

# Resources Report

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(BK1514) Building a Discipling Culture	1	Mike Breen and Steve Cock	3DM	2011

Much ink and many pages have been devoted to all of the missional issues facing the Western church today. As our culture becomes more post-Christian with each passing day, we are all realizing that what has worked in the past is no longer working, that we are far less effective for the Kingdom than we were even 10 years ago. But we would suggest it isnt because we dont know what the Great Commission states or the imperatives of the Gospel, or that our church services just arent getting it done.

Its because we are in the midst of a discipleship crisis in the Western church. The people sitting in our pews are rarely becoming like the people we read about in Scripture. They may come to a worship service, join a small group or even tithe, but their lives just dont seem to look like Jesus life.

The truth of the matter is that we dont have a missional problem or leadership problem in the Western church. We have a discipleship problem. If we make disciples like Jesus made them, well never have a problem finding leaders or seeing new people coming to faith.

The central issue is that we have no idea how to make disciples who can do the things that Jesus did for the reasons Jesus did them. Building a Discipling Culture is the product of more than 25 years of hands-on discipleship practice in a post-Christian context that has turned into a worldwide discipling movement, dealing specifically with how to make the types of missional disciples Jesus spoke of. We all want to make disciples. Most of us are unsure how to do it.

Dallas Willard put it this way: Every church needs to be able to answer two questions. One, do we have a plan for making disciples? Two, does our plan work?

For most of our church communities, we have a plan, but the plan isnt working.

If you find yourself in this situation, this book is for you.

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(BK1515) Focus: The Real Challenges that Face the United Methodi	1	Lovett H. Weems	Abingdon Press	2012
<p>Few would argue that many challenges face The United Methodist Church. But what are the core issues and concerns, the ones that must be addressed if the church is to follow God's leading into the future? Laying aside what can be merely tweaked or adjusted, what must the UMC "reset" about itself? Lovett Weems, one of the most highly-respected interpreters of contemporary United Methodism, suggests that we start with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What will happen now that the increased giving that United Methodists have enjoyed (despite declining membership numbers) has reached a plateau and begun to decline?</li> <li>- Why, with 34,000 congregations and \$6.5 billion in annual giving, can't United Methodists add a net increase of even 1 new disciple of Jesus Christ in a given year?</li> <li>- Why are United Methodist clergy less concerned with reaching young adults than are laity? Why are laity unwilling to make the changes to worship and budgets required to attract these same young adults?</li> <li>- If the percentage of married couples with young children has declined by half since the 1950s, why is that still the group we focus on reaching?</li> <li>- Why are so many mid-sized churches on their way to becoming small-membership congregations?</li> </ul> <p>With insight, conviction, and calm resolve, Lovett Weems challenges United Methodists not only to ask these hard questions, but to face up to the difficult decisions they require of us as we continue to seek God's will for our lives together.</p> <p>Contents: Introduction: the 1960s, the New York Yankees, and the Methodists -- A new context -- Resetting the financial baseline -- General church -- Annual conference -- Congregations -- Reaching more people, younger people, more diverse people: United Methodism's twenty-first-century challenge -- Conclusion: what is ahead for the United Methodist Church?</p> <p>Age: YAS 98 Pages</p>				
(BK1516) Pastoral Prayers in Public Places	1	F. Belton Joyner, Jr.	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	2006
<p>Ready-to-use prayers for community and civic occasions. The Just In Time! series offers brief, practical resources of immediate help for pastors at an affordable price. Part of a pastor's role in the community is to pray publicly. The pastor is often the official "pray-er" at all kinds of community events--the high school football game, the opening of the new grocery store, the county school board meeting, kindergarten graduation--to name a few. But the pastor must also pray knowing that there are believers (of many persuasions) and non-believers present. In addition to the prayers in this book, there are brief setting descriptions and Scripture references. These prayers can be used with little or no adaptation.</p> <p>Age: YAS 80 Pages</p>				
(BK1517) The Habits of Highly Effective Churches	1	George Barna	Issachar Resources	1998
<p>In this revealing study, researcher George Barna describes the characteristics of the most effective Christian churches in the U.S. Barna contends that these attributes are the outgrowth of carefully and intentionally cultivated habits which facilitate life-changing ministry. In this book he describes the habits that have catapulted highly effective churches from being survival-based ministries to those in which people's lives are being constantly transformed.</p> <p>Age: YAS 182 Pages</p>				
(BK1518) Saving the Millennial Generation: New Ways to Reach th	1	Dawson McAllister with Pa	Thomas Nelson	1999
<p>FROM THE PUBLISHER: If those are the things this generation of teens -- the Millennial Generation -- is crying out for, who can deliver? You can, says McAllister. Yes, you the parent, you the youth worker, you the teacher -- anyone who wants to show teens the real love of Jesus Christ. But if you want to give Millennials what they're looking for, you've got to be willing to meet them on their own turf. And that's not always easy because the Millennial Generation is one of the most skeptical generations in history. "Everywhere I go," writes McAllister, who speaks to more than 100,000 young people a year, "teenagers have the attitude: 'I don't trust you, but I want to trust you, so please don't let me down.'" You don't have to let them down. Saving the Millennial Generation will help you understand Millennials -- what makes them tick and what ticks them off when it comes to school, church, and home. You'll have to earn their trust, but it'll be well worth the effort. Because in the end, you'll build relationships that will bring forth fruit both today and into all eternity -- for you and for the Millennials.</p> <p>Age: HY 186 Pages</p>				

