

New Resources August 2020

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ADULTS
170.44
TIPPETT

Tippett, Krista. ***Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living***. New York, Penguin Press, 2016.

Summary: In *Becoming Wise*, Tippett distills the insights she has gleaned from her public radio program and podcast "On Being." This book offers a grounded and fiercely hopeful vision of humanity for this century--of personal growth but also renewed public life and human spiritual evolution. Tippett has interviewed the most extraordinary voices examining the great questions of meaning for our time. Here, she distills the insights she has gleaned from these luminous conversations into a coherent narrative journey, over time and from mind to mind. The enduring question of what it means to be human has now become inextricable from the question of who we are to each other.

Content Notes:

- Introduction: The age of us -- Words : the poetry of creatures -- Flesh : the body's grace -- Love : a few things I've learned -- Faith : the evolution -- Hope : reimagined.

ADULTS
220.07
KALAS

Kalas, J. Ellsworth. ***The Grand Sweep: 365 Days From Genesis Through Revelation***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Read Scripture daily. Respond to Scripture daily. Pray daily. You want to read Scripture daily; you just need some direction. The *Grand Sweep* guides you through Scripture so that at the end of 365 days, you will have read every book of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Daily readings include only three to four chapters a day and moves through the Bible in biblical sequence, making this devotional a positive experience even for those just beginning a spiritual discipline. Author J. Ellsworth Kalas also provides a faithful daily summary of readings, but with a devotional quality to encourage warmth of spirit as well as a knowledge of mind. The *Grand Sweep* also includes selected quotations from Kalas' 35 books. It is designed for personal use but the added component of a Leader Guide enables congregations and study groups to share the experience. --Cokesbury

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designed for personal use but the added component of a Leader Guide enables congregations and study groups to share the experience. The Leader Guide provides an overview of how to use the book as a study, along with specific content for weekly, monthly, or occasional group meetings. -- Cokesbury

ADULTS
220.601
FLORENCE

Florence, Anna Carter. ***Rehearsing Scripture: Discovering God's Word in Community***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2018.

Summary: SCRIPTURE. We can study it carefully. We can listen to sermons on it and read what the experts say about it. But in the end, says Anna Carter Florence, Scripture needs to be rehearsed and encountered—and we can do that best in community with others. In this book Florence offers concrete, practical tools for reading and rehearsing Scripture in groups. Suitable for new and seasoned Bible readers alike, Florence's *Rehearsing Scripture* invites solitary readers to become community readers as well—to gather around a shared text and encounter God anew together.

ADULTS 222
TULL

Tull, Patricia K. ***Esther and Ruth***. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2003.

Summary: In classic Interpretation Bible Studies style, Patricia Tull leads the reader through a ten-session study of the entire Old Testament books of Esther, with its stories of faithfulness, courage, and survival, and the ethical questions posed by its ending, and Ruth, with its themes of community, loyalty, and friendship. Interpretation Bible Studies (IBS) offers solid biblical content in a creative study format. Forged in the tradition of the celebrated Interpretation commentary series, IBS makes the same depth of biblical insight available in a dynamic, flexible, and user-friendly resource. Designed for adults and older youth, Interpretation Bible Studies can be used in small groups, in church school classes, in large group presentations, or in personal study. --WJK Books

ADULTS
222.06
PURDUM

Purdum, Stan. ***Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011.

Summary: Take a refreshing plunge into the Bible. Journey inside the pages of Scripture to meet a personal God who enters individual lives and begins a creative work from the inside out. Shaped with the individual in mind, Immersion encourages simultaneous engagement both with the Word of God and with the God of the Word to become a new creation in Christ. Immersion, inspired by a fresh translation—the Common English Bible—stands firmly on Scripture and helps readers explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of their personal faith. More importantly, they'll be able to discover God's revelation through readings and reflections. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
222.11007
KALAS

Kalas, J. Ellsworth. ***Genesis***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011.

