

New Resources August 2016

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ADULTS 220 **Adult Bible Studies Large-Print Student: The Sovereignty of God.**

COKESBURY Nashville, Tenn: Cokesbury, 2016.

Summary: Fall theme: Sovereignty of God: Isaiah, Matthew, Hebrews, Revelation. This fall, lessons in Adult Bible Studies follow the theme, "Sovereignty of God." Through the visionary images of the authors of Isaiah, Hebrews, and Revelation, we come to see more clearly the sovereign nature of God. The quarter begins with a study of Isaiah's rich images of God as the one who rules the whole universe. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we see how God comes to lead humankind in the person of Jesus. The Revelation of John offers the vision of God as the beginning and end of all things. The student book writer is Simon Iredale; Bob Walker is the writer for the teacher book. Sovereignty of God: The four lessons in this unit explore how the prophet Isaiah viewed the reign of God over the whole world as a peaceful kingdom, a mountain of God, the foundations of the earth, and in a new and everlasting covenant. Sovereignty of Jesus: This five-lesson unit looks at the images of the reign of the resurrected Christ from the Letter to the Hebrews. These lessons help us understand Jesus as the imprint of God, the owner of a household, the great high priest, a priest forever, and the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Alpha and Omega: This unit develops four lessons based on the last two chapters of the Book of Revelation. John used metaphors of one who makes all things new, a vision of a New Jerusalem, a river of life, and the beginning and the end of all things to explore how God reigns. Developed for use with the student book based on the Uniform Series, this leader resource provides a wealth of information, planning ideas, and lesson guides for each of the 13 lessons in the quarter. This resource includes detailed study of the biblical text, suggestions for developing lessons, teaching options, maps, and charts. It features articles that explore biblical themes related to the passages studied in the lessons. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 220 **Adult Bible Studies Teacher: The Sovereignty of God.** Nashville, Tenn:

COKESBURY Cokesbury, 2016.

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teaching options, maps, and charts. It features articles that explore biblical themes related to the passages studied in the lessons. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 227.2 Spoelstra, Melissa. **First Corinthians: Living Love When We Disagree.**

SPOELSTRA Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Women, 2016.

Summary: With more and more ways to communicate in a culture that encourages sharing the details of our lives, there exists greater and greater opportunity for disagreement. Our differences seem more pronounced. Our words sound more divisive. Even as Christians, we struggle to get along. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians living in Corinth about this very thing, encouraging them to not ridicule one another but to work together to show the love of Christ. In this six-week DVD study, you'll explore Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and discover how to live love even when you disagree. A workbook and Leader Guide complement the book and six-segment DVD. The Leader Kit includes the following components: Participant Book, Leader Guide, and a DVD. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction Video (9:24) -- 1. In Christ Alone (25:52) -- 2. Growing Up (25:10) -- 3. Everybody's Doing It (30:26) -- 4. Beyond Ourselves (27:37) -- 5. Living Love (29:52) -- 6. Real Life (27:07)

ADULTS 232.9 Vander Laan, Ray. **The Mission of Jesus Discovery Guide: 5 Lessons on**

VANDER LAAN **Triumph of God's Kingdom in a World of Chaos.** Grand Rapids, Mich:

Zondervan, 2016.

Summary: In this new That The World May Know video Bible study, author and Bible teacher, Ray Vander Laan takes you on a journey in Israel to explore what it means to be a kingdom of priests in a prodigal world by discovering the mission that God gave his people many centuries ago and how that impacts us today. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. -- Zondervan

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Content Notes:

- 1. Capernaum: Jesus Binds the Evil One (Benjamin/Capernaum, Israel) (32:32) -- 2. Decapolis: The Other Side--Jesus and the Man from the Tombs (Susita, Israel) (31:40) -- 3. Crucifixion: The Coronation of a King (Rome, Italy) (28:48) -- 4. Ascension: The King Takes His Throne (Khirbet Midras/Mount of Olives, Israel) (31:51) -- 5. Pentecost: God Changed His Address (Jerusalem, Israel) (31:43)