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(BK1519) Creating an Authentic Youth Ministry FROM THE PUBLISHER: "Creating an Authentic Youth Ministry offers six principles for youth ministry that will ensure the vitality and stability of a long-term, soul-impacting ministry to and with teenagers." "1. Healthy youth ministry flows from an intentional ministry of faith formation to and with adults." "2. Healthy youth ministry understands positive expressions of teen empowerment." "3. Health youth ministry understands the difference between youth activity and youth ministry." "4. Healthy youth ministry recruits a diverse team of adults who are growing spiritually." "5. Healthy youth ministry plans to help teens grow spiritually." "6. Healthy youth ministry is in constant transformation." Ed Fashbaugh explores these six principles in a conversational and easy-to-digest way. His concern for the church and for youth shines throughout the book. Age: MH 128 Pages	1	Edward M. Fashbaugh, II	Discipleship Resources	2005
(BK1520) Movie Nights for Teens: 25 More Movies to Spark Spiritu FROM THE PUBLISHER: In this sequel to the popular original book, 25 chosen movies are examined with a range of themes and story lines - to spark interesting conversations with their plots, engaging questions, Scripture applications and more. From recent releases to vintage gems, Movie Nights for Teens brings families together to discuss movies, culture and wise entertainment choices. Age: H 180 Pages	1	Bob Smithouser	Focus on the Family Publis	2005
(BK1521) Getting Sudents to Show Up: Practical Ideas for Any Outr Whenever I talk with youth workers at big events, I see the same look in their eyes. It's the look of, "I want to pull off an event like this." I regularly get phone calls from youth workers around the country saying, "We've never done anything like this before, but we wanted to do a big evangelism event . . ." At 80% of the events I speak at each year it seems as if the youth worker in charge expected large numbers, only to get a fourth of his or her expectations. The heart is there and the motives are pure . . . but the experience and know-how are in short supply. Most youth workers would love to pull off successful outreach events, if they only knew how. Youth workers are only learning how to program outreach events by "trial and error." They need a resource to not only teach them the basics in programming outreach events, but also give them tools and examples that actually work. This book will help them understand the mindset of this outreach crowd, and give them the tools to plan effective outreach programs. The book will show them examples of how NOT to do it, as well as giving them "ready-made" events that work. It will also provide the basics such as the importance of DRAW, and aligning every single element with the events PURPOSE. The target market is all youth workers who want to plan weekly outreach programs, big events, or campus programs. A secondary audience would be student leaders who want to learn how to run 20 minute lunchtime "Bible Clubs," geared for outreach. Youth workers would be the gatekeepers to this audience, because they are the ones who would purchase the books for their student leaders Age: MHY 190 Pages	1	Jonathan R. McKee	Zondervan Publishing	2007
(BK1522) Scars That Wound: Scars That Heal: A Journey Out of Self You couldn't count the scars that mark Jackie's arms . . . or the emotional scars that have slashed across her heart. Scars That Wound : Scars That Heal--A Journey Out of Self-Injury tells Jackie's true story and will help others like her begin to believe freedom from self-injury is possible. Through a relationship with Jesus they can discover that his scars and wounds have the ability to reach deep into their hearts and heal their pain. The book's unique format, alternating story and commentary, makes its message accessible to all who are interested in the issue of self-injury, including the struggling young adult and anyone who wants to know how they can help. New book in the Live Free series. Age: HY 237 Pages	1	Jan Kern	Standard Pub.	2007
(BK1523) Helping the Struggling Adolescent: A Guide to Thirty Com FROM THE PUBLISHER: Helping the Struggling Adolescent is your first resource to turn to when a teen you know is in trouble. Whether you're a youth worker, counselor, pastor, or teacher, this fast, ready reference is a compendium of insight on teen problems from abuse to violence and everything between. Help starts here for thirty-six common, critical concerns. Topics are arranged in alphabetical order. Each chapter gives you essential information for several vital questions: What does the specific struggle look like? Why did it happen? How can you help? When should you refer to another expert? Where can you find additional resources? Arranged in three sections, this book first gives you the basics of being an effective helper, Then it informs you on the different struggles of adolescents. The final section--a key component of this book--supplies more than forty rapid assessment tools for use with specific problems. Helping the Struggling Adolescent organizes and condenses biblical counseling issues for teens into one extremely useful volume. Keep it in arm's reach for the answers you need, right when you need them. Age: MH 608 Pages	1	Les Parrott III	Zondervan Publishing	2000

