

New Resources August 2019

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ADULTS 220 **Adult Bible Studies DVD: God.** Nashville, Tenn, Cokesbury, 2019.
COKESBURY

Summary: Fall Theme: God. Genesis | Exodus | Proverbs | Hebrews | Joshua | Psalms | John Romans | Deuteronomy | Habakkuk | Acts. This fall, our lessons focus on God, what it means that we are created in God's image, and what it means to worship God alone. The writer of the student book lessons is Clara Welch; the teacher book writer is Stan Purdum. God, the Creator This unit takes us through texts that help us discern what "Godness" is. The readings from Genesis present the Lord as the divine initiator of the cosmos and as the creator of humankind. The Exodus text reminds us that God is not limited to what we can know of or imagine about God, and that mystery remains part of God's nature. In Lesson 4, we learn about Wisdom as an essential part of who God is. And Lesson 5, invites us to consider Christ's role with God in the world's creation. These lessons encourage us to develop the spiritual practice of mindfulness. In God's Image This unit focuses on the human condition. Lesson 6 recalls the story of the sin of Achan, reminding us of the chasm sin imposes between ourselves and our Creator. Lesson 7 takes us to Psalm 51, which is a prayer that models the nature of penitence that asks God to bridge the breach caused by sin. Lesson 8 lets us hear Jesus talking about being born anew and how that provides entry into the kingdom of God. Lesson 9 takes us to a text in Romans, which enables us to consider what the redeemed life looks like. These lessons help us focus on the spiritual practice of confession. Worship This unit unites around the theme "objects of worship," with "objects" meaning not worship aids, such as candles and paraments, but those things we place ahead of God. In Lesson 10, we look at the first two of the Ten Commandments. Lesson 11 takes us to the story of the gold calf and gives us a chance to think about why we may deliberately choose to worship that which is not God. Lesson 12 reminds us that nothing we worship other than God can impart life. And Lesson 13 invites us to understand that the worship impulse is only satisfied when it is directed toward God. These lessons lead us deeper into the spiritual practice of worship. Your three hosts for this quarter are: Dr. Robert Gardner, Nancy Speas-Hill, Angela Reiss. The DVD includes 13 brief video segments, each featuring the host for the unit providing context for the lesson and then tying that content to personal stories and daily living. Now, in response to feedback, we are introducing new features and benefits to the resources including: A comprehensive Bible study plan with more flexibility in terms of Scripture selection and topics. Observation of the church seasons, including Advent and Lent. Suggestions for developing spiritual practices (prayer, confession, worship, mindfulness, solitude, community, hospitality, neighbor, service, and

celebration). One font size in the student edition to accommodate all readers. No printed Scripture text allowing you to choose your own Bible translation. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 220 **Adult Bible Studies Student Book: God.** Nashville, Tenn, COKESBURY Cokesbury, 2019.

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COWART

Cowart, Jennifer. ***Fierce DVD: Women of the Bible Who Changed the World : A Bible Study***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Women, 2019.

Summary: Learn from fierce women of God who changed the world It's become trendy to use the word "fierce" when describing women at the top of their game, but women have been fiercely changing the world for thousands of years. In fact, the Bible tells of many fierce female characters who made hard decisions, offered hope, boldly repented, shared their faith, and blessed those around them. Although some are less well known than others, these women can teach us how we, too, can live into our callings, honor the Lord, and even change the world through our courage, faithfulness, and obedience. Fierce, a six-week study for women, includes a Participant Workbook with devotional lessons for every week of study. A DVD and a Leader Guide are also available. The DVD contains 6 videos, each approximately 20 minutes long. All videos are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introductory Session (3:49) -- 1. Getting Started: A Devotional Reflection (3:10) -- Shiphrah and Puah (16:07) -- 2. Getting Started: A Devotional Reflection (3:10) -- Deborah (11:52) -- 3. Getting Started: A Devotional Reflection (3:10) -- Naaman's Slave Girl (13:13) -- 4. Getting Started: A Devotional Reflection (3:09) -- The Samaritan Woman (11:33) -- 5. Getting Started: A Devotional Reflection (3:09) -- Dorcas (12:55) -- 6. Getting Started: A Devotional Reflection (3:09) -- Lois and Eunice (16:08) -- Promotional Video (1:21)

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Content Notes:

- About the Author -- Introduction -- Basic Leader Helps -- Introductory Session -- 1. Shiphrah and Puah -- 2. Deborah -- 3. Naaman's Slave Girl -- 4. The Samaritan Woman -- 5. Dorcas -- 6. Lois and Eunice -- Video Viewer Guide Answers

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ADULTS
222.16
GAMBLE

Gamble, Eugenia. ***Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments***. Louisville, KY, Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Inc, 2019.

