Willimon, Acts 2:42-47 -- Saints are hard to forget / J. Ellsworth Kalas, Acts 9:36-43 -- Generosity / Robert Allan Hill, Galatians 5:22 -- A tight squeeze / John C. Holbert, Mark 10:17-31 -- Cast down your nets! / Alyce M. Mckenzie, John 21: 1-14 -- Parking on someone else's nickel / Douglas Mullins, Matthew 25:14-30 -- Legacy of a lightweight / Philip A. Amerson, Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:21-35 -- Take the plunge! / Laura Hollandsworth Jernigan, I Kings 17:8-16; Mark 12:41-44 -- Giving: a spiritual lifeline / Henry E. Roberts, Mark 12:38-44 -- Extravagant generosity / Adele Stiles Resmer, Mark 14:3-9 -- Netzer / Margaret Moers Weing, Isaiah 10:31-11:1. Age: YAS 160 Pages	1	David Mosser and Brian Kel	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	2005
(BK1187) Fundamentals of Fund Raising Age: YAS 128 Pages	1	David L. Heetland	Discipleship Resources	1990

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(BK1188) Extraordinary Money!: Understanding the Church Capital Extraordinary Money! helps church leaders examine the issues involved in developing and carrying out a capital fundraising campaign. Although not a capital campaign program, it is an excellent tool to help churches determine if a capital campaign suits their setting, then, if so, select an appropriate program and carry it out successfully. Leaders in congregations that are considering entering into a capital campaign to raise funds for major projects or debt reduction should benefit from this resource. District superintendents and district committees on church building and location will also find this book helpful in their work. Local church and denominational leaders will better understand the details of a capital campaign and how to make the experience more effective. Age: YAS 128 Pages	1	Michael D. Reeves	Discipleship Resources	2005
(BK1189) The Treasure Principle Bible Study: Discovering the Secre Readers of Randy Alcorn's bestseller The Treasure Principle encountered a revolution in material freedom and generosity that utterly changed their quality of life. In this companion Bible study, the principles become personally applicable and more real than ever, with a powerful combination of biblical concepts, practical quotations from the book, thought-provoking questions, group discussion starters, and short Scripture passages for meditation and memorization. Managing God's investment in their lives will become a new delight, as Christians learn to put their resources to their most rewarding use. Age: YAS 96 Pages	1	Randy Alcorn and Brian Sm	Multnomah Publishers, In	2005
(BK1190) The Pastor as Steward: Faithful Manager and Leader Kenneth H. Carter affirms that pastoral leadership in the area of stewardship is a modeling of faith and wholeness that touches every area of life because God is creator and redeemer of all. Age: YAS 64 Pages	1	Kenneth H. Carter	Discipleship Resources	1991
(BK1191) Developing a Giving Church FROM THE PUBLISHER: Giving demands discipline and commitment, and methods can be implemented to enrich a congregation's experience and attitude toward giving. Stan Toler and Elmer Towns have combined pastoral leadership with practical applications that expand the role giving plays in the life of a vital, growing church. Age: YAS 208 Pages	1	Stan Toler and Elmer L. To	Beacon Hill Press of Kansa	2000
(BK1192) Christians and Money: A Guide to Personal Finance Don Joiner connects questions of faith with such practical matters as setting financial goals, creating a budget, planning for savings, dealing with debt, and writing a will. Ideas for group study are included. Age: YAS 128 Pages	1	Donald W. Joiner	Discipleship Resources	1991
(BK1193) Generous People: How to Encourage Vital Stewardship ( Provides down-to-earth prescriptions for the effective execution of stewardship programs; for churches of any size or denomination. Topics include pledges, addressing the needs of the giver, and addressing up-front the illusions of stewardship. Age: YAS 153 Pages	1	Eugene Grimm and Herb M	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	1995
(BK1194) Don't Shoot the Horse ('Til You Know how to Drive the Tr In many congregations today, methods used for financial campaigns are like a farmer who keeps on plowing with a horse, though tractors are readily available. In practical and systemic ways, Herb Mather uses wit and humor to show how congregations can move from a "dying" system to one that thrives in stewardship and mission. Rediscover the biblical vision of stewardship of all things in all seasons--and within that, the meaning of giving AS A WAY OF LIFE. Age: YAS 104 Pages	1	Herb Mather	Discipleship Resources	2005
(BK1195) Right on the Money: Messages for Spiritual Growth thro Here are 16 messages grouped in four areas (Basic Christian Formation, Toward Tithing, Capital Campaigns, Words of Encouragement) that reconnect stewardship with candor, humor, and biblical depth of Christian spiritual formation. Age: YAS 112 Pages	1	Brian Kelley Bauknight	Discipleship Resources	2005
(BK1196) Let the Rivers Run: Stewardship and the Biblical Story Eugene Roop has written this book to foster in churches a more intentional grounding of stewardship in the Bible. Questions for discussion and reflection conclude each chapter. Age: YAS 108 Pages	1	Eugene F. Roop	William B. Eerdmans Publi	1991

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(BK1197) Living Bountifully!: The Blessings of Responsible Steward	1	Linda H. Hollies	Pilgrim Press, The/United	2005
<p>"In today's world, where women of color have made great economic strides forward," Hollies writes, "we don't have the cash reserves, land equity or stock portfolios to prove our self-worth in tangible ways. Yet, we are some of the most religious women in the world. So, something is wrong." Jesus spent a great deal of time speaking to his followers about money and property. Hollies feels that--like Jesus--this is an issue which women in general and women of color in particular, need to talk about and address in their personal lives. In Living Bountifully!, she shares her lessons, strategies, and experiences of godly stewardship. Through the little known stories of Mahlah, Hoglah, Milcah, and other women, Hollies will show how we can live abundantly by applying God's economic principles to our lives.</p> <p>Age: YAS 128 Pages</p>				
(BK1198) Money and the Kingdom of God: Can the Rich Be Righte	1	Maurice A. Fetty	C S S Publishing Company	2005
<p>Disagreeing with the popular maxim about money being the root of all evil, Maurice Fetty notes that in Jesus' view, money and the kingdom of God are intertwined. He stresses the importance of our being good stewards of God's creation, and he points out that what we do with our money is indelibly linked with faithful living.</p> <p>Age: YAS 156 Pages</p>				
(BK1199) Stewardship in African American Churches: A New Paradi	1	Melvin Amerson	Discipleship Resources	2006
<p>Amerson look closely at financial stewardship traditions within African-American churches and offers ways for African-Americans churches to grow in their stewardship. While recognizing traditions of African-American churches, Amerson points to new ways of stewardship, including electronic transfers and creative endowments.</p> <p>Age: YAS 128 Pages</p>				
(BK1200) Creating a Climate for Giving	1	Donald W. Joiner	Discipleship Resources	2005
<p>Creating a Climate for Giving, by noted financial consultant Don Joiner, explores the sub-systems through which a church leads its members to give or not to give. We must refine fund-raising to funding ministry. A financial campaign for developing Christian philanthropists is included.</p> <p>Age: YAS 112 Pages</p>				
(BK1201) Faith and Money: Understanding Annual Giving in Churc	1	Michael D. Reeves and Jen	Discipleship Resources	2005
<p>Grounded in the gospel, Faith &amp; Money- Identifies the challenges of fund development in local congregations, - Develops a consistent theological foundation for fund development, and- Guides congregations in building worthy expectations and attitudes on how to fund ministry.</p> <p>Age: YAS 128 Pages</p>				
(BK1202) Afire with God: Spirit-Ed Stewardship for a New Century	1	Betsy Schwarzentraub	Discipleship Resources	2005
<p>The "Equipping the Future Church" book series is designed to offer reflection on the future identity and ministry of The United Methodist Church. The books in this series provide resources for nurturing faith, building Christian community, and equipping people for ministry in daily life.</p> <p>Age: YAS 96 Pages</p>				
(BK1203) That's What My Mother Taught Me: And Other Ways Ge	1	Herb Mather and Herbert	Discipleship Resources	2005
<p>Interviews with over 100 people identified as generous givers resulted in a wealth of giving stories. The experiences of these people from a variety of backgrounds, congregations, ethnic groups, ages, and locations are woven together to describe how giving patterns develop in real congregations among real people. Their stories can help church leaders better understand how giving becomes a part of the mission and ministry of the church.</p> <p>Age: YAS 128 Pages</p>				
(BK1204) Beyond the Collection Plate: Overcoming Obstacles to Fa	1	Michael Durall and Forewo	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	2005
<p>Contents: Attitudes toward money in church, alas -- Whatever happened to Sunday? -- Brother, can you spare a dime? -- Making the annual pledge drive obsolete -- Who controls the money? -- Limiting ministry through fiscal responsibility -- High-risk ventures -- The cost versus the value of professional leadership -- Your congregation's financial identity, for better or worse -- Making the most of an endowment.</p> <p>Age: YAS 152 Pages</p>				
(BK1205) Setting My House in Order: A Record of My Current Medi	1	Bernice M. Monter	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	2005
<p>Monter describes "Setting My House in Order as "a record of my current medical needs, heirlooms and their histories, and final wishes." This book will help readers experience greater peace of mind knowing that all of their important information regarding medical needs, personal finances, valuable possessions, and final funeral arrangements are recorded in one place for quick and easy reference by a family member, friend, or neighbor. Each section contains easy-to-fill-out forms for valuable data and information.</p> <p>Age: AS 32 Pages</p>				