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(BK1524) A Gospel Believer: Five Facts that Prove the Gospels A Gospel Believer examines five basic facts which prove the Gospels. You will look at the who, what, when, where, and why of the Gospels from a historical standpoint. Inside this book, we will ask: Who truly wrote the Gospels?, What exactly are the Gospels?, When were the Gospels actually composed?, Where precisely do the Gospels take place?, and Why were the Gospels really written? The answers will not only encourage you but also equip you to tell others that the Gospels are reliable. Also includes reflection questions for individuals or groups. The Media Center holds a Certificate of Copyright Permission for this book so that you can make copies for everyone in your group. Age: YAS 24 Pages	1	Stephen Skelton	The Entertainment Ministr	2014
(BK1525) Seven Thousand Ways to Listen Mark Nepo moved and inspired millions of people with his #1 New York Times bestseller The Book of Awakening, a spiritual day book. Now, in this new exploration of the human journey, Nepo inquires into the endless ways life asks us to listen. Having experienced hearing loss, Nepo affirms that listening is one of the most mysterious, luminous, and challenging art forms: "Whatever difficulty you face, there are time-tried ways you can listen your way through. Because listening is the doorway to everything that matters." Weaving together memoir and meditation exercises, Nepo offers many ways to listen to life and live more fully. A moving exploration of self, our relationship to others, and the world around us, this remarkable guide unpacks the many ways we are called to redefine ourselves and to name what is meaningful as we face life's challenges. Recommended by Bishop Ward. Age: YAS 280 Pages	1	Mark Nepo	Simon & Schuster	2012
(BK1526) Covenant Bible Study Sample Sample of the Covenant Bible Study Kit. See full kit details at KIT142. Age: YAS 100 Pages	1	Abingdon Press	Abingdon Press	2014
(BK1527) United Methodists and the Sacraments Designed for use with any group of adults interested in learning more about how United Methodists understand and practice the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.  United Methodists and the Sacraments is designed for use with any group of adults interested in learning more about how United Methodists understand and practice the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.  Writer, Gayle Felton, guides us through the rituals and practices of both these sacraments in order to help us understand their life-enriching value. She reminds us that our lives in Christ are grounded in baptism and sustained by holy communion. In baptism God claims us and makes us members of Christ's body, the church. In Holy Communion God offers grace and strength for our spiritual journey. We are truly called to live the sacraments of baptism and holy communion, as well as to receive them.  Each chapter offers a comprehensive look at what United Methodists believe and how United Methodists practice the sacraments.  Chapters and contents:  Chapter one "The Sacraments," gives an overview of the meaning of the sacraments in Christian faith and in the United Methodist Church. Chapters two through five, "Holy Baptism," "Questions About Baptism," "Holy Communion," and "Questions About Holy Communion," review United Methodist beliefs about these sacraments and questions people have about them. Chapter six "Living as Baptized and Communing Christians" helps the reader to explore what it means to live out the sacraments in daily Christian life.  Questions for discussion and reflection with helps for how to use the book in small group settings are provided. Age: YAS 92 Pages	1	Gayle Carlton Felton	Abingdon Press	2007