Summary: Take a refreshing plunge into the Bible. How can something be created from nothing? How does Genesis relate to the New Testament and

Christian faith? In this eight-week study, homiletics professor and pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas approaches Genesis as a very personal and almost intimate book. Instead of viewing it as an academic study or as a puzzle to be solved, the author reads Genesis in a very personal, up-close way. Easy-to-follow, step-by-step suggestions for leading a group are provided, as well as questions to facilitate class discussion. Immersion, inspired by a fresh translation—the Common English Bible—stands firmly on Scripture and helps readers explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of their personal faith. More importantly, they'll be able to discover God's revelation through readings and reflections. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
223.2
HOLBERT

Genesis to Revelation Psalms Leader Guide. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2017.

Summary: What does the Bible say? What does it mean? How does it relate to my life? Genesis to Revelation, a comprehensive, verse-by-verse, book-by-book study of the Bible, will strengthen your understanding and appreciation of the Scripture by helping you engage on these three levels. Newly revised, these Abingdon classics are based on the NIV translation and are presented in an easy-to-read format. Each of the volumes includes thirteen sessions and a separate Leader Guide. This study of Psalms begins with a look at the hymns of praise and ends with the Psalms of confidence. Some of the major ideas explored are: God is the Creator of all, what does the Lord require of me, the diversity of the Psalms, responses to crisis, and the use of Psalms in worship. The meaning of the selected passages is made clear by considering such aspects as ancient customs, locations of places, and the meanings of words. The simple format makes the study easy to use. Includes maps and glossary with key pronunciation helps. --Cokesbury

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ADULTS
224.106
MAYFIELD

Mayfield, Tyler D. ***Unto Us a Child is Born: Isaiah, Advent, and Our Jewish Neighbors.*** Grand Rapids, Michigan, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2020.

Summary: Whether through a hymn, Handel's Messiah, or the lectionary reading, the book of Isaiah provides a familiar voice for congregations during the season of Advent. So how do we create faithful, Christian interpretations of Isaiah for today while respecting the interpretations of our Jewish neighbors? Integrating biblical scholarship with pastoral concern, Tyler Mayfield invites readers to view Isaiah through two lenses. He demonstrates using near vision to see how the Christian liturgical season of Advent shapes readings of Isaiah and using far vision to clarify our relationship to Jews and Judaism—showing along the way how near vision and far vision are both required to read Isaiah clearly and responsibly. --Eerdmans

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Part One: Isaiah through Bifocals: 1. Using Our Near Vision during Advent -- 2. Using Our Far Vision to Love Our Jewish Neighbors -- Part Two: Isaiah's "Messianic" Texts 3. Isaiah 7:10–16 -- 4. Isaiah 9:2–7 -- 5. Isaiah 11:1–10 -- 6. Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11 -- Part Three: Isaiah's Visions of the Future 7. Isaiah 2:1–5 -- 8. Isaiah 35:1–10 -- 9. Isaiah 40:1–11 -- 10. Isaiah 64:1–9.

ADULTS
224.107
NAVPRESS

Isaiah. Colorado Springs, CO, NavPress, 2013.

Summary: With word pictures to spark your imagination, the preeminent prophet Isaiah paints pictures of the holy and composes symphonies of hope. Witness the double-edged dynamic of God's holiness, both burning away sin in the furnaces of His judgment and refining the humble so they are fit for His presence. God the looming judge also sends the Suffering Servant, who takes our sorrows upon Himself. Watch Isaiah bring these seeming contradictions to dramatic resolution in his magnificent masterwork. -- NavPress

ADULTS
226.20071
WRIGHT

Wright, N.T. **Matthew: 25 Studies for Individuals and Groups.** Downers Grove, IL, IVP Connect, 2009.