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(BK1206) There's Joy in Caring: Leader's Guide for a Study of Stewardship Guidance for preparing and leading an 8-session course on the meaning of stewardship, based on the United Methodist "Foundation Statement for Christian Stewardship." Age: YAS 36 Pages	1	Norma W. Gaskill	Discipleship Resources	1985
(BK1207) Creative Giving: Understanding Planned Giving and Endowments Creative Giving is perfect for ordinary church leaders who have no expertise in the area of planned and creative giving. This book lays out a systematic means for non-experts to think about estate planning and stewardship within the ministry and mission of the church. A comprehensive guide to planned giving within congregational life, Creative Giving helps church leaders understand the transfer of wealth through estates, stewardship possibilities through planned giving through wills and other financial instruments and ends by giving leaders the tools to develop a creative giving program within the congregation. Age: AS 144 Pages	1	Michael Reeves, Rob Fairly	Discipleship Resources	2005
(BK1208) A Plan for Stewardship Education and Development Through the Year Help your congregation develop a deeper understanding of stewardship that goes well beyond the traditional function of supporting the church financially. With this comprehensive manual, you'll learn how to plan and implement a year-round stewardship focus that involves more members in the life of the church community. Includes instructions for educating the congregation on the mission and ministry of the church and developing a long-range plan, plus useful tips and resources for organizing stewardship events, and forms for charting progress throughout the year. A "must read" for any congregation that wants to move beyond a once-a-year focus on Christian stewardship. Age: AS 68 Pages	1	David W. Gordon	Morehouse Publishing	2001
(BK1209) Giving Together: A Stewardship Guide for Families FROM THE PUBLISHER: In her follow-up to Getting It Together, Carol Wehrheim presents a concise, accessible resource to help families better understand the importance of stewardship: in the family, in the congregation, in the community, and in the world. Reminding us that stewardship is about much more than money, Wehrheim clearly illustrates a more holistic understanding of the concept to include careful consideration of the choices we make that show the role Christian discipleship plays in our lives. She skillfully analyzes biblical passages and identifies spiritual practices intrinsic to stewardship as a way of helping families respond to their call to be stewards in today's world. Including both a participant's section and a leader's guide, Giving Together is ideal for group or family study. Age: AS 104 Pages	1	Carol Ann Wehrheim	Westminster John Knox Press	2005
(BK1210) Earning More Funds: Effective, Proven Fundraising Strategies Earning More Funds' brainstorm-to-clean-up approach lets your group's creative energy flow. Includes everything you need to start and complete fundraising projects including 45 reproducible worksheets. Age: YAS 180 Pages	1	Chip & Ralfie Blasius	B. C. Creations	1995
(BK1211) Letters for All Seasons: Telling the Church's Story by Mail The church has a story to tell. We want the story to be heard. The search for tools that convey the message and excite the hearer is a never-ending task. Letters can't do the whole job, but they can be an effective part of the total task of communication"  Herb Mather believes that churches are in the communication business and that letters are a means of communication -- telling the story.  Letters for all seasons contains two programs. The first is a 12-month letter-writing plan designed to tell the story of a church's ministry, encourage participation in the mission of the church, and provide motivation for persons to give their time and material resources through the ministry of the congregation.  The second program is a letter-writing financial campaign plan. It is a guide for "Letters of a Brief Season." Detailed instructions and model letters are offered.  "The church has a story to tell." This manual is designed to help you use letters more effectively in your total communication program. Age: YAS 52 Pages	1	Herb Mather	General Board of Discipleship	

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(BK1212) Children Count for Christ The purpose of this packet is to help teachers and leaders of children in ways of Christian stewardship..."doing" the words that are being taught. Hopefully, children will become aware of their stewardship responsibilities of all that God gives to each of us. Produced by the Board of Stewardship of the North Carolina Conference. Age: eE 103 Pages	1	NCCUMC	NCCUMC	1982
(BK1213) Cuba Background and information on history, culture, and religion in Cuba. Includes a 4-session study guide. Age: YAS 175 Pages	1	Joseph A. Perez, Joanne R.	General Board of Global	2004
(BK1214) I Dream of a School: Mission Study on Public Education This mission study empowers youth to take action on changing public education. Includes background and writings for the leader and a one or four session study with youth. Age: MHY 47 Pages	1	Martha Bettis Gee	General Board Of Global	2004
(BK1215) Public Education: Issues and Challenges Mission study on public education. Includes a 4-session study guide and reproducible worksheets. Age: YAS 151 Pages	1	Mary Grace Lyman	General Board of Global	2004
(BK1216) Celebrate Together: A Financial Campaign Using Group S Celebrate Together is an opportunity for those who dream dreams and see visions to share those with others in group settings. This manual provides ways to form groups and recommends productive activities for the groups when they come together. Age: YAS 41 Pages	1	Herbert Mather, Donald W	Discipleship Resources	1992
(BK1217) Growing a Grateful, Generous Heart: Parent/Family Reso Parent/family resource on stewardship. Includes Stewardship 101 and a four-session study. Age: eEMHYA 60 Pages	1		Living the Good News	2005
(BK1218) You Can Run a Capital Campaign: Raising Funds for Speci This easy-to-follow guide shows how to raise the money you need for special church projects. Designed for church leaders with little or no experience in fund raising. Age: YAS 45 Pages	1	John William Zehring	Abingdon Press	1989
(BK1219) Celebrate & Visit: An Every Member Visitation Program Distinct from other types of financial campaigns, "every member visitation" programs train members to visit in the homes of other members in order to share stories of ministry, financial plans, and vision for the new year. Age: YAS 52 Pages	1	Juanita Ivie, Donald W. Joi	Discipleship Resources	1990
(BK1220) In the Light of Grace Program manual for a budget campaign based on living out stewardship in the light of God's grace. Very user-friendly requiring only two Saturdays to implement and no large organizations to build. Age: YAS	1		Resource Services, Inc.	1996
(BK1221) Can We Share? A Latina Perspective Short booklet on sharing facilities among races from a Latina perspective in The United Methodist Church. Age: YAS 16 Pages	1	Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz	General Commission on R	1999
(BK1222=) In the Struggle Towards Racial Justice and Inclusiveness This booklet series is an offspring of the General Commission on Religion and Race's newsletter. These resources are offered for additional study and discussion. Age: YAS	1		General Commission on R	
(BK1222) Diversity is Good: The Latino Contribution Short booklet on diversity from a Latino perspective in The United Methodist Church. Age: YAS 16 Pages	1	Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz	General Commission on R	2000
(BK1223) This is a Complex and Convolted Time for People of Col Short booklet on the experience of people of color in The United Methodist Church. Sections include seduction, competition, white privilege, homosexuality, confession and repentance. Age: YAS 4 Pages	1	Gilbert Caldwell	General Commission on R	2001