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DEVEGA

deVega, Magrey R. **One Faithful Promise DVD: The Wesleyan Covenant for Renewal.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: A covenant is an agreement, a pledge, a contract. A covenant with God is a faithful promise of renewal, and none is more central to the Methodist identity than The Wesley Covenant Prayer, which John Wesley first shared in a renewal service in 1755. Its central theme, "the means of increasing serious religion," focuses on the way we can have a closer relationship with God and others through a heightened dedication to a serious

faith. Abingdon Press has reintroduced Wesley's covenant prayer and renewal service as an accessible churchwide campaign, One Faithful Promise, so that modern congregations, like thousands of congregations in the past, can experience a boost in their way of Christian living. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Preparation: A Case for Covenant Renewal (12:13) -- 2. Step One: Confide in God (10:34) -- 3. Step Two: Compose Your Spirit (12:24) -- 4. Step Three: Claim the Covenant (10:43) -- 5. Step Four: Choose Faithfulness (14:13) -- 6. Step Five: Connect to God in Prayer (13:04)

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Content Notes:

- How to Use This Leader Guide -- 1. Preparation: A Case for Covenant Renewal -- 2. Step One: Confide in God -- 3. Step Two: Compose Your Spirit -- 4. Step Three: Claim the Covenant -- 5. Step Four: Choose Faithfulness -- 6. Step Five: Connect to God in Prayer -- Appendix: An Order of Service for Covenant Renewal in the Wesleyan Tradition

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ADULTS
241.672
EVANS

Evans, Tony. **Watch Your Mouth DVD: Understanding the Power of the Tongue.** Eugene, Or: Harvest House Publishers, 2016.

Summary: Your words can call down destruction—or they can speak life into the world around you. Discover how to glorify God with your speech in this DVD presentation that includes four sessions of powerful teaching and moving personal testimonies. Get ready to use your words in mighty ways and model with your mouth the character of God. --Harvest House Publishers

Content Notes:

- Who's Master of Your Mouth? -- Your Voice Has Victory -- Your Mouth Mirrors Your Heart -- The Wreckage of Your Words

ADULTS
241.675
ANDERSON

Anderson, David A. **Gracism : The Art of Inclusion .** Downers Grove, Ill. : IVP Books, 2007.

Summary: "The parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor." 1 Corinthians 12:23. When people deal with color, class or culture in a negative way, that's racism. But the answer is not to ignore these as if they don't matter. Instead, we can look at color, class and culture in a positive way. That's gracism. Pastor David Anderson responds to prejudice and injustice with the principle of gracism: radical inclusion for the marginalized and excluded. Building on the apostle Paul's exhortations in 1 Corinthians 12 to honor the weaker member, Anderson presents a biblical model for showing special grace to others on the basis of ethnicity, class or other social distinction. He offers seven sayings of the gracist with practical examples for building bridges and including others. A Christian alternative to secular models of affirmative action or colorblindness, gracism is an opportunity to extend God's grace to people of all backgrounds. --IVP Books

Content Notes:

- Everyone has a dot -- From racism to gracism -- The art of inclusion -- Saying one : "I will lift you up" (special honor) -- Saying two : "I will cover you" (special modesty) -- Saying three : "I will share with you" (no special treatment) -- Saying four : "I will honor you" (greater honor) -- Saying five : "I will stand with you" (no division) -- Saying six : "I will consider you" (equal concern) -- Saying seven : "I will celebrate with you" (rejoices with it) -- How can I become a gracist?