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(DVD1418) Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy: Richard Rohr on t	1	Richard Rohr with Tim Scor	Morehouse Education Res	2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5- to 10-week study for adults and young adults with appealing video format that prompts engagement and response</li> <li>• Each participant uses his/her own journal for study and reflection</li> <li>• Newest installment in the successful Embracing series</li> </ul> <p>This program features two components: (1) A DVD with five 10-15 minute presentations showing Fr. Richard Rohr interacting with a small group of adults, and (2) a participant workbook containing all the material needed by class participants as well as for the facilitator. In this edition, Richard Rohr explores five topics central to Franciscan theology and practice: Atonement Theory, Eco-Spirituality, The Christ who Existed before Christianity, Orthopraxy vs. Verbal Orthodoxy (Living Like Jesus), Mysticism over Moralism.</p> <p>Age: YAS 75 mins</p>				
(DVD1419) Fresh Out of the Box - Volume Two: Digital Worship Ex	1	Len Wilson, Jason Moore,	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	2005
<p>A set of 10 digital experiences for use during youth worship. The book, containing the complete text of the services, and an introduction for putting it together, will include a DVD that contains re-useable video clips.</p> <p>Age: MH</p>				
(DVD1420) Joy at Work: Bible Study Companion	1	Raymond Bakke, William H	Pearson Venture Group	2005
<p>Dr. Raymond Bakke, Brad Smith and William Hendricks take you through a ten-week study that examines the concept of business as mission. This special edition includes the Bible Study DVD that features outstanding leaders and pastors, and explores what the Bible says about your purpose in the workplace, decision-making and trusting others. Joy at Work has the power to profoundly change your workplace and your life. 10 sessions.</p> <p>Age: YAS 156 mins</p>				
(DVD1421) God's Story, Your Story: When His Becomes Yours	1	Max Lucado	Zondervan	2011
<p>Discover how our daily lives play important roles in God's grand narrative. In this six-week church-wide experience and small-group video study, Max Lucado offers a fresh perspective on how our life story is part of an overarching narrative, helping congregations witness God's hand at work. The kit includes one hardcover book, one participant's guide, and one DVD-ROM.</p> <p>The DVD-ROM contains six small-group video sessions, a getting started guide, six sermon outlines, and all the church promotional materials needed to successfully launch and sustain a six-week church experience.</p> <p>Age: YAS 75 mins</p>				
(DVD1422) AHA: Awakening.Honesty.Action	1	Kyle Idleman	City on a Hill Productions	2014
<p>We've all had an "aha moment" in our lives, an insight that changes everything. With everyday examples and testimonies, author Kyle Idleman draws on Scripture to reveal how three key elements - awakening, honesty, action - can produce the same kind of "aha!" in our spiritual lives. In trademark City on a Hill style, the AHA Small Group Study marries straightforward bible teaching and cinematic storytelling. In it, three modern-day prodigals seek life apart from the Father, find themselves alone and desperate in their own distant country, and are faced with their AHA moment. The Small Group Study includes: A small group leader's DVD tutorial, Six 30-minute video episodes on DVD, An easy-to-follow Leader's Guide for facilitating a small group gathering, One copy of the Action Journal for the study.</p> <p>Age: YAS 180 mins</p>				
(DVD1423=) Unusual Gospel for Unusual People: Studies from the	1	Adam Thomas	Abingdon Press	2014
<p>The new and exciting aspect of this particular Bible study series is the blending of traditional weekly Sunday school with modern, daily-delivered digital content, which will keep readers connected with the material throughout the week. Between the daily communication and the group gatherings, participants will immerse themselves in the Good News.</p> <p>Each session begins with an opening prayer, followed by the text of the day being read aloud. The group will enjoy a 5-7-minute video where Adam shares his thought on the Scripture and its "unusual" focus. The group will discuss the readings for the day then close with prayer.</p> <p>The emails that accompany this study are crucial to the small-group experience and leaders should notify small-group members to subscribe for their emails at least 1-2 days in advance of the first gathering.</p> <p>Age: YA 0 mins</p>				