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(BK1224) Creating New Community: God's People Overcoming Rac The goal of this study is to explore a new vision of community that reflects God's love for all people, to examine racism in our lives, and to plan for positive change in our communities. 13 sessions. Age: YAS 64 Pages	1		Graded Press	1989
(BK1225) Creating New Community: God's People Overcoming Rac The goal of this study is to explore a new vision of community that reflects God's love for all people, to examine racism in our lives, and to plan for positive change in our communities. 13 sessions. Age: YAS 64 Pages	1		Graded Press	1989
(BK1226) The Elephant in the Courtroom: Racism and Criminal Just A five-session study based on scripture and policy work by the North Carolina Council of Churches. Includes reproducible worksheets. Age: YAS 16 Pages	1	NC Council of Churches	NC Council of Churches	2001
(BK1227) God Talk: 52 Fun Activities to Teach Children A practical, easy-to-use guide for adults working with elementary age children! This resource focuses on how to live a life of faith in the world today. Activities center on a scripture verse children can read and memorize that engage children's senses.  Adults will have minimal preparation time and activities are designed to enhance the spiritual growth of children. It includes suggestions on how to adapt the activities to include preschool children. For ages 3-10. Includes reproducible pages. Age: PeE 112 Pages	1	Rita B. Hays	Abingdon Press	2011
(BK1228) The Wired Church 2.0 Wired Church 2.0 is the go-to guide for church staff and volunteers coordinating multimedia digital technology for worship, the classroom, and marketing. Covering everything from website design and trends in digital media to selecting and training your media team.  Wilson and Moore were on the leading edge of media ministry with their 1999 volume The Wired Church: Making Media Ministry. Wired Church 2.0 is the guidebook for a new generation of technology, addressing new multimedia trends, including blogs, podcasts, streaming video, and more. Wired Church 2.0 is a comprehensive how-to book written in an easy-to-understand "dummies' guide" style. Church media coordinators will learn about the technology, costs, methods, and tricks-of-the-trade for producing high-quality web and video elements for worship, education, and marketing.  Contents: Developing a mission for media -- Designing meaningful media forworship -- Building a championship crew -- Mastering the technology. Age: YAS 169 Pages	1	Len Wilson with Jason Mo	Abingdon Press	2008
(BK1229) Left Behind?: What the Bible Really Says about the End T FROM THE PUBLISHER: Will there be a Rapture? How will we know the Antichrist? Can we know when the end of the world will be? What does the Bible really say about these things? Free Study Guide In the past ten years, few books of any variety have shown the kind of popularity and stirred the kind of controversy that have surrounded the Left Behind series of apocalyptic novels. The series has sold more than 62 million copies of its various books for adults, youth, and children, as well as been launched into a series of popular movies. This series about the end times has been a pervasive influence in our churches and in our culture. But what does the Bible really have to say about the end times? James M. Efird, a noted scholar of the Bible and apocalyptic literature, helps us explore the scriptural texts to answer the many questions raised by the series. He also guides us through an enlightening look at the peculiar history behind the books. Ideal for use by individuals or study groups curious about the end times, Left Behind? What the Bible Really Says about the End Times contains a helpful series of questions for reflection and study after each chapter. Age: YAS 100 Pages	1	James M. Efird	Smyth & Helwys Publishin	2006
(BK1230) Answering God's Call for Your Life: A Look at Christian Ca This book provides a guide to help young people listen, discern, and understand God's call in their life and its meaning for their life's work. Age: HYA 75 Pages	1	Robert Roth	General Board of Higher E	2006

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(BK1231) Lay Speaking for Youth: Basic Course Many think of youth as the church of the future. However, in reality, youth are a part of the church of today! Young people have talents and gifts that should be acknowledged, shared, and honored in all aspects of ministry. That's the purpose for Lay Speaking for Youth. This basic course encourages and provides training for youth to claim the ministries to which God is calling them. Lay Speaking for Youth pulls together basics about ministry and about youth, applying them to the basic Lay Speaker training model. This resource offers a basic training guide for youth and youth workers to help young people claim their unique style of ministry. Age: MH 64 Pages	1	Mark Young	Discipleship Resources	2006
(BK1232=) Anti-Racism A series produced by the General Board of Church and Society and the General Commission on Religion and Race for use in small group study with suggested actions for eliminating racism and building a racially inclusive community. Age: YAS	1		General Board of Church a	
(BK1232) Anti-Racism: Confronting the Sin A study guide produced by the General Board of Church and Society and the General Commission on Religion and Race for use in small groups with suggested actions for eliminating racism and building a racially inclusive community. 4 sessions. Age: YAS 27 Pages	1	Elaine Jenkins	General Board of Church a	
(BK1233) Anti-Racism: The Gift of Diversity A study guide produced by the General Board of Church and Society and the General Commission on Religion and Race for use in small groups with suggested actions for eliminating racism and building a racially inclusive community. 4 sessions. Age: YAS 27 Pages	1	Eric H.F. Law	General Board of Church a	
(BK1234) Anti-Racism: Overcoming Racism's Economic Legacies A study guide produced by the General Board of Church and Society and the General Commission on Religion and Race for use in small groups with suggested actions for eliminating racism and building a racially inclusive community. 4 sessions. Age: YAS 34 Pages	1	J. Philip Wogaman	General Board of Church a	
(BK1235) Beyond the Burning Bush: Hearing and Answering God's A collection of personal stories about the call to ordained ministry. Elders, deacons, seminarians, chaplains, campus ministers, and college students relate how they stepped out in faith. Age: HYAS 192 Pages	1	Vicki Brown	General Board of Higher E	2009
(BK1236) Chasing Daylight: Dare to Live a Life of Adventure FROM THE PUBLISHER: In this inspiring book (formerly titled Seizing Your Divine Moment), Erwin McManus uses the biblical account of Israel's war with the Philistines (1 Samuel 13 and 14) and the characters of Saul and Jonathan to demonstrate the difference between living a life of purpose and adventure, and living one of apathy and missed opportunity. In the midst of a less-than-hopeful battle, Saul—who should have been leading—rested beneath a pomegranate tree as Jonathan seized the divine moment that would impact the future of Israel. Through this story McManus artfully illustrates the eight characteristics of an adventurer's heart, what he calls "the Jonathan factor." Using powerful examples from his own life and ministry, along with fresh biblical teaching, McManus asserts that God crafts divine moments specific to each of us—priceless opportunities for us to actively engage in God's big-picture plan. Apathy and apprehension prevent us from being all we are meant to be for God's kingdom. But by developing the characteristics McManus outlines, Christians can move from mundane to miraculous living. Age: YAS 272 Pages	1	Erwin Raphael McManus	Nelson Word / Nelson Bo	2006

(BK1237) Unbinding Your Soul: Your Experiment in Prayer & Com	1	Martha Grace Reese	Chalice Press	2009
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Unbinding Your Soul is witty, engaging, and arises out of six years and two major national Lilly Endowment studies of superb evangelism. Unbinding Your Soul can serve as a follow-up to an all-church saturation study with the Unbinding the Gospel Series. Unbinding the Gospel, the foundation book in the Series, is in more than 12,000 congregations in 49 denominations.

Question: Has your church finished the Unbinding the Gospel experience and doesn't want to stop? Most people ask: "We're praying! We're talking about our faith! We want to share our faith now. How do we keep the momentum going? What can we do next?"

Answer: Unbinding Your Soul is for small groups that meet in homes. Four short chapters, three weeks of personal prayer journal, prayer partner activities & group exercises prepare church members to invite unchurched friends interested in spirituality and faith issues into a second three weeks of prayer with four group meetings. The full group can opt to continue for an additional four weeks. Includes facilitators' guide.

The Unbinding the Gospel Series has been enthusiastically endorsed by eight heads of denominations, Brian McLaren, George Hunter, Becky Garrison, Todd Hunter, Richard Peace, and countless pastors and church leaders.

Contents: Introduction: How to use this book -- Research basis of Unbinding your soul : quotes & stories cited -- Part one: The experiment: four weeks of prayer & community -- Get started -- Prayer week A -- Surround sounds & God sightings -- Prayer week B -- It's a marathon, not a sprint -- Prayer week C-- Step over the line -- Part two: Faith and courage: church groups start here! -- From passengers to riders -- Prayer week D -- The great toxic word-- Prayer week E -- Connect the dots -- Prayer week F -- What keeps me on shore? -- Part three: Resources to help with the unbinding -- Using your prayer journal -- Facilitators' guide -- Note to pastors -- Next steps & the Unbinding the gospel series.