ADULTS 248.5
CARTER 2016. Carter, Steve. **This Invitational Life.** Colorado Springs, Colo: David C Cook,

Summary: The early church loved to talk about their faith to others...and the growth of new Christians shows it! So what stops us from sharing our faith? In this powerful teaching series, Willow Creek pastor Steve Carter takes us back to Paul and the first-century church, so we can discover how ancient ways of inviting others to know Jesus is relevant and powerful today. This curriculum kit includes This Invitational Life, an eight-week study guide, and a DVD with eight sessions of 10-15 minutes each. --David C Cook

ADULTS
248.86
WILSON

Wilson, Pete. **Plan B : What Do You Do When God Doesn't Show Up the Way You Thought He Would?** . Nashville, Tenn. : Thomas Nelson, 2009.

Summary: What do you do when your dreams are shattered? What do you do when your life isn't turning out the way you thought? What do you do when you have to turn to Plan B? Pete Wilson reaches beyond the typical Christian response to offer frank understanding, honest encouragement, and real hope for your Plan B reality. Drawing on real-life stories from the Bible (David, Joseph, Mary, and Martha) and the present day, he writes to help

you: Move past the feelings of crisis: panic, fear, paralysis, and overcontrol; See God in your circumstances—even when he doesn't seem to be there at all; Make peace with doubt, which can actually be an expression of faith; Find hope through the redemptive power of community; Ask the right questions in order to find real, satisfying answers; Explore the relationship between shattered dreams and true spiritual transformation. --Back cover

Content Notes:

- Reality -- Don't run -- The illusion of control -- Your Jordan -- Paralyzed -- Whiplash -- What have you done for me lately? -- Darkness -- Me too -- The anchor -- Power and hope -- Waiting on God -- Transformation through tragedy -- The bow.

ADULTS 253
SCAZZERO Scazzero, Peter. **The Emotionally Healthy Church : A Strategy for Discipleship that Actually Changes Lives** . Grand Rapids, Mich. : Zondervan, 2003.

Summary: New Life Fellowship in Queens, New York, had it all: powerful teaching, dynamic ministries, an impressive growth rate, and a vision to do great works for God. Things looked good—but beneath the surface, circumstances were more than just brewing. They were about to boil over, forcing Peter Scazzero to confront needs in his church and himself that went deeper than he'd ever imagined. What he learned about the vital link between emotional health, relational depth, and spiritual maturity can shed new light on painful problems in your own church. Our churches are in trouble, says Scazzero. They are filled with people who are • unsure how to biblically integrate anger, sadness, and other emotions • defensive, incapable of revealing their weaknesses • threatened by or intolerant of different viewpoints • zealous about ministering at church but blind to their spouses' loneliness at home • so involved in "serving" that they fail to take care of themselves • prone to withdraw from conflict rather than resolve it. Sharing from New Life Fellowship's painful but liberating journey, Scazzero reveals exactly how the truth can and does make you free—not just superficially, but deep down. --Zondervan

ADULTS 253
STANLEY Stanley, Andy. **Can We Do That? : 24 Innovative Practices That Will Change the Way You Do Church** . West Monroe, La. : Howard Pub, 2002.

Summary: In this refreshingly practical book, Andy Stanley and Ed Young--two of America's most innovative and effective church leaders--deliver twenty-four creative ministry tools that you can adapt and use to help your own church be all God intends it to be. --Back cover

ADULTS 253
STEINKE Steinke, Peter L. **How Your Church Family Works : Understanding Congregations as Emotional Systems** . Washington, DC : Alban Institute, 1993.

Summary: Drawing on the work of Bowen, Friedman, and his own many years' counseling experience, Peter Steinke shows how to recognize and deal with the emotional roots of such issues as church conflict, leadership roles, congregational change, irresponsible behavior, and the effect of family of origin on current relationships. Discover why working relationships may be "stuck" in certain behaviors. Psychologically sound, theologically grounded, and practically illustrated with case studies, How Your Church Family Works will help you better understand how your congregation works and how to keep it healthy. Featuring a new preface and a fresh redesign, the book is a classic work by one of the most respected names in congregational consulting. --Rowman & Littlefield Publishing