Summary: How do we live out our relationship with God and with one another in a world that is often ruled by other standards? What is the pain from which God seeks to protect us in the Ten Commandments? How can a fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments contribute to the restoration of ourselves, our communities, and the furthering of the gospel in the world? Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions. --Presbyterian Women

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Summary: What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a “love letter” from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. “Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community.” Love Carved in Stone is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world. Why the Ten Words? The author notes that nowhere in the Hebrew text does the word for “commandment” appear. She says, “In the Bible, these utterances are called just what they are: ‘words.’ I’ve chosen to use the term ‘Ten Words’ because it is the biblical form and opens us up to looking at the Ten Commandments in fresh ways.” Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus’ life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions. In the video portion of the DVD, author Eugenia A. Gamble discusses the meaning of each of the nine lessons (about 10 minutes per lesson). The DVD also includes downloadable resources, which include questions and discussion starters, lesson summaries, and main points outline for each lesson (and more!). --Presbyterian Women

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SPOELSTRA

Spoelstra, Melissa. **Romans Leader Kit: Good News that Changes Everything : A Bible Study**. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Women, 2019.

Summary: You simply cannot escape bad news. Even when you vow not to listen to the news or read the latest blog, somehow negative headlines find ways to seep into your life. Amid stories of natural disasters, violence, and conflict, we sometimes forget the most important news of all. In the women’s Bible study, Romans: Good News that Changes Everything, Melissa Spoelstra shows us that the gospel truths shared with the early church at Rome echo into our day, reminding us that we still have good news to embrace and to share with others. You’ll be spiritually renewed in this six-week study and encouraged by the transforming Good News of the gospel regardless of what bad news you face. The Leader Kit includes one each of the Participant Workbook, Leader Guide, and DVD. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introductory Video (14:20) -- 1. Good News About Faith (25:43) -- 2. Good News About Hope (25:39) -- 3. Good News About Daily Life) -- 4. Good News About God's Plan (26:10) -- 5. Good News About Relationships (23:43) -- 6.

Good News About Eternity (23:23) -- Promotional Video
(1:33)

ADULTS 230 Gumbel, Nicky. **Alpha**. Nashville, TN, Thomas Nelson, 2017.
GUMBEL

Summary: Over the years, the Alpha talks have been edited and changed to fit many different contexts. In 2015 we refreshed them again. Alpha pioneer Nicky Gumbel delivers a complete set of 30-minute Alpha talks for a new generation. Filmed live at Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London, these videos provide the timeless version of Alpha talks for tens of thousands of churches of all denominations around the world. Alpha is based on a pattern found in the New Testament of people bringing their friends, family, and work colleagues to meet Jesus. Alpha is an easy way to say to friends, "Come and see, come and explore your questions, come and hear about Jesus, come and see for yourself." Everyone is welcome at Alpha, but the program is designed especially for people who would not describe themselves as Christians or church-goers. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Is There More to Life Than This? -- 2. Who Is Jesus? -- 3. Why Did Jesus Die? -- 4. How Can I Have Faith? -- 5. Why and How Do I Pray? -- 6. Why and How Should I Read the Bible? -- 7. How Does God Guide Us? -- 8. Introduction to the weekend/ Who Is the Holy Spirit? (Weekend Talk 1) -- 9. What Does the Holy Spirit Do? (Weekend Talk 2) -- 10. How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit? (Weekend Talk 3) -- 11. How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life? (Weekend Talk 4) -- 12. How Can I Resist Evil? -- 13. Why and How Should I Tell Others? -- 14. Does God Heal Today? -- 15. What About the Church? -- Bonus Disc: Alpha Film Series Trailer -- Training 1: Small Groups -- Training 2: Prayer and The Weekend.