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(BK1238) Economy of Love: Creating a Community of Enough	1	Shane Claiborne	Relational Tithe	2010
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FROM THE PUBLISHER: America thrives on a simple message-that what we currently have is not enough. Not big enough, not nice enough, not fast or hip enough.The American dream is based on wanting more. But does God s dream for the world look like the American Dream? In this five-week study, unpack what the patterns of God s kingdom look like compared to the patterns of our world. What is the value of enough, and how do we become more like the God who is close to the poor, the hungry, the meek, and the merciful? Economy of Love will challenge individuals to join in community, journeying together as they begin to consider a new standard of living-a personal economic threshold oriented not around the size of a monthly paycheck, but around the value of enough. DESCRIPTION: Economy of Love will challenge individuals to join in community, journeying together as they begin to consider a new standard of living-a personal economic threshold oriented not around the size of a monthly paycheck, but around the value of enough.

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(BK1239) Rich Church Poor Church: Keys to Effective Financial Mini	1	J. Clif. Christopher	Abingdon Press	2012
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In Dr. Clif Christopher's nearly forty years in ministry as a pastor and President of Horizons Stewardship Company, he has witnessed the financial stewardship practices of thousands of churches. A few have exceptional records in acquiring and managing the necessary funds for mission and ministry, but the vast majority struggle every year to get by.

In this important new work made even more relevant by our economic times, Christopher contrasts the traits of the most productive congregations with those who perennially fail to secure the funds to perform transformational ministry. Some churches practice the necessary financial habits that form the foundation of successful ministry, and others waste valuable resources and undermine ministry opportunities.

Through Christopher's insight born out of years of experience and consultation, readers can assess the financial condition of their own churches.

Contents: Why give to you? -- Know the mission -- Be compelling -- Principal not payments -- Asking -- Being thankful -- Expecting -- Knowledge or ignorance -- Stewardship without apology -- Transformation -- Becoming a rich church.

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(BK1240) Put Your Arms Around the World: Global Songs and Activ Join with children from more than 15 countries and regions in singing the stories of their faith. Includes 18 songs, reproducible singers' scores, and leader helps.  Contents: Put your arms around the world -- Animal choir -- Alle Kinder dieser Erde = All the children, wheresoever -- Miren qu bueno! = Oh, look and wonder! -- All praise to our redeeming Lord -- Dedeed ded = Lord of lords -- Kanisa litajengua = O, who will build the church now? -- Vi vandrar = We're walking -- Bate batuque -- Forty days and forty nights -- Baba tino tenda = God on high, we thank you -- Dong tian yi wang = Winter has passed -- Kyrie = Gracious Lord, have mercy -- Mari, mari = Greeting song -- All things bright and beautiful -- Don'na tokidemo = Any time and anywhere -- U we doli s di = Orphan child -- We will be God's people. Age: eE 128 Pages	1	S. T. Kimbrough	General Board of Global	2009
(BK1241) Hand in Hand: Helping Children Embrace Diversity Help children in grades K-6 learn to appreciate and celebrate the diversity in God's family with this flexible five-session course. Sessions address issues of differences, prejudice, inclusion, unity, and how to celebrate diversity. Hand in Hand's large group/small group format works in many settings: Sunday school, mid-week programs, summer sessions, or boys' and girls' clubs. Includes audio CD of songs and stories. Age: eE 144 Pages	1	Various	Faith Alive Christian Resou	2009
(BK1242) Going Live in 3... 2... 1! If there's one thing Tina Houser knows how to do, it's how to tell GREAT stories... Bible stories that is! Those who have seen Tina in action know how talented she is at capturing an audience - whether children or adults - with innovative techniques that keep listeners on the edge of their seats and cheering for more.  If you are ready to take your Sunday school or children's church lessons from ho-hum to hurray, this book is for you! Tina shares many of her time-tested, kid-pleasing storytelling techniques in this information packed book. Your kids will be having so much fun they won't even realize they're learning Bible stories by heart!  Energize you Bible Storytelling time with: Costumed Characters Powerful Props Puppets New Enviroments Story Bags ....and much more! Age: eEYAS 120 Pages	1	Tina Houser	Warner Press Inc	2009
(BK1243) Bible Black Belts: Scripture with a Kick! Recent surveys reveal that few adults have a proficient knowledge of the Bible. This curriculum helps familiarize children with the Bible, giving them a solid biblical foundation for a lifetime of faith.  Offers up to nine months of material, ideal for using during a school year Each month features a different color belt that focuses on one main passage of Scripture: how to use the Bible and the Torah Explore more of the Old Testament and how to find Scripture New Testament books The Ten Commandments The Lord's Prayer The 23rd Psalm The Beatitudes The Parables Includes "Words of Celebration" (Psalms), "Words of Comfort," "Words of Wisdom" (Proverbs), and "Words of Jesus" throughout the curriculum Every passage of Scripture features its own unique activity including games, reflection, movement, and rhythm Ideal for use as part of a regular Sunday school class, Wednesday evening, choir, spring break, or summer program For ages 5-12 Age: eEM 112 Pages	1	Mark Burrows	Abingdon Press	2011

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(BK1244) All In One Sunday School: Vol. 2 - Winter Revised, updated, and packed series includes creative programs designed for ministries with mixed-age classes of children ages 4-12 with 13 lessons. Age: eE 128 Pages	1	Lois Keffer	Group Publishing	2011
(BK1245) All Together Now, Vol. 2 - Winter: 13 Sunday School Less Life-changing adventures for Kindergarten through 6th Grade! Whether the children in your combined class are age 4, 12, or anything in between, these 13 interactive lessons for winter will help kids experience the wonder and adventure of the Bible. Age: eEM 154 Pages	1	Lois Keffer	Group	2012
(BK1246) Jesus Christ for Youth, Student Book: Updated Edition More than 100,000 youth have encountered and deepened their relationship with the Master through Jesus Christ for Youth. Now, this classic has been updated for a new generation. Jesus Christ for Youth integrates the life of Jesus and its meaning for youth today. Through this resource, youth will meet Jesus Christ in a personal, meaningful, and life-changing way. Ideal for younger teens and those new to Christian study. Twenty-six sessions on Jesus' life and teachings. Age: MH 112 Pages	1	Robert Conn	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	2006
(BK1247) The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peac This mission study offers a portrait of Sudan's spirit of courage, promising the hope that eventually they will realize their dream of peace. Includes one or four session study guide. Age: YAS 148 Pages	1	Linda Beherwith Maxine W	General Board of Global	2009
(BK1248) Credo: Confirmation Director's Tools for Small Churches Credo: Confirmation Director's Tools for Small Churches is designed to meet the specific needs of churches with fewer than 150 members. The session plans include activities suitable for a wide age range and have been adapted for groups of 5 or fewer young persons.  Hear what the writers intended: "Instruction is an important and essential part of any confirmation program. Through confirmation, young people claim the faith of the church. They must have a familiarity with what Christians (and specifically United Methodist Christians) believe, value, and do. Thus CREDO provides session plans for confirmation classes. But instruction is only one aspect of the confirmation program. The confirmation vows not only hold confirmands accountable to certain beliefs but are also a way of life and a commitment to Christ's body, the church. In addition to learning about their faith, confirmands must also experience their faith and have a sense of how to live as a disciple of Christ in a covenant relationship with the church. They do this by attending and participating in weekly Sunday worship, by working alongside other Christians in service of God and neighbor, by participating in Christian education, by having relationships with other Christians that are grounded in mutual support and accountability, and by being engaged in the ministries of the church."  Thus CREDO emphasizes: Christian Education, mentoring relationships, worship, and service. Also, you will have scheduling options: 18 sessions in 36 weeks (a school year) to fewer sessions with retreats added. You will have more than enough material to tailor this study to your particular needs and setting. Age: MH 256 Pages	1	Various	Cokesbury	2011
(BK1249) Credo: Faith Formation for Older Youth and Young Adult Credo Faith Formation for Older Youth and Young Adults provides a different kind of confirmation experience that reflects the greater life experience and thinking capacity of older youth or young adults. Made up of six units covering God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Prevenient Grace, Justifying Grace, and Sanctifying Grace, with emphasis on Baptism and Holy Communion. The units offer multiple learning activities as well as discussion starters the leader can choose from based on the needs of their group. 8 sessions.  Also included, in the the resource is instruction on how to plan and implement two retreats. Retreat 1 focus on the Sacraments. While, Retreat 2 helps participants identify their gifts and how they will use those gifts as God calls them into service throughout their lives. Age: HY 123 Pages	1	Sarah Arthur	Cokesbury	2012