ADULTS 253.7
COWART Cowart, Jim. **Grab Gather Grow DVD: Multiply Community Groups in Your Church : A Community Group Resource**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Transform your congregation by launching community groups—a fresh strategy from Jim and Jennifer Cowart, authors of *Grab, Gather, Grow*. Learn how they used adaptive systems, digital tools, and flexible overhead to expand Harvest Church, a United Methodist congregation twenty miles southwest of Macon, Georgia, from 76 community groups to over 250 in just seven years. Their five-part growth strategy includes a thirty-minute video in addition to the leadership book. The book and 30-minute training video include the following themes: Group Explosion, Overcoming Obstacles, The Power of the Pulpit, Living the 5 through Group Life, Creating Infrastructure for Facilitators. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 253.7 Cowart, Jim. **Grab Gather Grow: Multiply Community Groups in Your Church.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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ADULTS 253.7 McBride, Neal. **How to Lead Small Groups.** Colorado Springs, Colo: NavPress, 1990.

MCBRIDE

Summary: Whether you are a veteran or a new small-group leader, this book will provide you with the leadership skills, tools, and information you need. This leader's resource can work with Bible study, fellowship, support, or task groups. Topics include the following: Defining your group's purpose, Stimulating healthy fellowship, Handling conflict, Evaluating your group, Asking great questions. --NavPress

ADULTS 261 Acevedo, Jorge. **Vital: Churches Changing Communities and the World.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2012.

ACEVEDO

Summary: What behaviors do highly vital congregations have in common? How can all congregations move toward greater vitality? In *Vital*, Jorge Acevedo passionately and effectively reveals how Grace Church in Cape Coral, Florida, has developed behaviors that result in vital and fruitful ministry. Focusing on spiritual pastoral leadership, lay leadership development, worship, small groups, and service and mission, Acevedo both inspires and coaches. He helps leaders of congregations act in their own contexts to develop behaviors essential to vitality, as identified by the recent study of 32,000 United Methodist congregations. The book includes brief summaries of learnings from the research written by Amy Valdez Barker, project manager for the Vital Congregations Initiative, as well as stories from other congregations illustrating vital behaviors in different settings. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 261.260973 Taber, Shirin. **Muslims Next Door : Uncovering Myths and Creating Friendships .** Grand Rapids, Mich. : Zondervan, 2004.

TABER

Summary: This insider's view of how North American Muslims think and live goes beyond false stereotypes and provides practical suggestions on how to establish friendships that can point to Christ. Since September 11, 2001, Americans are more curious about the followers of Islam. We can no longer afford to be ignorant of such an influential and historical world religion. *Muslims Next Door* dispels commonly held myths and helps readers to better understand how Muslims think. Author Shirin Taber comes from a multicultural background and has lived in Iran, France, and Turkey, and now in the United States. Stories of her experiences as well as from interviews

with Muslims help readers understand the human side of Islam. Each chapter contains questions for reflection to use in group settings. The book also includes a glossary of Islamic terms. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- Introduction : why I've written this book -- Across the street and next door -- Muslims and Christians have nothing in common spiritually -- All Muslims are Arab -- All Muslims hate the West -- Women are oppressed by Islam -- All Muslims are radical fundamentalists -- Creating friendships -- Entertaining, Muslim style -- Forging alliances through our families -- Relating to Muslims in the workplace -- Befriending Muslims on campus -- Being authentic about our faith.

ADULTS 262.1 Hybels, Bill. **Leading from Here to There DVD**. Grand Rapids, Mich: HYBELS Zondervan, 2016.

Summary: Bestselling author and pastor Bill Hybels helps equip leaders with five key skills that everyone needs in order to grow their leadership ability. Each of the video sessions will feature Hybels sharing the wisdom and experience that he has learned in nearly 40 years of leadership at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois. In this five-session teaching video, Hybels will help leaders discover what kind of leader they are, how to gain self-awareness and relational awareness, how to build an effective team, how to form and declare a vision, and discovering each leader's holy discontent. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- 1. The Power of Vision (25:00) -- 2. The Toughest Person You Lead (22:00) -- 3. Mastering 360-Degree Leadership (23:00) -- 4. Building a Fantastic Culture (24:30) -- 5. Pursue Your Unique Calling (21:00)

ADULTS 262.1 Hybels, Bill. **Leading from Here to There Study Guide: Five Essential Skills**. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2016.