(DVD1423) Unusual Names	1	Adam Thomas	Abingdon Press	2014
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The first two times Jesus says “I am,” no predicate nominative follows. Remember seventh-grade English class: a predicative nominative is a noun that follows a linking verb. The first time, he says “I Am—the one who speaks with you” to the woman at the well. The second time, he says “I Am. Don’t be afraid” to the disciples. In both cases the words stands alone: I AM. These statements are declarations of God’s very being, and they appear several more times over the course of the Gospel. A broader statement cannot be made. “I AM” is as close as language can get to universality and eternity. One of the markers of this revelation is a second kind of “I am” statement. This second kind takes a piece of the great “I AM” and fills in the blank that our sense of curiosity wills to be there. When Jesus says, “I am the bread/light/shepherd/vine/\_\_\_,” he is comparing himself to those things. In these “I am \_\_\_\_\_” statements, Jesus discloses a piece of his divine identity, enough for us to hear, swallow, and digest over the course of a lifetime.

This DVD has a 5-7 minute video segment for each session of this module. The new and exciting aspect of this particular Bible study series is the blending of traditional weekly Sunday school with modern, daily-delivered digital content, which will keep readers connected with the material throughout the week. Between the daily communication and the group gatherings, participants will immerse themselves in the Good News. Includes one leader's guide and one personal reflection guide. View a trailer for this series at: <http://www.cokesbury.com/unusalgospel>

Age: YA 32 mins

(DVD1424) Unusual Healings	1	Adam Thomas	Abingdon Press	2014
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In the Gospel According to John, Jesus never tells people that they are healed. He never says, “Your faith has made you well.” He never spits on the ground to make mud nor lays his hands on anyone nor notices anyone laying hands on him. And yet, he heals no fewer than five people over the course of the Gospel. How can this be? How can Jesus heal people without speaking a word of healing or letting them know that they are healed? And how do the healings speak to the lives of contemporary Christians?