ADULTS 231.72 Slaughter, Michael. **Revolutionary Kingdom DVD: Following the Rebel Jesus**. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.
SLAUGHTER

Summary: Welcome to the revolution, a revolution led by Jesus, who provided us with the vision of a kingdom worth dying for, making him the most radical revolutionary of all time. In *Revolutionary Kingdom*, we learn that to join this revolution...to be considered true disciples of Christ...we must exchange comfortable cultural worldviews and values for the radical requirements of living out the Kingdom in the here and now. It's when we get serious about God's call that we, too, live revolutionary, world-changing lives. Additional components for this six-week study include a DVD featuring author Mike Slaughter and a comprehensive Leader Guide. The six-session DVD features Mike

Slaughter guiding participants through the study. The video sessions are 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. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God (10:33) -- 2. The Counterculture Kingdom Community (10:32) -- 3. Revolutionary Authority (10:38) -- 4. Kingdom Politics (10:55) -- 5. Kingdom Economy (10:54) -- 6. The "All In" (10:48)

ADULTS Slaughter, Michael. ***Revolutionary Kingdom: Following the Rebel***
231.72 ***Jesus***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.
SLAUGHTER

Summary: Welcome to the revolution, a revolution led by Jesus, who provided us with the vision of a kingdom worth dying for, making him the most radical revolutionary of all time. In Revolutionary Kingdom, we learn that to join this revolution...to be considered true disciples of Christ...we must exchange comfortable cultural worldviews and values for the radical requirements of living out the Kingdom in the here and now. It's when we get serious about God's call that we, too, live revolutionary, world-changing lives. Additional components for this six-week study include a DVD featuring author Mike Slaughter and a comprehensive Leader Guide. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God -- 2. The Counterculture Kingdom Community -- 3. Revolutionary Authority -- 4. Kingdom Politics -- 5. Kingdom Economy -- 6. The "All In" -- Acknowledgments -- Notes

ADULTS Slaughter, Michael. ***Revolutionary Kingdom Leader Guide:***
231.72 ***Following the Rebel Jesus***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.
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needed to guide a group through the six-week study including session plans, activities, and discussion questions, as well as multiple format options. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God -- 2. The Counterculture Kingdom Community -- 3. Revolutionary Authority -- 4. Kingdom Politics -- 5. Kingdom Economy -- 6. The "All In";

ADULTS 231.72 Witherington, Ben. ***Imminent Domain: The Story of the Kingdom of God and Its Celebration***. Grand Rapids, Mich, W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Co, 2009.

Summary: What is the kingdom of God? Where is it? How should the church celebrate the coming of the kingdom? In this popularly written study Ben Witherington addresses these and various other questions about the ever-elusive kingdom of God. Clearly defining the kingdom in terms of God's dominion, Witherington discusses both its present ("already") and future ("not yet") dimensions, and he brings out at length the implications of kingdom thinking for theology, ethics, and worship. Filled with practical wisdom on the kingdom of God and how to celebrate it faithfully, *Imminent Domain* consists of six short chapters, each of which ends with several questions for reflection and discussion, making the book ideal for church classes and study groups. --Eerdmans

ADULTS 232.92 LEVINE
Levine, Amy-Jill. ***Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Dive deep into the history of the birth of Christ. Advent is not only the perfect time to read the story of the birth of Jesus; it's also a great time to dive deeper into the biblical texts that surround the event. In *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine shows how the Gospel narratives connect to the Old Testament; highlights the role of women in first-century Jewish culture; and emphasizes the importance of Mary's visitation, the census, the stable, the star of Bethlehem, and the flight to Egypt. A rich and challenging learning experience for the individual reader, the book also makes a wonderful, four-week Advent group study with the additional Leader Guide and DVD. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. The Meaning of Memory -- 2. The Promise of Potential -- 3. The Journey to Joy -- 4. The Gifts of the Gentiles -- Note

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Content Notes:

- 1. The Meaning of Memory (9:54) -- 2. The Promise of Potential (13:12) -- 3. The Journey to Joy (9:47) -- 4. The Gifts of the Gentiles (13:04)

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. The Meaning of Memory -- 2. The Promise of Potential -- 3. The Journey to Joy -- 4. The Gifts of the Gentiles

ADULTS 248 EVANS
 EVANS
 Evans, Rachel Held. ***Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again***. Nashville, Tennessee, Nelson Books, 2018.