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ADULTS 264 MILLER Miller, Kim. **Redesigning Worship : Creating Powerful God Experiences** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, 2009.

Summary: Planning a worship service is far more than just choosing songs and seasonal images. Helping people to genuinely worship God requires creating an experience through which people can enter into the presence of the divine. Discover strategic insights for creating and integrating powerful God-experiences into your own setting. Discover how a real-life worship team interacts, champions creativity and creates powerful God-experiences, one week at a time. This descriptive book offers practical direction for building and leading teams, empowering creative ideas, and guidance for handling conflict and overcoming serious obstacles. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Getting started -- Assembling a worship design team -- Finding great team players -- The vital role of the pastor-speaker -- Small or start-up churches empowering teams that soar -- Behind the scenes with the worship team -- The anatomy of a design team meeting -- Developing the weekend worship experience -- Maximizing multisensory worship -- The magic of music and media -- Styling the stage -- Writing for worship connection -- Powerful prayers for everyday people -- Multiplying multisensory worship -- Alternative worship communities -- The teams surrounding the team : serving

in community -- Nobody told me the road would be easy -- Overcoming obstacles in worship design -- Four mantras for the mission -- Send out : a ministry of mud 'n' spit.

ADULTS
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BENEDICT

Benedict, Daniel T. **Come to the Waters : Baptism and Our Ministry of Welcoming Seekers and Making Disciples** . Nashville, TN : Discipleship Resources, 1996.

Summary: Come to the Waters is an invitation to pastors and congregations to make the transforming power of God in Christ accessible to all persons. This book faces squarely the emerging mission frontier and proposes a daring alternative in making the gospel accessible to all persons, especially adults who have little or no experience with the life and faith of Christians. Part 1 focuses on welcoming and walking with persons on the journey of conversion. Part 2 provides model services and commentary that congregations may use in celebrating the stages and transitions of this journey. --Upper Room Books

ADULTS 269
SLAUGHTER

Slaughter, Michael. **Out on the Edge : A Wake-Up Call for Church Leaders on the Edge of the Media Reformation** . Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, 1998.

Summary: A ministry on the edge is a life and death proposition. Pre-christians cannot be welcomed into the family of God unless an incarnational-cultural Gospel is offered through images, symbols, and a language that communicates the call of Jesus. --Back cover

ADULTS
287.67309051
LAWRENCE

Lawrence, William B. **Methodism in Recovery : Renewing Mission, Reclaiming History, Restoring Health** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, 2008.

Summary: Broken bodies mend. Depressed minds heal. Storm-tossed cities rebuild. Troubled institutions recover. Churches experience renewal. So why not the Methodist Church? This book confronts the facts and invokes the Spirit. It will explore the multiple meaning of recovery and the denomination's prospect for recovering. It will take seriously the possibility that recovery of Methodism may not require--or include--the survival of The United Methodist Church as a denomination. That is part of the mystery of recovery. By confronting provocative questions relating to funding missions, declining membership, itinerancy, guaranteed appointments, ordination requirements and authorization, the author helps Methodism take those crucial first steps on the road to recovery. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Checking the vital signs -- When the positive is negative and the negative is positive -- Methodism under a microscope -- A fear of fractures -- Finding a mission -- American Methodism and Methodism of Americans -- Oversight and accountability -- Forms of recovery.

ADULTS
362.76
BOWLEY

Bowley, Mary Frances. **The White Umbrella : Walking with Survivors of Sex Trafficking** . Chicago : Moody Publishers, 2012.