Summary: With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, Tom Wright walks you through Matthew in this guide designed especially with everyday readers in mind. Perfect for group use or daily personal reflection, this study uses the popular inductive method combined with Wright's thoughtful insights to bring contemporary application of Scripture to life. This guide by Tom Wright can be used on its own or alongside his New Testament for Everyone commentary on Matthew. It is designed to help you understand Scripture in fresh ways under the guidance of one of the world's leading New Testament scholars. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information all guide you or a group more deeply into God's Word. Discover how you can participate more fully in God's kingdom. -- Intervarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Getting the Most Out of Matthew -- Suggestions for Individual Study -- Suggestions for Group Members -- 1 Matthew 1:1--2:23 The Coming of the King -- 2 Matthew 3:1-17 John and Jesus -- 3

Matthew 4:1-25 Announcing the Kingdom -- 4 Matthew 5:1-48 Words from a Mountainside -- 5 Matthew 6:1-34 Piety and Prayer -- 6 Matthew 7:1-29 Warning Signs -- 7 Matthew 8:1--9:8 Spoken with Authority -- 8 Matthew 9:9--10:42 A New World Coming -- 9 Matthew 11:1-30 Not As Expected -- 10 Matthew 12:1-50 The King Is Accused -- 11 Matthew 13:1-53 Sowing and Harvesting -- 12 Matthew 13:54--14:36 The Hometown Prophet -- 13 Matthew 15:1-39 Pure Through and Through -- 14 Matthew 16:1-28 Signs of the Times -- 15 Matthew 17:1-27 Faith and Prayer -- 16 Matthew 18:1-35 Humility in the Kingdom -- 17 Matthew 19:1--20:16 Possible with God -- 18 Matthew 20:17--21:32 The Arrival of the King -- 19 Matthew 21:33--22:46 Parables and Questions -- 20 Matthew 23:1-39 Words of Judgment -- 21 Matthew 24:1-44 Dangerous Times -- 22 Matthew 24:45--25:46 Wise and Foolish -- 23 Matthew 26:1-56 The Beginning of the End -- 24 Matthew 26:57--27:44 Condemned and Crucified -- 25 Matthew 27:45--28:20 Through Death to Victory -- Guidelines for Leaders.

ADULTS
226.206
MCKENZIE

McKenzie, Alyce M. **Matthew**. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 1998.

Summary: In this Gospel, Matthew tells the story of Jesus, who is the presence of God and has come to call the faithful to a new level of righteousness. He challenges his disciples to live each day as participants in God's kingdom-- be poor in spirit and pure in heart, to turn the other cheek and to love one's enemies. Through his teachings and healings, Jesus breaks the bonds of evil and sin and frees each one for a life rich in celebration and service. By his resurrection, Jesus continues to be present, even until the end of the age. Interpretation Bible Studies (IBS) offers solid biblical content in a creative study format. Forged in the tradition of the celebrated Interpretation commentary series, IBS makes the same depth of biblical insight available in a dynamic, flexible, and user-friendly resource. Designed for adults and older youth, Interpretation Bible Studies can be used in small groups, in church school classes, in large group presentations, or in personal study. Each volume focuses on ten key passages from a book of the Bible and can serve as the basis for a ten-session study or be easily modified for shorter or longer schedules. Featuring maps, illustrations, definitions of key terms, interesting biblical facts and features, questions for reflection or discussion, as well as a leader's guide with suggestions for group use, IBS combines a great heritage of scholarship with a fresh approach to biblical study. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
226.6
WILLIAMSON

Williamson, Charles C. **Acts**. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2000.

Summary: The death and resurrection of Jesus are not the end of the good news, but only the beginning. In Acts, Luke tells the story of the workings of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the apostles and in the early church. Though titled "The Acts of the Apostles," the book is just as much about the acts of the Holy Spirit. The resurrection and ascension of Jesus became the beginnings of the life of the believer, who is empowered by the Spirit to go to

every extreme to make known the message of God's saving acts in Christ. Interpretation Bible Studies (IBS) offers solid biblical content in a creative study format. Forged in the tradition of the celebrated Interpretation commentary series, IBS makes the same depth of biblical insight available in a dynamic, flexible, and user-friendly resource. Designed for adults and older youth, Interpretation Bible Studies can be used in small groups, in church school classes, in large group presentations, or in personal study. --WJK Books

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227.407
NAVPRESS

Galatians. Colorado Springs, CO, NavPress, 2013.

