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ADULTS Dixon, Heather M. ***Determined DVD: Living Like Jesus in Every***
226.4 DIXON ***Moment : A Study of Luke***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Women,
2019.

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Content Notes:

- 1. Week 1 Group Centering (2:06) -- The Son: Determined to Choose Life (10:38) -- 2. Week 2 Group Centering (2:17) -- The Teacher: Determined to Demonstrate a New Way (7:24) -- 3. Week 3 Group Centering (2:03) -- The Rescuer: Determined to Save Humankind (7:21) -- 4. Week 4 Group Centering (2:12) -- The Healer: Determined to Love the World (6:50) -- 5. Week 5 Group Centering (2:07) -- The Friend: Determined to Persevere (7:51) -- 6. Week 6 Group Centering (2:15) -- The Victor: Determined to Live with Courage (6:42) -- Promotional Video (1:20)

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ADULTS 226.5
COKESBURY

Journey Through the Bible: John Leader's Guide. Nashville, TN, Cokesbury, 1995.

Summary: Journey Through the Bible uses the NRSV to study the Bible book by book. Each volume: Contains 13 sessions. Highlights pivotal points in the Scripture. Lifts up the Bible's most significant stories, themes, events and people. Features questions. Describes the historical and cultural setting. Includes the original language and what the passage meant for its first readers. Gives insight into possible life applications for individuals, congregations and communities. Maps out a daily personal Journey Plan for those interested in reading the whole Bible, verse by verse. --Cokesbury

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ADULTS 230.046 LTQ

Felten, David M. ***Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity.*** New York, HarperOne, 2012.

Summary: Ministers David Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy, along with an all-star cast of Bible scholars and top church teachers, provide a primer to a church movement that encourages every Christian to “live the questions” instead of “forcing the answers.” Based on the bestselling DVD course of the same name, *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity* includes commentary from such bestselling authors as Diana Butler Bass, John Shelby Spong, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Brian McLaren, and others. Tackling issues of faith and controversial subjects such as the church’s position on homosexuality, *Living the Questions* is the most comprehensive, indeed the only survey of progressive Christianity in existence today. --HarperOne

Content Notes:

- An invitation to journey -- Taking the Bible seriously -- Thinking theologically -- Stories of creation -- Lives of Jesus -- A passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle -- Out into the world: challenges facing progressive Christians -- Restoring relationships -- The prophetic Jesus -- Evil, suffering, and a God of love -- The myth of redemptive violence -- Practicing resurrection -- Debunking the rapture -- Honoring creation -- A kingdom without walls -- Social justice: realizing God's vision -- Incarnation: divinely human -- Prayer: intimacy with the divine -- Compassion: the heart of Jesus' ministry -- Creative transformation -- Embracing mystery.

ADULTS 231.7 WEATHERHEAD Weatherhead, Leslie Dixon. ***Leslie Weatherhead's The Will of God: A Workbook***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1995.

Summary: This workbook includes the text of the original book along with case studies, questions and exercises for personal reflection and prayers. The workbook will help Christians discern God's will by showing them how to apply abstract ideas to specific, true-to-life circumstances. --Back cover

ADULTS 232.95 HAMILTON Hamilton, Adam. ***The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2012.

Summary: Travel with Adam Hamilton as he retraces the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Fascinating video from his personal travels to the Holy Land give you a “first-person” experience while his biblical wisdom and historical knowledge provide thoughtful and insightful commentary. For personal or small-group study, especially fitting as part of a 40-day churchwide emphasis during Lent and Easter. Resources include book, Leader Guide, DVD, devotional, and materials for youth and children’s ministries. This devotional volume functions beautifully on its own or as a companion to the churchwide experience. It offers forty days of daily devotions on the life and

ministry of Jesus Christ, enabling us to pause, meditate, and emerge changed forever. The reflections—ideal for use during Lent—include Scripture, reflection, stories from Hamilton’s own ministry, and prayers.
--Cokesbury

ADULTS
232.96
LUCADO

Lucado, Max. ***Six Hours One Friday: Anchoring to the Power of the Cross***. Portland, Or, Multnomah, 1989.

Summary: In *Six Hours One Friday*, Max Lucado delves into the meaning of Jesus' last hours on the cross. Through his death, your life has purpose and meaning. You are forgiven and loved by a Savior who died for you. And an empty tomb proclaims that death does not have the final word.