Summary: If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it will change you too. Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. --amazon.com.

Content Notes:

- The temple. Origin stories -- The well. Deliverance stories -- The walls. War stories -- The debate. Wisdom stories -- The beast. Resistance stories -- The water. Gospel stories -- The sea. Fish stories -- The letter. Church stories.

ADULTS 248.4 DOTSON
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 Dotson, Junius B. ***Soul Reset DVD: breakdown, breakthrough, and the journey to wholeness***. Nashville, TN, Upper Room Books, 2019.

Summary: Everything was going fine . . . until it wasn't. For Reverend Junius B. Dotson it took an actual breakdown during a funeral for him to realize he needed a reset. As he recalls his own journey through grief, depression, burnout, and emotional breakdown, Dotson is passionate about calling for a Soul Reset for pastors, church leaders, and all disciples of Jesus Christ. This is a 6-week churchwide study for everyone who moves at breakneck speed through their daily lives, often relying only on their own strength to bring God's kingdom on earth. Jesus shows us a different way, an easier, unforced rhythm of what kingdom work looks like. It's a balance of work, rest, play, worship, exercise, and eating well—spiritual practices that keep our souls hydrated and healthy as we do the work of the church in the world. *Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough, and the Journey to Wholeness* includes a book; a DVD; downloadable video segments; age-level discussion guides for children, youth, and adults; sermon starters; and more. *Soul Reset* is a call for the church and all of Jesus' disciples to reset and reorder their lives around spiritual practices, to learn to walk through our difficult seasons with our souls connected to the source of Living Water so that we don't burn out or break down. And if we do burn out or break down, we learn to lift one another up and point one another back to Jesus. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Soul Reset Assessment -- 2. Feel the Feelings -- 3. It's Not All on Me -- 4. Take Care of Yourself -- 5. What to Do with Grief -- 6. Living in the Light

ADULTS 248.4 SMITH Smith, Traci. ***Seamless Faith: Simple Practices for Daily Family Life***. St. Louis, Missouri, Chalice Press, 2014.

Summary: Faith is learned when it is woven seamlessly into the fabric of everyday life. In *Seamless Faith*, author Traci Smith shares dozens of simple practices to equip families of all kinds with the tools they need for bringing faith home. Filled with easy-to-organize traditions, ceremonies, and spiritual practices for many of life's stressful and faith-filled moments, this is a resource parents will rely on for years to come"--Page 4 of cover.

ADULTS 248.6 CHRISTOPHER Christopher, J. Clif. ***God vs. Money DVD: Winning Strategies in the Combat Zone***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: This *God vs. Money DVD*, together with the *God vs. Money Participant Guide*, provide a process for applying key principles from the main book, *God vs. Money*, in the participants' own ministry context. This study is for leaders in churches and other ministry settings who have responsibility for capital campaigns, budgets, stewardship, planned giving, and other financial concerns. The typical study groups include finance committees, stewardship teams, foundation boards, and finance-related staff teams. The study is also recommended for continuing education of pastors and other church leaders. A copy of the main book is required for each participant and a copy of this DVD is required for each group. Prior to each group session, participants should read a section of the book. Sessions start with a 7-10 minute video from the DVD featuring Clif Christopher. Using the *Participant Guide*, participants complete a variety of activities focused on application of key points from the prescribed reading, including discussion questions, personal reflection, group problem-solving activities, and other actions. The *Participant Guide* serves as a workbook, giving each participant a place to record their thoughts and insights from the group, and to plan next steps. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. The Battle with Money (12:00) -- 2. The Battle Plan (7:12) -- 3. The Mission Objective (6:30) -- 4. The Art of Spiritual Combat (8:14) -- 5. The Battleground (7:31) -- 6. Special Forces (10:47)