Summary: Are you living in freedom, or do you feel imprisoned? Even Christians sometimes find themselves bound by religious obligations. Writing to the church he had founded in Galatia, the apostle Paul passionately rails against rules and regulations threatening to restrict the Spirit-led freedom God offers. The same religious sentiments threaten us today. Whether it's pressure to be perfect or guilt over failing, showy spirituality can hem in the Spirit's horizons in our lives. Rediscover the freedom of God's extravagant grace and a faith animated by God's mercy. --NavPress

ADULTS
228.077
BRINTON

Brinton, Henry G. **Revelation.** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011.

Summary: Take a refreshing plunge into the Bible. The end times. How should I approach such a topic? With hopefulness? intimidation? Do I even understand it? What does it mean to me? Immersion Bible Studies – Revelation helps answer the questions that often leave most readers puzzled. Over the course of this eight-week study, it will deepen the reader's knowledge of this challenging but important book of the Bible and find hope through the revelation of Jesus Christ. Easy to follow, step-by-step suggestions for leading a group are provided as well as questions to facilitate class discussion. Immersion, inspired by a fresh translation--the Common English Bible--stands firmly on Scripture and helps readers explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of their personal faith. More importantly, they'll be able to discover God's revelation through readings and reflections. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 231
HALL

Hall, Eric E. **The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to God: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Almighty.** Minneapolis, Fortress Press, 2016.

Summary: In this latest installment of the Homebrewed Christianity series, Eric E. Hall approaches the question of God from various perspectives, including philosophy, personal revelation, Christian tradition, and other religions. At the end of this romp through history and pop culture, Hall argues that the God you need may be the very God you rejected years ago.--Back cover.

Content Notes:

- The homebrewed posse -- Godless in Seattle -- God is not a cosmic vending machine -- Not your grandparents' pantheon --

Sifting the beer from the suds -- Is God spiritual but not religious?
 -- Leave the Buddhists alone, already -- Becoming a more
 consistent atheist -- The philosopher's preference of PCs to Apple
 -- God did not look like a Norwegian hippie.

ADULTS
231.4 KALAS Kalas, David. ***When Did God Become a Christian?: Knowing God Through the Old and New Testaments***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

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ADULTS
231.7
SPOELSTRA Spoelstra, Melissa. ***The Names of God: His Character Revealed : A Bible Study***. Nashville, Abingdon Women, 2020.

Summary: Know God better through a study of His names. What's in a name? When it comes to the names of God, quite a lot, actually. In a world where we find people creating God in their own image, studying God's names can remind us that we are created in His. In fact, one of the best ways to know God's true character and grow closer to God is to study His names. Author Melissa Spoelstra's six-week women's study shows us that the more we become grounded in God's many names, the more personally we'll understand God's character, and so through the discovery of God's names, we will discover Him! Components for this six-week Bible study, each available separately, include a Participant Workbook, a Leader Guide, a DVD with six 25-minute segments (with closed captioning), and a boxed Leader Kit containing one of each piece. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introductory Video (11:27) -- 1. El (Part 1) (25:48) -- 2. El (Part 2) (27:45) -- 3. Yahweh (Part 1) (28:09) -- 4. Yahweh (Part 2) (29:35) -- 5. Adonai, Abba, Holy Spirit (24:15) -- 6. Jesus (29:42)

ADULTS 232
NEAL Neal, Jerusha Matsen. ***Blessed: Monologues for Mary***. Eugene, Oregon, Cascade Books, 2013.