ADULTS
241.54
BERLIN

Berlin, Tom. ***Reckless Love DVD: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Love God more deeply by learning to love your neighbor better. How did Jesus teach the Greatest Commandment to his disciples? In his latest book *Reckless Love*, author and Pastor Tom Berlin writes that Jesus taught them to love neighbor first as a way to more deeply love God. In his exploration of Jesus’ teaching and travels with his disciples, Berlin suggests that Jesus teaches us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor. While many hope to learn to be better family, friends, leaders, neighbors but finding a deeper relationship with God, what if becoming a better neighbor leads you to that deeper love of God. In *Reckless Love*, you will see the ways Jesus’ care for others disrupted the way his disciples thought and acted so deeply that they learned love God fully and join Jesus mission to share the good news unambiguously. In so doing, you will have the opportunity to consider your life, and learn how loving the people around you will completely renew your faith and give you a new experience of loving God. The six-session DVD features Tom Berlin in his warm, engaging style guiding participants through the study. Each video segment is approximately 10-12 minutes in length and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Begin with Love (9:28) -- 2. Expand the Circle (11:06) -- 3. Lavish Love (8:32) -- 4. Openhearted Love (11:02) -- 5. Value the Vulnerable (9:27) -- 6. Emulate Christ (11:15)

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Content Notes:

- Foreword -- 1. Begin with Love -- 2. Expand the Circle -- 3. Lavish Love -- 4. Openhearted Love -- 5. Value the Vulnerable -- 6. Emulate Christ -- Epilogue -- Acknowledgments -- Notes

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- Introduction -- 1. Begin with Love -- 2. Expand the Circle -- 3. Lavish Love -- 4. Openhearted Love -- 5. Value the Vulnerable -- 6. Emulate Christ

ADULTS
242.4
KREIENKAMP Kreienkamp, Dale. ***How Long, O Lord, How Long?: Devotions for the Unemployed and Those Who Love Them***. Elgin, IL, Tenth Power, 2018.

Summary: How Long, O Lord, How Long? will support individuals experiencing a period of unemployment and encourage those who love them along the way to something new. The book contains 80 devotions, each with scriptures to provide help, healing, and hope during the journey through unemployment. --Tenth Power

ADULTS
253.7
MAYNARD Maynard, Phil. ***Small Group Leader Training Guide: An Exodus 18 Leadership Initiative Training Guide***. Satellite Beach, FL, Excellence in Ministry Coaching, LLC, 2019.

Summary: What if we actually offered training for the tasks we ask people to do in the church? Well, now you can, starting with training your small group leaders...often the centerpiece of a discipleship process in the local church. Help you small group leaders know... Why? the small group is such an important piece of the discipleship process What ? constitutes an effective small group experience How? to lead transformational small groups, including meeting design, Facilitation skills, using a coaching approach and much more... When? Small groups should multiply and how to make it happen. This resource is full of practical ideas for developing effective small group leaders and a strong small group ministry. --EMC3

ADULTS
261.8
GUSTINE Gustine, Adam L. ***Becoming a Just Church: Cultivating Communities of God's Shalom***. Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP Books an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2019.

Summary: Many local churches don't know what to do about justice. We tend to compartmentalize it as merely a strategy for outreach, and we often outsource it to parachurch justice ministries. While these organizations do good work, individual congregations are left disconnected from God's just purposes in the world. Adam Gustine calls the local church to be just and do justice. He provides a theological vision for our identity as a just people, where God's character and the pursuit of shalom infuses every aspect of our congregational DNA. As we grow in becoming just, the church becomes a prophetic alternative to the broken systems of the world and a parable of God's intentions for human flourishing and societal transformation. This renewed vision for the church leads us into cultivating a just life together—in community, discipleship, worship, and more—extending justice out into the world in concrete ways. Let's hold being and doing together, so we can become just, compassionate

communities that restore shalom and bring hope to the world.
--Intervarsity Press

Content Notes:

- An ecclesiology for justice -- Justice isn't an outreach strategy: a way of life for the people of God -- Exiles in the promised land: the church as prophetic alternative -- Demonstrating manana: the church as a parable of God's intent -- Gardeners of Shalom: the church for flourishing and transformation -- Justice in our congregational life -- Low-ground church: discerning vision in a high-ground world -- Recovering kinship: hospitality as resistance -- Discipling people into Shalom community -- Worship: questions that drive how we gather -- What's next? -- Power: a conversation with Juliet Liu and Brandon Green about the lynchpin of justice -- Commence justice.

ADULTS
287.6092
RADER

Rader, Sharon Zimmerman. ***Women Bishops of The United Methodist Church: Extraordinary Gifts of the Spirit.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader and Dr. Margaret Ann Crain interviewed the women bishops of The United Methodist Church, the first denomination to elect women to the episcopacy. Through the stories they collected, they learned what enabled these women to persevere, claim authority, define leadership in their own ways, and rise to the episcopacy. Their stories reveal how these clergywomen changed the church, blazing leadership trails both before and after their elections. This book shares inspirational stories and pivotal moments that illustrate how these women managed the complexities of family, faith, and authority. Through their histories, women bishops have made—and will continue to make—both realized and unrealized differences in The United Methodist Church. --Cokesbury