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(BK1250) Credo: Faith Formation for Older Youth and Young Adult Credo Faith Formation for Older Youth and Young Adults provides a different kind of confirmation experience that reflects the greater life experience and thinking capacity of older youth or young adults. Made up of six units covering God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Prevenient Grace, Justifying Grace, and Sanctifying Grace, with emphasis on Baptism and Holy Communion. The units offer multiple learning activities as well as discussion starters the leader can choose from based on the needs of their group. 8 sessions. Age: HY 112 Pages	1	Sarah Arthur	Cokesbury	2012
(BK1251) Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship Discipleship is costly. Are we willing to critique and even challenge much we've been taught for the sake of the kingdom? For this is the radical nature of the discipleship to which Jesus calls us. He did not allow the outside culture to hold him captive; instead he established the kingdom of God and turned the world on its head. Jesus was untamed, and he calls his church to be the same. Age: YAS 271 Pages	1	Alan & Debra Hirsch	Baker Books	2010
(BK1252) Touch: Pressing Against the Wounds of a Broken World Before God touched his heart and transformed his life, Rudy Rasmus was a businessman running a "borderline bordello" in Houston. But thousands now know him simply as "Pastor Rudy"-with a downtown ministry at St. John's Church that he and his wife Juanita started to reach out to those who Jesus called "the least of these." TOUCH is the amazing story of Rudy's life and ministry of grace that is changing lives daily. The church has become one of the most culturally diverse congregations in the country with people from every social and economic background, including the homeless, sharing the same pew. Pastor Rudy's message to touch the lives of those in our own communities has a lesson for us all. Pastor Rudy is also a featured contributor to O, The Oprah Magazine-answering questions on ethics and marking one of the few times O has asked a Pastor to serve in this manner. Includes study guide. Age: YAS 246 Pages	1	Rudy Rasmus	Thomas Nelson	2007
(BK1253) Who is My Neighbor? Lessons Learned from a Man Left f An "expert in the law" once asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life--and his question initiated a very interesting conversation. The Law says to "love your neighbor as yourself," Jesus pointed out, so the next logical question is, "Who is my neighbor?" Rather than offering the lawyer an exhaustive list of neighbors and non-neighbors, Jesus told a story . . . a story we know as the Parable of the Good Samaritan.  Out of that famous parable, Dr. Wayne Gordon draws more than 40 characteristics of the man who was beaten, robbed and left for dead on the road to Jericho--the character Jesus created to show Christians how to recognize their neighbors. Dr. Gordon brings that character vividly to life in Who Is My Neighbor?, and helps readers use Jesus' parable as a reference point for their interactions in their community and the world. And as readers catch Jesus' vision of neighborliness, they will also find practical suggestions for meeting needs and changing the lives of those around them . . . that is, their neighbors! Age: YAS 208 Pages	1	Wayne Gordon	Regal	2011

<i>(ResCode) Title</i>	<i>Copies</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Pub Yr</i>
(BK1254) Small Things with Great Love: Adventures in Loving Your Margot Starbuck is back with as much passion and energy as ever. In thirty brief chapters, she invites you to choose the adventure that fits who you are in authentically loving those around you.  Yes, she knows: just the thought of adding something more to your life sounds exhausting. But here's the fantastic truth she's discovered in her own journey: "We don't have to add lots more overwhelming activity to what we've already got going. The regular stuff of our lives--the commute to work and the potlucks and home improvement projects and errands and play dates--are the exact places in which we express and experience God's love for a world in need."  With a list of resources, a study guide and a six-week "Adventure Challenge," as well as plenty of stories and hilarity from Margot's own life, will open your eyes to the people around you and the huge impact you can have on them through small acts of love.  "Small things happen when I learn the name of my daughter's school bus driver," Margot writes. "Small things happen when I listen to the dreams of a woman who lives in a group home on my block. Small things happen when I risk crossing a language barrier even though I look really stupid doing it."  And small things add up to big adventures and surprises, for you and others. The biggest surprise of all might be how powerfully God can use you, right in the midst of your walking-the-dog, paying-the-bills, doing-laundry life, when you're living out his love. Do the first small thing by opening these pages--and let the adventure begin! Age: YAS 239 Pages	1	Margot Starbuck	IVP Books	2011
(BK1255) A Way of Life in the World: Spiritual Practices for United "What does it mean to be a United Methodist?" The answer to this question, says Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., is to live a particular way of life and follow a particular form of discipleship. The distinctive aspects of that way of discipleship are contained in what has recently come to be known as "the practices." Christian practices are things done together, over time, in response to God's grace. They constitute an extended argument against some harmful alternative in the culture; they address and define a fundamental human need; they come to focus in worship; and they add up to a way of life. Carter contends that there are 6 essential practices in the United Methodist tradition: (1) searching the scriptures, (2) generosity with the poor, (3) testimony, (4) singing, (5) Holy Communion, and (6) Christian conferencing.  Written primarily for those who lead in United Methodist congregations, this book will give the reader not only an understanding of what the central United Methodist practices are, but also how they can be taught. Being formed in and by these practices does not happen overnight; it happens across a lifetime of observing the practices in others and trying them out oneself. Neglecting the Christian practices--failing to attend to them--can mean a life devoid of much of the purpose and power that life in the Spirit can hold.  Contents: Spiritual practices for United Methodists -- The six practices -- Searching the Scriptures -- Generosity with the poor -- Testimony -- Singing -- Holy Communion -- Life together -- A way of life in the world: spiritual practice and the renewal of human nature -- The experience of Christ: lives ordered by grace -- The rediscovery of tradition as a means of grace. Age: YAS 144 Pages	1	Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	2005
(BK1256) Will Jesus Buy Me a Double-wide? ('Cause I Need More R Author Karen Spears Zacharias believes Christians have been paying good money for a false doctrine: the Cash and Cadillac Gospel. With humor and wit in Will Jesus Buy Me a Double-Wide?, Zacharias unpacks story after story of those who use the name of God as a means to living their own good life, as well as some unlikely folks whose genuine faith has led them to a different understanding of wealth.  Contents: The evangelist -- The sister -- The children -- The mayor -- The ambassador -- The lawyer -- The veteran -- The beautician -- The mogul -- The bookseller -- The jubilee -- The marine -- The preacher -- The grill man -- The missionary -- The employee -- The redhead -- The thief. Age: YAS 233 Pages	1	Karen Spears Zacharias	Zondervan	2010