ADULTS 248.6 Christopher, J. Clif. ***God vs. Money Participant Guide: Winning Strategies in the Combat Zone***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2019.
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CHRISTOPHER

Summary: Stop falling for Money's false promises, and trust in God's promises. Help those you lead do the same. It's hard to compete against money's influence in our society...and on your congregation. As a pastor, not only must you continually remind yourself to trust in God's promises instead of falling for money's false assurances; you must also lead your church to do the same. God vs. Money offers practical, up-to-date, expert advice on how to face this challenge, including chapters on how to preach about giving, the theology of giving, and the importance of budgeting. Designed for long-time leaders as well as for those who are new to church leadership, this is an especially important resource to reference as you prepare for your yearly giving campaign. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 251 Craddock, Fred B. ***Preaching***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2010.
CRADDOCK

Summary: The standard textbook on the art and craft of preaching, with a new foreword by Thomas G. Long. Craddock weaves history, theology, and hermeneutics into an exhaustive text on sermon preparation and preaching. Painstakingly prepared for seminary students and clergy, this book answers the fundamental question: How does one prepare and deliver a sermon? Craddock's approach is

practical, but also allows for concentrated study of any particular dimension of the process. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 252 Daley-Harris, Shannon. ***Hope for the Future: Answering God's Call to Justice for Our Children***. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2016.

DALEY-HARRIS

Summary: Whether a parent or pastor, child advocate or Christian educator, professional or volunteer working with children, we yearn for both comfort and challenge, vision and validation, hope and help as we seek to make a difference in the lives of children. In *Hope for the Future*, Shannon Daley-Harris draws from over twenty-five years of work with the Children's Defense Fund to offer twelve meditations for those working to create a better world for our children. Each meditation focuses on passages of Scripture and weaves together moving stories of children, startling statistics about the challenges facing children, and inspiring examples from other movements and faithful leaders that came before us. Questions for faithful response after each meditation will prompt further reflection and action. This inspirational book can be used as a devotional, in Bible study discussion, or during a social action committee's discernment. --Westminster John Knox Press

ADULTS
253.076
JOYNER

Joyner, F. Belton. ***The United Methodist Clergy Book of Firsts: Who, what, when, where, and how in the first year of ministry***. Nashville, TN, Foundry Books, 2018.

Summary: Written especially for Licensing School and United Methodist Course of Study students, this book will see pastors through those early days of ministry. Includes: Your First Appointment, First Worship Service, First Sermon, Clergy Income Tax, Moving Expenses, Fees with Weddings and Funerals, Family Pet at Parsonage, Hospital Ministry, Your Predecessor, Your Community, Deaths and Funerals, Reports and Salary Issues, Disliked by a Member, Musical Differences, Brief "Tricks of the Trade," Basics of Leadership, Nominations and Leadership Development. Plus much more. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
261.57
SHORT

Short, Robert L. ***The Gospel According to Peanuts***. Louisville, KY, Westminster John Knox Press, 2000.

Summary: While Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, and the rest of the Peanuts gang have enjoyed the kind of success most cartoon characters can only dream about--becoming pop culture icons of the highest order and entering the global consciousness practically as family members--Robert Short's *The Gospel According to Peanuts* also has found a place in the hearts of many readers, with sales now totaling more than ten million copies. This anniversary edition features a new cover, a new interior design, and a new foreword by Martin E. Marty. Whether coming to the book for the first time or taking a second look, a delightful experience awaits in this modern-day guide to the

Christian faith, fully illustrated with Peanuts. --Westminster John Knox Press

ADULTS
261.85
WILSON-
HARTGROVE

Wilson-Hartgrove, Jonathan. ***God's Economy: Redefining the Health & Wealth Gospel***. Grand Rapids, Mich, Zondervan, 2009.