Summary: Sex trafficking. We hear about it on the nightly news and in special interest stories from around the world, but it occurs daily in communities all around us. Every year, thousands of young women are forced into sexual exploitation. Most are under the age of 18. The damage this causes to their emotions and souls is immeasurable. But they are not without hope. The White Umbrella tells stories of survivors as well as those who came alongside to help them to recovery. It describes the pain and the strength of these young women and those who held the "white umbrella" of protection and purity over them on the road to restoration. This book offers principles and guidance to anyone with a heart for these hurting young women and a desire to help. It is an ideal resource for individuals or organizations seeking to learn what they can do to assist these victims in becoming whole again. --Moody Publishers

Content Notes:

- Her story -- They're still little girls -- We all can do something -- My story -- Her battle -- She heals at her own pace -- Peeling back the layers -- Her fight for justice -- Healing comes full circle -- We must build trust -- We must do whatever it takes -- We will face obstacles -- We become her community -- We can be creative -- Pray for her -- Believe in her -- Stand for her -- The roller coaster ride to redemption.

YOUTH
248.845

Oestreicher, Mark. **A Parent's Guide to Understanding Sex & Dating: Beyond the Birds and the Bees.** [U.S.] : Group Publishing, 2012.

OESTREICHER

Summary: Helping your child make wise choices about sex and dating requires more than just one chat. It's about building bridges of ongoing dialogue throughout the teenage years. But youth workers Mark Oestreicher and Joel Maynard realize many parents don't feel comfortable or prepared to have these kinds of conversations. That's why they wrote A Parent's Guide to Understanding Sex and Dating-- to equip you to initiate healthy, honest discussions with your teenager. This book will also help you understand some of the relevant trends and issues in today's youth culture. Your role as a parent is to do more than provide your teenager with information about sex and dating. You have the opportunity and the calling to help your child live wisely and honor God in this sometimes tricky, occasionally awkward, and always vital area of life. --Group Publishing

Content Notes:

- Creating a Foundation for Sexuality -- Mixed Messages - Myths About Sex -- Dudes and Chicks - Gender-Specific Sexual Issues -- Talking With Your Teenager - Creating a Culture of Honesty -- Great Expectations - Understanding Boundaries in Dating -- Specific Issues in Sex and Dating -- endnotes.

YOUTH
248.845

Oestreicher, Mark. **A Parent's Guide to Understanding Social Media: Helping Your Teenager Navigate Life Online.** [U.S.] : Group Publishing, 2012.

OESTREICHER

Summary: With each passing day, teenagers' lives become increasingly intertwined with social media. How can you as a parent stay informed and involved in healthy ways? How can you help your son or daughter make wise decisions and stay safe online? A Parent's Guide to Understanding Social Media will equip you to have meaningful conversations with your teenager about the best, wisest ways to get connected while staying safe. Your guides for this journey are Mark Oestreicher and Adam McLane, who draw from their own wells of experience as parents and youth workers. They'll help you chart a course toward discovering and practicing wise family online activity. --Group Publishing

Content Notes:

- Social Media in Your Home -- What Are Teenagers Actually Doing Online? -- Social Media's Psychological Impact -- Stuff Teenagers Need to Understand -- Online Privacy and the Law -- Parent-to-Parent Advice : Things You Can Do Right Now -- endnotes.

YOUTH
248.845

Oestreicher, Mark. **A Parent's Guide to Understanding Teenage Brains : Why They Act the Way They Do .** [U.S.] : Group Publishing, 2012.

OESTREICHER

Summary: It's often tough to understand why teenagers do what they do. One moment they're calm and rational, but the next they're agitated and emotional. One day they're making incredibly wise choices, but the next they're making disastrous mistakes. Yesterday they earned your trust, but today it seems they've lost it once again. Why such inconsistency? Credit their brains. A Parent's Guide to Understanding Teenage Brains is filled with helpful, practical insights from veteran youth worker Mark Oestreicher. Without an understanding of teenage brain development, we might miss life's teachable moments or shut down our child's curiosity with easy answers that don't satisfy the search for truth happening below the surface. That's why

Marko has written this book: to guide you through the world of the teenage brain, to help you understand and appreciate the amazing transformations it undergoes in adolescence to prepare children for adulthood and its many responsibilities. --Group Publishing

Content Notes:

- Why do parents need to understand teenage brains? -- The point of parenting teenagers (and what their brains have to do with it) -- Hello, abstraction -- The trickle-down effect of abstract thinking (or, why teenagers act the way they do) -- We were wrong! (new discoveries about teenage brains) -- endnotes.