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(BK1257) Missional Communities: The Rise of the Post-Congregati	1	Reggie McNeal	Jossey-Bass	2011
<p>From Reggie McNeal, the bestselling author of <i>The Present Future</i> and <i>Missional Renaissance</i>, comes the third book in the series that helps to define and illuminate the popular missional movement. This newest book in the trilogy examines a natural outgrowth of the move toward a missional orientation: the deconstruction of congregations into very small Christian communities. For all those thousands of churches and leaders who have followed Reggie McNeal's bold lead, this book details the rise of a new lifeform in churches. Discusses how to move a church from an internal to an external ministry focus. Outlines an alternative to the program church model that is focused on the projects and passions of the congregants. This book draws on McNeal's twenty years of leadership roles in local congregations and his work over the last decade with thousands of clergy and church leaders</p> <p>Age: YAS 162 Pages</p>				
(CD7) The Generosity Factor	1	Ken Blanchard and S. Truett Cathy	Zondervan Publishing	2002
<p>In the tradition of the bestselling book <i>The One Minute Manager</i>, authors Ken Blanchard and S. Truett Cathy, entrepreneur and founder of Chic-fil-A restaurants, present an unabridged audiobook of <i>The Generosity Factor™</i>---a parable that demonstrates the virtues of generosity.</p> <p>It's the story of a meeting between the Broker---a young man on his way up the corporate ladder who has the illusion of success, yet deep inside feels insignificant---and the Executive---the CEO of a very large and successful company who claims the greatest joy in his life is his ability to give to others.</p> <p>Thinking he might get a competitive edge by meeting with the Executive, the Broker's worldview is turned upside down as he talks to the Executive and hears the principles that form his life. He calls it <i>The Generosity Factor™</i>---a way to give time, talent, treasure, and touch to those in need.</p> <p>Providing a unique twist on what it means to thrive in business, at home, and in life, this story will forever change your definition of success.</p> <p>Age: YAS 120 mins</p>				
(DBSR39) DISCIPLE I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study - Per	1	Marvin Cropsey	Abingdon Press	2011
<p>When used with the DISCIPLE I Study Manual, this Personal Study Guide gives you everything you will need to complete your individual study using this bestselling Bible study!</p> <p>Age: YAS 1 parts</p>				
(DVD694) Flowers for Fannie	1	Fred Wilharm	MainStreet Productions	2013
<p>Fannie Fairchild locked up her heart when her beloved George was killed in the Great War. But now she faces her own mortality and realizes that she has no one to maintain her grave with flowers. After a number of failed attempts to hire someone for the job, Fannie finds herself helpless and under the care of Louise, a young woman nothing like Fannie. Will Fannie accept love from this unexpected source or continue the lonely life she's sustained all these many years? Dove Family Approved. More info and previews at: <a href="http://www.flowersforfanniemovie.com">http://www.flowersforfanniemovie.com</a></p> <p>Age: EMHYAS 100 mins</p>				

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(DVD695) Namesake: When God Rewrites Your Story	1	Jessica LaGrone	Abingdon Press	2013
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Namesake is a six-week Bible study about biblical names—where they came from and how God often changed people’s names when He changed them. The core themes of the study are transformation—the transformation God works in an individual’s life—and revelation—how God reveals Himself progressively in Scripture.

Each week focuses on the story of a different biblical character or characters:

Week 1: Abraham and Sarah

Week 2: Jacob

Week 3: Naomi

Week 4: Daniel

Week 5: Peter

Week 6: The woman caught in adultery

Participants explore each character and how his or her name was changed, as well as the transformation that God worked in the individual’s life. The idea is for participants to learn Scripture not only as history but also as fascinating biography, and then to apply to their own lives ways that God might want to transform them.

The DVD contains six video segments of 25-30 minutes each for use during the group sessions, plus a short introductory video (3-5 minutes). A leader’s giude and participant book are included.

Age: YAS 150 mins

(DVD696) Veracity Video Vignettes: Life...Faith...Discuss: Vol. 6	1		Abingdon Press	2008
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Five short films to engage the youth and adults to look deeper into the scripture to find truth. These video discussion starters reflect five theme words. The video vignettes may be used in group settings to get viewers to discuss the topics and as well as video sermon illustrations in worship.

Volume 6 includes videos for the following themes: Beatitude, Greatest, Riches, Offering, Good Shepherd.

Age: MHYA 17 mins

(DVD697) The Great Courses: The Old Testament 1 Amy-Jill Levine The Teaching Company 2001

The Old Testament, or Tanakh, was written in ancient Israel over 1,000 years by many authors. What can this book teach us about the ancient Israelites? What does our faith find in new scholarly understanding? As scripture or as the most influential piece of literature ever written, this book is a source of constant wonder, inspiration, and intrigue. It is cited on the floor of the Senate and from the bench in the courtroom. Contemporary politics is inextricably intertwined with it, from conflict in the Middle East to the claim by many in the United States that a return to "biblical values" is warranted.

The Bible influenced the Pilgrims to leave England in the 17th century; it inspired the founders of the new republic in the 18th; it roused both slave and abolitionist to seek a new Moses and sponsor a new Exodus in the 19th and the Jews to establish a homeland in the 20th.

It has meant more to more people than any other book in history. The influence of ancient Israel's religious and national literature is evident in everything from medieval mystery plays to modern novels, art, music, theater, film, and dance.

As Professor Amy-Jill Levine observes: "The Old Testament is endlessly fascinating because it offers everything to explore: myth, saga, and history; tragedy, comedy, and farce; economics and politics; literature and poetry of surpassing beauty; court intrigue and prophetic morality; heavenly miracles and sometimes heavenly silence; questions of theodicy; answers that satisfy and answers that may not; destruction and rebuilding; despair and hope."

Lively and Learned Commentary on the Old Testament:

Professor Levine's commentary thoughtfully explores selected passages from the texts called the Old Testament, the Hebrew Bible, and the Tanakh. She provides clear examples of how various approaches to biblical research and interpretation can enrich your understanding of this inexhaustibly fruitful and powerful text.

A Conceptual Road Map to Biblical Studies:

The Old Testament prophets' poetic calls for personal and social justice continue to urge people and nations to reform their lives, even as biblical wisdom literature challenges our views of God, and the Psalms enrich the prayer lives of millions.

Studded with genres ranging from myth and saga to law and proverb, from military history to love poetry, informed by world-views radically different from yet still fundamental to our own, the Old Testament tells a people's sacred story. It is a narrative of divine action in history that is holy writ to Jews, Christians, and Muslims alike.

Of course, 24 lectures cannot hope to cover the Old Testament in its entirety. The early parts of the Genesis narrative or the stories of Moses and David alone could easily occupy a whole course.

The method of the course is to discuss especially interesting or prominent passages from a cross-section of all the genres the Old Testament contains, using each passage as an example of how to apply a particular method of interpretation to the Bible.

Often Professor Levine uses representative figures or episodes as a highway into biblical meaning. Whether it's the story of Adam and Eve from Genesis, David and Bathsheba from II Samuel, or the apocalyptic imagery found in the book of Daniel, she brings biblical characters and passages to life and vividly reveals the magnificent artistry that suffuses the Old Testament.

Through these lectures, you will not only probe the content of the biblical books, but you will also explore debates over their meaning, the historical and cultural situations they reflect and address, and the critical methods by which they have been interpreted.

The lectures presuppose only the most general familiarity with biblical figures and themes—the Garden of Eden, Moses and the Exodus, the Ten Commandments, etc.—biblical literacy, sociologists have noted, is on the wane in the West.

Although students do not need to follow the lectures with an open Bible, reading the texts listed at the top of each of the outlines will enhance appreciation for the material.

Writings that Form the Spiritual Bedrock for Millions:

Even if you know the Old Testament well, you will find it enlightening to hear Professor Levine discuss how it

appears against the larger background of the ancient Near East as revealed by research in archaeology, cross-cultural studies, and comparative religion.

Even were one to argue that the text is divinely inspired or dictated by God, one might still want to know as much as possible about the particulars: Why these words? Why this order? Why this social context? Why this translation?

Although she focuses on historical and literary issues, Professor Levine also provides thoughtful reflections and useful information on the religious questions that arise from these sacred texts, and the lectures do not avoid raising issues of religious concern.

The goal of an academic course in biblical studies, she maintains, is not to undermine religious faith, but to use the best available knowledge and research to give believers richer insight into the writings that form their spiritual bedrock.

Consists of 24 30-minute lectures.

Age: YAS 720 mins

(DVD698) The Great Courses: The New Testament	1	Bart D. Ehrman	The Teaching Company	2000
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Whether you consider it a book of faith or a cultural artifact, the New Testament is among the most significant writings that the world has ever known. Scarcely a single major writer in the last 2,000 years has failed to rely on the web of meaning contained in the New Testament to communicate. Yet the New Testament is also among the most widely disputed and least clearly understood books in history.

In these lectures Professor Bart D. Ehrman develops for you a carefully reasoned understanding of the New Testament—and the individuals and communities who created its texts.