Summary: Are you dissatisfied with the gospel of health and wealth? Health and wealth proponents urge Christians to claim material blessings on earth. Others insist that God's best gifts can't be enjoyed until heaven. The truth of God's intentions, writes acclaimed author Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, is far greater than either perspective suggests. Packed with inspiring stories, *God's Economy* invites you to step into the good life God intends you to enjoy here and now—not a shrink-wrapped, plastic version of prosperity but a liberating approach to living that leads to genuine and lasting satisfaction. With persuasive enthusiasm, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove draws from Jesus' teachings on money, exploring five tactics for living in God's economy of abundance. Then, he demonstrates how people have practiced these tactics in the past, as well as what these principles can do for you, your family, and your church today. From your human relationships to your spiritual life, this practical guide cuts through the clutter and invites you to discover what can happen when you invest in God's Economy. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- Foreword / by Eugene Peterson -- Can we have our pie and eat it too? -- Hungry for more -- Eating at God's table -- Subversive service : how God's economy slips in -- Eternal investments : how God's children plan ahead -- Economic friendship : how real security happens -- Relational generosity : how we share good news -- Gracious politics : how to live under occupation -- Epilogue: An abundance of broken pieces.

ADULTS
262.7 PEAY

Peay, Dennis. ***Sexuality, The Church, and Our Mission***. N.C, Dennis Peay, 2018.

Summary: Rev. Dennis Peay of the NC Conference created and taught this bible study to Bethel UMC and is now sharing it with the rest of the conference. The 8-session study includes PowerPoint slides, relevant passages of the Book of Discipline, and an invitational letter. In the letter, Peay describes this study, "We will gather at the table to explore the Word of God along with the church's voice as we discern how we continue in the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

ADULTS
263.9 BLAIN ***Imaging the Word: An Arts and Lectionary Resource.*** Cleveland, Ohio, United Church Press, 1995.

Summary: Imaging the Word is an award-winning, full-color, coffee-table-size book full of some of the world's finest art. With many of the Lectionary readings in large print, Imaging the Word is a treasure for individual, family, group, church school, and congregational use. Imaging the Word can be used in age-group settings or as a stand-alone inspirational guide. Imaging the Word, Volume 2 provides images for Pentecost 13, Cycle C, through Pentecost 13, Cycle A. It includes Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and Lent (Cycle A) and Easter (Cycle C). This beautiful book, full of stunning artwork from around the world, imaginatively blends Lectionary readings with thoughtful and animating images and writings for each Sunday and celebration of the church year. Included are: Traditional and contemporary images; Music; Stories; Photography; Poetry; Drama; Liturgies; and Bible commentary that assist in understanding Scripture. --United Church Press

ADULTS
270.089
SPARKHOUSE ***Dialogues On Race DVD.*** Minneapolis, MN, Sparkhouse, 2019.

Summary: Each video on the Dialogues On: Race DVD is created as a documentary; interviews mixed with motion graphics give viewers an inside look at the center of topic and how it plays out in real life. The main intent of these videos is to stretch basic understanding of each topic, supporting the content in the Dialogues On: Race Facilitator Guide and the Dialogues On: Race Learner Book. --Sparkhouse

Content Notes:

- 1. What does it mean to be white? -- 2. Christmas cookies from Cambodia -- 3. Say it loud: I'm black and I'm proud -- 4. American Amnesia -- 5. Whither the women? -- 6. Two Christianities -- 7. A new heaven and a new Earth.

ADULTS
270.089
SPARKHOUSE ***Dialogues On Race Facilitator Guide.*** Minneapolis, MN, Sparkhouse, 2019.

Summary: Dialogues On: Race Facilitator Guide is a structured guide built for leaders to develop new communication skills and give participants an idea of what to expect each week. Leaders will find that participants will want to keep coming back because they are a part of the conversation and solution. This curriculum contains topics for eight weeks of discussion in your small group for adults. Race is the third topic in the Dialogues On series, following Dialogues On: The Refugees Crisis and Dialogues On: Sexuality. --Sparkhouse

Content Notes:

- About Dialogues On -- Preparing to facilitate -- How it works -- Community covenant -- 1. What does it mean to be white? -- 2. Christmas cookies from Cambodia -- 3. Say it loud: I'm black and I'm proud -- 4. American Amnesia -- 5. Whither the women? -- 6. Two Christianities -- 7. A new heaven and a new Earth.