This DVD has a 5-7 minute video segment for each session of this module. The new and exciting aspect of this particular Bible study series is the blending of traditional weekly Sunday school with modern, daily-delivered digital content, which will keep readers connected with the material throughout the week. Between the daily communication and the group gatherings, participants will immerse themselves in the Good News. Includes one leader's guide and one personal reflection guide. View a trailer for this series at: <http://www.cokesbury.com/unusalgospel>

Age: YA 30 mins

(DVD1425) Unusual Questions	1	Adam Thomas	Abingdon Press	2014
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In the Gospel According to John, people ask Jesus some unusual questions. Much of the first half of the gospel is structured around Jesus conversing with individuals or groups of people. Their questions, along with their dialogues with Jesus that surround the questions, make up the jumping off point for this module. We will use their questions to explore what it means to ask our own.

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Age: YA 33 mins

(DVD1426) Engaging Local Schools	1	Tom Berlin, Asa Lee, Lovett	Lewis Center for Church L	2014
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Increasing numbers of churches are considering how they can best support and engage their local schools. Through videos, presentations, and supplemental materials, the Engaging Local Schools Resource guides your congregation in considering questions that are critical to the success of a school-focused service initiative:

- How can your church express more fully a heart for the needs of children and schools?
- How can you discern a vision for a school partnership that responds to the needs present in your context and utilizes the unique gifts your church has to offer?
- What are models and best practices for ministries that support students and teachers?

Engaging Local Schools is ecumenical and designed for both self study and for use with groups in your church.

Age: YAS 60 mins

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(DVD1427) 6 Things We Should Know About God	1	Tom Berlin	Abingdon Press	2014
<p>What are God's qualities, and what effect do they have on us? In this simple, inspiring study, pastor and author Tom Berlin introduces us to the living God and urges us to respond. Sessions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God Loves You</li> <li>2. God Understands You</li> <li>3. God Forgives You</li> <li>4. God Wants You to Be Free</li> <li>5. God Wants You to Change</li> <li>6. God Wants to Be With You Forever</li> </ol> <p>The six-session DVD features pastor and author Tom Berlin walking and talking with us about God's continuing quest to draw near to us. The Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the book and DVD. It includes session plans and discussion questions, as well as format options. Participant workbooks include Scripture, helpful quotations, and space for journaling.</p> <p>Age: YAS 32 mins</p>				
(DVD1428) 6 Ways We Encounter God	1	Tom Berlin	Abingdon Press	2014
<p>When we live, when we worship, when we pray, do we really encounter God? What are God's qualities, and what effect do they have on us? In this simple, inspiring book, pastor and author Tom Berlin introduces us to the living God and urges us to respond.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God's Majesty and My Reverence</li> <li>2. God's Fidelity and My Trust</li> <li>3. God's Purity and My Humility</li> <li>4. God's Authority and My Obedience</li> <li>5. God's Righteousness and My Work for Justice</li> <li>6. God's Graciousness and My Love of Others</li> </ol> <p>The six-session DVD features pastor and author Tom Berlin walking and talking with us about God's qualities and our responses. The Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the book and DVD. It includes session plans and discussion questions, as well as format options. Participant workbooks include Scripture, helpful quotations, and space for journaling.</p> <p>Age: YAS 32 mins</p>				
(DVD1429) 6 Decisions That Will Change Your Life	1	Tom Berlin	Abingdon Press	2014
<p>Our busy lives are filled with decisions, but are they the important decisions? In this simple, inspiring book, pastor and author Tom Berlin helps us discern six key decisions in our walk with Christ. Includes Scripture, helpful quotations, and space for journaling.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Decision to Follow</li> <li>2. The Decision for a New Life</li> <li>3. The Decision to Mature</li> <li>4. The Decision to Respond</li> <li>5. The Decision to Persevere</li> <li>6. The Decision to Surrender</li> </ol> <p>The six-session DVD features pastor and author Tom Berlin walking and talking with us about the decisions in our lives and what Jesus has to say about them. The Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the book and DVD. It includes session plans and discussion questions, as well as format options. Participant workbooks include Scripture, helpful quotations, and space for journaling.</p> <p>Age: YAS 43 mins</p>				