Importantly, Professor Ehrman's approach is as an historian, and the course "suspends" belief or disbelief to understand how, when, why, and by whom the New Testament was written. He explains in detail the light that historical research brings to the texts. He also reviews key texts omitted from the New Testament.

"Our ultimate goal is to come to a fuller appreciation and understanding of these books that have made such an enormous impact on the history of Western civilization and that continue to play such an important role for people today," says Dr. Ehrman.

Bringing Scholarly Evidence to Bear:

This course is designed to introduce the writings of the New Testament—the most widely read, quoted, studied, debated, maligned, and believed book in the history of Western civilization.

Many people remain unaware of how the New Testament was written and transmitted. This course draws on modern biblical scholarship, recent archaeological discoveries, and careful literary analysis to trace the history of the New Testament and of the early Christian faith community.

"The books of the New Testament," says Professor Ehrman, are "best understood when situated in their own historical context—rather than taken out of context."

Professor Ehrman has crafted this course as a historical introduction to the 27 books of the New Testament, to allow you to come to understand their content, meaning, and historical accuracy. The course will address such significant questions as:

Who wrote these books, under what circumstances, and for what audience? What do the books of the New Testament say, what do they mean, and how historically accurate are they? How can we come to more fully appreciate and understand them? Professor Ehrman is always mindful of the limitations imposed by the available data and methods. Consider just some of the difficulties faced by scholars of this work, as Dr. Ehrman notes:

"The earliest manuscript of any kind from the New Testament that we have is a tiny scrap that's about the size of a credit card. It's written on the front and back. It originally came from a full manuscript of the Gospel of John. This little fragment was probably produced in the early part of the 2nd century. Most scholars date this papyrus to around the year 125, give or take 25 years, so it could have been written as early as 100, possibly as late as the year 150."

Professor Ehrman brings impressive scholarly evidence to bear on the task of reconstructing the life and ministry of Jesus and the origins of Christianity in the decades before and during the composition of the books that make up the New Testament.

Appreciate the New Testament More Completely:

Dr. Ehrman clearly orients you in the world of Greco-Roman pagan cults and the world of early Judaism—examining the beliefs, sacred spaces, liturgical practices, and distinguishing features of the religions surrounding the birth of Christianity.

The lectures lead you through each of the New Testament texts and their context—contrasting the varied portrayals of Jesus in the Gospels, each with its own perspective.

Each of the Gospels is also examined in the light of historical evidence and evaluation. The course examines the importance and context of Paul, the most significant figure in the rise of Christianity besides Jesus. The course ends with an exploration of the Book of Revelation.

The study of the New Testament in this course is broad and often surprising. Consider these themes from the course:

The earliest records of Jesus are probably right in portraying him as an apocalyptic prophet who anticipated God would soon intervene in the course of history to overthrow the forces of evil and establish his good kingdom on Earth, and that people needed to repent in preparation for it.

The Gospels are our principal sources for knowing about the life and teachings of Jesus, but they are also major literary works in their own right, each with its own perspective on who Jesus was and why his life and death matter. Jesus is portrayed individually in all the Gospels, including two Gospels that did not make it into the New Testament, the Gospels of Peter and Thomas.

Many people believe that the relationship between Paul and Jesus enabled Paul, through his writings, to transform the religion of Jesus into a religion about Jesus.

Modern scholars examining some New Testament books that claim Paul as their author have concluded that they are, in fact, pseudonymous.

Portions of the New Testament were included hundreds of years after the death of Christ.

Consists of 24 30-minute lectures and includes a study guide.  
 Age: YAS 720 mins

(DVD699) What Do I Own and What Owns Me?: A Spirituality of St 1 Daniel Conway Twenty-Third Publications 2005

FROM THE PUBLISHER: The question this book poses is key to understanding and practicing stewardship as a way of life. Author Dan Conway believes that when all is said and done we own nothing because we are possessed wholly and completely by "a good and gracious God." Stewardship is one of the chief characteristics of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. This basic insight, among others, was essential to the stewardship message of Archbishop Thomas Murphy, to whom this book is dedicated. To clarify and exemplify his message, Conway offers insightful reflections, moving stories, and practical reflection questions for individual and group use. What Do I Own and What Owns Me? Is invaluable for parish stewardship committees, parish counselors, pastoral ministers, and all who have a profound desire to live as disciples of Christ. Includes discussion questions and 4-session DVD presentation by Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy.

Age: YAS 72 mins

(DVD700) Faces on Faith: Joan Chittister, Marcus Borg, James Laws 1 Joan Chittister, Marcus Bor Abingdon Press 2008

This series features leading religious thinkers responding to age-old questions of belief and meaning. These remarkable interviews feature 3 prominent personalities sharing her or his faith and ideas about such questions as what happens after death, the problem of evil, what prayer means to them, and what gives their lives meaning.

This volume features Joan Chittister, Marcus Borg, and James Lawson. A study guide will be included on the DVD.  
 Age: YAS 75 mins

(DVD701) Real Women, Real Faith: Volume 1 1 Various Zondervan 2010

It's not easy being a woman in today's world. The demands and expectations you face can be overwhelming. And deep within, there is a longing for something more---for a real opportunity to meet with God and be changed in his presence.

In this six-session DVD study based on the bestselling devotional Women of the Bible, you'll meet six women who encountered God and whose lives were forever changed. These remarkable women will encourage you through their failures as well as their successes. You'll see how God drew them to himself as they struggled to live with faith in a world filled with trials. And you'll see how their lives, though lived long ago, speak with fresh relevance to the issues in your life and relationships today.

This volume will introduce you to six of the key characters of the Old Testament. You'll study the lives of:

- \* Rebecca, Breaking free of feminine stereotypes (Jonalyn Fincher)
- \* Abigail, Dealing with confrontation in relationships (Elisa Morgan)
- \* Hannah, Struggling to wait and sacrifice (Amena Brown)
- \* Eve, Finding lasting contentment in the truth (Lysa TerKeurst)
- \* Gomer, Learning to accept unconditional love (Jeanne Stevens)
- \* Leah, Overcoming rejection and insecurity (Naomi Zacharias)

This fresh look at the women in the Bible helps you discover new insights and provides a powerful witness to God's gracious love that will leave you feeling challenged, encouraged, and deeply valued.

Age: YAS 110 mins

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(DVD702) When God's People Pray	1	Jim Cymbala	Zondervan	2007
<p>According to bestselling author Jim Cymbala, prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. What are the keys that will help you unlock its power, turning prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all his resources? In this DVD with included participant's guide, Jim Cymbala, pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle, shows you, your small group, and your entire church the 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.</p> <p>Sessions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God's Heart for Us</li> <li>2. The Amazing Power of Prayer</li> <li>3. Obedience in Prayer</li> <li>4. The Word of God and Prayer</li> <li>5. Why Prayer Matters</li> <li>6. Creating a Prayer Ministry in Your Church This When God's People Pray</li> </ol> <p>Age: YAS 90 mins</p>				
(DVD703) Love is an Orientation	1	Andrew Marin	Zondervan	2011
<p>Much of today's culture defines bridge-building and reconciliation as a one-way street that leads to full theological, political and social agreement. Yet Christ demonstrated a different path of religious and cultural engagement to establish his kingdom here on earth. In light of such countercultural principles, the Christian community needs a new view on the issues that divide conservative believers and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities. Using the practical applications Andrew Marin has learned over the last decade of living and working in the LGBT neighborhood of Chicago called Boystown, as well as his international speaking and consulting ministry, this six-session, video-based study offers a variety of practical teachings, insights and life lessons. Rather than avoiding the topic of homosexuality, Love Is an Orientation aims to equip the Christian community to bridge the gap between LGBT and religious communities. This is not a group study about 'fixing' gay people. It's about getting to know them, engaging them, and loving them like Jesus does. After this study, you, your small group and your church will know what it means to peacefully and productively build bridges with the LGBT community.</p> <p>Age: YAS 185 mins</p>				
(DVD704) It's You: Is It Possible to Build Real and Lasting Friendshi	1	Nicole Johnson, Mary E. De	Thomas Nelson	2011
<p>Friends make a life. And sometimes they break it. That's why the "You" study helps you to deal with all sorts of friendship issues. Like what happens to your friendships when the opposite sex is introduced? Or how do you deal with deep misunderstandings and the craziness of rumors? And what happens when you mix in faith to the whole scheme? How can you thrive when so much chaos and stress reigns?</p> <p>Featuring "live" dramas from the REVOLVE tour in combination with Bible study, the Reel to Real Interactive Drama-Based Study Series addresses the questions and issues-both serious and frivolous-that hit at the heart of teens.</p> <p>"It's You" dramas include:</p> <p>WHO ARE YOU?: Friends have a way of growing apart as they leave junior high as a result of the changes and choices that they are making. This is a look at one such relationship that fights to find new footing.</p> <p>UNDER THE INFLUENCE: Reality TV. Hit movies. Pop music. This humorous piece follows three friends who explore the influence of media on their perceptions, attitudes, and relationships.</p> <p>KATY &amp; SAM: Two longtime girlfriends find themselves confronting issues of boys, jealousy, rumors, and betrayal.</p> <p>ABOUT TOMORROW NIGHT: Stef is caught in a difficult situation with her boyfriend and friends when she discovers that following Jesus changes everything, including her relationships.</p> <p>DVD Kit features: Four dramas on DVD featuring talented young actors as presented live during the REVOLVE tours, Engaging DVD messages from Nicole Johnson, Printed participant's guide designed for leading a youth group or for teens to use on their own.</p> <p>Age: MH 75 mins</p>				