ADULTS ***Dialogues On Race Learner Book***. Minneapolis, MN, Sparkhouse,
270.089 2019.
SPARKHOUSE

Summary: Dialogues On: Race Learner Book replicates a conversational experience by giving participants a reader on race. Each topic is packed with well-researched information, but brought to life with the lived experience and stories of people at the center of the topic. Dialogues On brings your adult small group together to tackle difficult topics and turn conflict into community. In addition to the learner book, Dialogues On: Race includes: - Dialogues On: Facilitator Guide offers a structured guide for leaders to develop new communication skills and lead the session for the week. - Dialogues On: DVD features a series of interviews to highlight the topic and help you dive deeper into race. This curriculum contains topics for eight weeks of discussion in your small group for adults. Race is the third topic in the Dialogues On series, following Dialogues On: The Refugees Crisis and Dialogues On: Sexuality. --Sparkhouse

Content Notes:

- Foreword / Curtiss DeYoung -- 1. What does it mean to be white? History and the social construct of race / Daniel Hill -- 2. Christmas cookies from Cambodia: The Bible and race in America / Kristofer Coffman -- 3. Say it loud: I'm black and I'm proud: Anti-blackness, Oppression, and the Dehumanization of black bodies / Rozella Haydée White -- 4. American Amnesia: Christianity and the erasing of Native American stories / Jim Bear Jacobs -- 5. Whither the women? Race, gender, and the intersecting nature of oppression / Cami Jones -- 6. Two Christianities: American religion in black and white / Broderick Greer -- 7. A new heaven and a new Earth: The problem with racial reconciliation / Lenny Duncan -- More resources on race.

ADULTS Cone, James H. ***The Cross and the Lynching Tree***. Maryknoll, N.Y.,
277.3 CONE Orbis Books, 2011.

Summary: The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In this powerful new work, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- "Nobody knows de trouble I've seen": the cross and the lynching tree in the Black experience -- "The terrible beauty of the cross" and the tragedy of the lynching tree: a reflection on Reinhold Niebuhr -- Bearing the cross and staring down the lynching tree: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s struggle to redeem the soul of America -- The re-crucified Christ in Black literary imagination -- Oh Mary, don't you weep -- Conclusion: legacies of the cross and the lynching tree.

ADULTS
287.6 GBCS **Living Our Principles Disc 1.** Washington, D.C, The General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church, 2016.

Summary: Two 45-minute episodes of a six-part series of Church and Society's feature Living Our Principles. This series explore the United Methodist Social Principles and their use in the lives of United Methodists across the connection. The series explores how people put our faith into action in everyday life. The narratives and partnership represented in the six episodes illustrate ways people of faith live out their values and convictions. --General Board of Church & Society

Content Notes:

- 1. The Natural World -- 2. The Nurturing Community.

ADULTS
287.6 GBCS **Living Our Principles Disc 2.** Washington, D.C, The General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church, 2016.

Summary: Two 45-minute episodes of a six-part series of Church and Society's feature Living Our Principles. This series explore the United Methodist Social Principles and their use in the lives of United Methodists across the connection. The series explores how people put our faith into action in everyday life. The narratives and partnership represented in the six episodes illustrate ways people of faith live out their values and convictions. --General Board of Church & Society

Content Notes:

- 1. Together in Community -- 2. Economic Community.

ADULTS
287.6 GBCS **Living Our Principles Disc 3.** Washington, D.C, The General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church, 2016.

Summary: Two 45-minute episodes of a six-part series of Church and Society's feature Living Our Principles. This series explore the United Methodist Social Principles and their use in the lives of United Methodists across the connection. The series explores how people put our faith into action in everyday life. The narratives and partnership

represented in the six episodes illustrate ways people of faith live out their values and convictions. --General Board of Church & Society

Content Notes:

- 1. Politics, Power & the World -- 2. A Selection of Stories.

ADULTS
808.81
FAIRLEY

Fairley, Leonard E. ***Who Shall Hear My Voice?: Poems***. Raleigh, NC, Publications Unltd, 2009.

Summary: A book of poems by Rev. Leonard Fairley, a pastor in the North Carolina Conference who became bishop of the Kentucky Conference.