YOUTH
248.845

Oestreicher, Mark. **A Parent's Guide to Understanding Teenage Girls : Remembering Who She Was, Celebrating Who She's Becoming** . [U.S.]

OESTREICHER : Group Publishing, 2012.

Summary: Change is an inevitable part of life. So why are most of us parents shocked and surprised when our daughters change in unexpected, dramatic, significant ways once they hit the teen years? Girls go through their most dramatic developmental changes during adolescence. And they need parents to be there, just as present and involved as when our little girls were, well, still little girls! As you read through the pages of A Parent's Guide to Understanding Teenage Girls, veteran youth workers Brooklyn Lindsey and Mark Oestreicher will help you re-examine some assumptions and misunderstandings about this season of life. Then, from a place of trust in God, you will gain a fresh perspective on who your daughter is and who she's becoming. This book explores the major changes of adolescence, the influence of parents and friends, the onslaught of feelings and how to respond, and the significance of celebrating milestones in a girl's life. A Parent's Guide to Understanding Teenage Girls will offer wisdom, insight, and encouragement to respond well, react wisely, and engage effectively. This book is also an ideal resource to prepare you and your daughter for the impending season of change and transformation, if you aren't there quite yet. --Group Publishing

Content Notes:

- She's changing -- she's following -- she feels -- she celebrates.

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Summary: God wants to do amazing things in your son's life--and wants you to play an integral role in that adventure. Raising a son to become a God-honoring man is no easy task. It's complex, it's dynamic, and it requires a lifetime of investment. But authors Brock Morgan and Mark Oestreicher know it can be done--confidence that's rooted in their individual journey of faith and in their experience as longtime youth workers. A Parent's Guide to Understanding Teenage Guys will help you discover insights on shepherding your son, preparing him to take the reins of his life, and helping him confront the extreme struggles every guy faces--such as loneliness, anger, lust, apathy, and technology. They can pursue a life that challenges the values of our culture and experience a life lived for God. This book will enlighten, encourage, and equip you as a parent. And if you're a youth worker, you'll want to put this book into the hands of parents of the young men in your ministry as you walk alongside them. --Group Publishing

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- Introduction -- Shepherding at home in a shifting culture -- Extreme struggles of teenage guys -- Preparing him to take the reins -- Parenting styles -- Setting the atmosphere of the home -- How to ruin a life.

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Joiner, Reggie. **Lead Small: Five Big Ideas Every Small Group Leader Needs to Know**. Cumming, Ga: Orange, a division of The reThink Group, Inc,

2012.

Summary: If you're a small group leader, you believe in the power of community. You know that every stage and phase of life needs a unique kind of influence. But what exactly do you do? What exactly is your job? It's possible that you may feel lost at times, like your role falls somewhere between a parent and a friend, a coach and a teacher. Remember, you aren't supposed to be any of those things. You are a little of all of those things. Small groups come in many sizes. Those who wear diapers. Those who watch Disney. Those who are learning to drive. Those who are picking a college. Lead Small clarifies the responsibility of the small group leader for those who work with children and teenagers. it establishes five common threads so that those who choose to lead in any size church can work off the same blueprint. When you lead small... you realize that what you do for a few has more potential than what you do for many. When you lead small...you choose to invest in the lives of a few to encourage authentic faith. With personal insight and practical advice, Reggie Joiner and Tom Shefchunas will show you how to do something small for a big impact. --Orange