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(DVD705) Fully Alive: A Journey that Will Change Your Life Food labels, advertisements, politicians, self-help books--they all promise the same thing: a better life . . . or--as Jesus might put it--life to the fullest.  For millions this pursuit of happiness has captivated, ensnared, and, most disappointingly, it has alluded. Which begs the question, what is the missing link? Based on the book "Fully Alive, " this DVD-based kit explores the idea that God is glorified when man is "fully and eternally alive," illustrated by best-selling author and motivational speaker Ken Davis's most honest and intimate stories.  Ken invites us to walk with him on a journey, along a road of heartache and adventure to a place he calls "the land of the living," and discover what may be missing in our lives. Get a taste of the beautiful urgency of today and begin moving toward a change in your life that draws from the joy and power that can be found only in Christ.  Kit includes:  Seven 8- to 12-minute DVD sessions Action Guide with seven sessions of study Leader notes and ideas for forming a Fully Alive Action Group Age: YAS 80 mins	1	Ken Davis	Thomas Nelson	2012
(DVD706) Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief How does the heart understand grief when it is broken by the death of a loved one? To survive and live forward, those who grieve must find answers. Beyond the Broken Heart is an eight-week support and ministry program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Author Julie Yarbrough chronicles her personal experience combined with a deep love of Scripture and years of leading grief support groups to create an authentic and deeply personal exploration of the grief journey.  The Small Group DVD contains eight video segments and two bonus sessions featuring the author and a licensed professional counselor. Each segment provides an introduction to the topic for the week while helping participants relate to the life experiences and stories of others who are familiar with the pain of loss and grief. Age: YAS	1	Julie Yarbrough and Gregg	Abingdon Press	2012
(DVD707) Economy Of Love: Creating a Community of Enough America thrives on a simple message-that what we currently have is not enough. Not big enough, not nice enough, not fast or hip enough.The American dream is based on wanting more. But does God's dream for the world look like the American Dream?  In this five-week study, unpack what the patterns of God's kingdom look like compared to the patterns of our world. What is the value of enough, and how do we become more like the God who is close to the poor, the hungry, the meek, and the merciful? Economy of Love will challenge individuals to join in community, journeying together as they begin to consider a new standard of living, a personal economic threshold oriented not around the size of a monthly paycheck, but around the value of enough.  What's included: 5 video sessions with Shane Claiborne, commentary and discussion questions to help you explore each topic, the story of Relational Tithe by co-founder Darin Peterson. 1: Tension Being the hands and feet of Jesus in a broken world 2: Enough- Christ's demand to love our neighbor through redistribution 3: Vulnerable- Living lives that collide with those of the marginalized 4: Filled- Is the Gospel we preach good news for the rich and poor alike? 5: Practice- Following Jesus with our hands, our feet, and our resources. Age: HYA	1	Shane Claiborne	Beacon Hill Press	2010

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(DVD708) Healing Waters: A Bible Study on Forgiveness, Grace and	1	Melody Carlson	Abingdon Press	2012
<p>In this first study in the new Faith and Fiction Bible study series, popular Christian fiction author Melody Carlson draws upon her novels in the Inn at Shining Waters trilogy to invite women on an exciting journey toward healing. Using the stories, themes, and characters of the novels as a backdrop, much in the way that Jesus used parables, this 8-week study explores the need for forgiveness and mercy in our lives and the role that second chances and new beginnings play in healing our spirits and our relationships. Although reading the novels is not required to participate in the study, women may choose to read the novels in tandem with the study to enrich the overall experience. Through study of Psalm 103 and other Scriptures, women will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Gain new understanding and appreciation for God as the Lord who heals</li> <li>-Recognize that God makes the journey with them, inviting them to experience divine love and mercy every step of the way.</li> <li>-Walk the roads of forgiveness and grace, learning how to embrace these gifts for themselves and their relationships.</li> <li>-Learn how to restore broken relationships and live in life-giving community.</li> <li>-Celebrate the God who loves second chances and who is devoted to transforming and blessing us with surprises and new beginnings.</li> </ul> <p>The DVD includes eight brief interviews with Melody sharing insights, stories, and behind-the-pages details. Filmed in and around the author's beach home located near the beautiful Siuslaw River that inspired the novels.</p> <p>Age: YAS 90 mins</p>				
(DVD709) Her Restless Heart: A Woman's Longing for Love and Acc	1	Barbara Cameron	Abingdon Press	2013
<p>Based on a novel by acclaimed Christian fiction author Barbara Cameron, Her Restless Heart is the story of an Amish woman caught between the traditions of her faith and the pull of a different life. As she struggles with her restless heart and seeks to find her place in the world, she finds herself faced with difficult choices in love and in life.</p> <p>This eight-session Bible study draws upon the theme of the heart's restlessness and the longing for satisfaction and fulfillment to explore the Bible's answer to the universal human need for love. The study will equip and encourage women as they seek to know God's plan for their lives and find satisfaction for the longing of their restless hearts.</p> <p>The DVD contains eight video segments featuring interviews in which the author discusses the characters, story, and themes (10 minutes each).</p> <p>Her Restless Heart is the second study in the Faith and Fiction Bible study series that uses Christian fiction as a backdrop for exploring biblical themes. Just as Jesus used stories (parables) to teach important principles, inspirational fiction can open readers to greater understanding of themselves and spiritual themes.</p> <p>Age: YAS 58 mins</p>				
(KIT135) Table Talk Vol. 1: Pastor's Program Kit	1	Carl Frazier	Abingdon Press	2013
<p>This series of six-week programs for the whole church family is designed to bring all ages together for dinner, fellowship, study, and engage with the Pastor in conversation about key stories of the Bible.</p> <p>Volume 1 presents the stories of Creation, The Fall, The Flood, Father Abraham, Ten Words, and The Great Commandment.</p> <p>This boxed kit includes one each of the following: Pastor's Program Guide with CD-ROM, Teen Talk Youth Leader Guide, Small Talk Children's Leader Guide, Devotional Book, one pack of Table Topper signs.</p> <p>Age: eEMHYAS 7</p>				
(KIT136) Table Talk Vol. 2 - Pastor's Program Kit	1	Carl Frazier	Abingdon Press	2013
<p>This series of six-week programs for the whole church family is designed to bring all ages together for dinner, fellowship, study, and engage with the Pastor in conversation about key stories of the Bible.</p> <p>Volume 2 presents the stories of The Beatitudes, The Least of These, The Great Commission, The Last Supper, Crucifixion, and Resurrection.</p> <p>This boxed kit includes one each of the following: Pastor's Program Guide with CD-ROM, Teen Talk Youth Leader Guide, Small Talk Children's Leader Guide, Devotional Book, one pack of Table Topper signs.</p> <p>Age: eEMHYAS 7</p>				

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