Summary: Blessed is a collection of dramatic monologues that engage the gospel narratives surrounding Mary, the mother of Jesus, through the experiences of contemporary women. Bridging proclamation and protest through theater, the pieces invite the reader to stand at the intersection of faith and doubt alongside women giving birth to the Word in the world, women like Mary--broken and blessed. --Wipf and Stock

ADULTS
232.923
DAWSON

Dawson, Katie Z. ***Three Gifts, One Christ***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2013.

Summary: Dawson explores three of Christ's roles--Jesus comes as the high priest who sacrifices himself for us, the prophet who calls us into the Kingdom and shows us a better way to live, and the Messiah who triumphs over evil and sets us free. --Back cover

Content Notes:

- About the Series -- Introduction -- 1: Unworthy -- 2: Gold -- 3: Frankincense -- 4: Myrrh.

ADULTS
234.25
AUGHTMON

Aughtmon, Susanna Foth. ***Hope Sings: Risk More, Dream Bigger, Fear Less***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

Summary: Who would you become if you decided to let Hope be your theme song? Faith can be a journey in the dark. We don't know where we are going. We don't know where we'll end up. Sometimes we feel completely lost. But Faith has a best friend: Hope. Author Susanna Foth Aughtmon reminds us that, even when we are fearful and anxious about the circumstances that surround us, we have real hope when we have faith in God's mercy, peace, grace, worthiness, and authentic goodness...when we hear God's voice singing out, bringing light into the dark, inviting us to join in an everlasting song of hope, and helping us to reach for dreams that seem out of our grasp. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
234.5
THOMPSON

Thompson, Marjorie J. ***Forgiveness: A Lenten Study***. Louisville, Kentuck, Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

Summary: Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Marjorie J. Thompson, author of the best-selling book *Soul Feast*, takes a close look at our understanding of forgiveness in this encouraging study. In six brief chapters, Thompson addresses such questions as the following: Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances? Or are there situations when Christians do not need to forgive? Is forgiveness a matter between individuals, or is it meaningful only in the context of communities? Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured? How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness? Using biblical examples and real-life situations, Thompson illustrates each chapter's theme in an informative and engaging way. A study guide is also included at the back of the book that is appropriate for either individual reflection or group discussion. With clarity, insight, and sensitivity, this book is the perfect resource for examining both our ability to forgive and our own need for forgiveness. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 239 Huffman, Eric. ***40 Days of Doubt: Devotions for the Skeptic***. Nashville, HUFFMAN Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: A devotional for those who struggle with normal Christianity. Have you ever noticed people rolling their eyes at something you said in your Bible study? Or have people turned to look at you quizzically when you asked a question in your small group? Even in the midst of believers, such occurrences can cause you to feel like an abnormal Christian. And that, in turn, can cause you to question whether your faith is real and if God is really in your life. *40 Days of Doubt*, a devotional by pastor and author Eric Huffman, helps us understand how we can deal with our doubt and provides candid, insightful answers for those times in our spiritual journey when our minds and souls are fighting. You'll not only find solace in these wonder-filled reflections; you'll also discover that you are aren't abnormal, after all, for having doubt. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Robb, Ed. ***Making Room Leader Guide: Sharing the Love of Christmas***. Nashville, 242.33 ROBB Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Learn how to make room in your heart for God and neighbor this Christmas. One of the things we love most about Christmas is gathering with dear family members and close friends to celebrate Christ's birth. That's an important part of the season, but Dr. Ed Robb, author of *Making Room*, says if we look at the Advent story we'll quickly learn that the focus of the coming of the newborn king is outward. This four-week study explores the warmth of welcome at Christmas following interactions with the Holy Family, the shepherds, and the magi. The story of Christ's birth encourages us to widen our borders and increase our sense of community—and make room for others. The Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the four-week study including session plans, activities, and discussion questions, as well as multiple format options. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Session 1: Be a Neighbor -- Session 2: Welcome Strangers -- Session 3: Leave the Light On -- Session 4: Walk Each Other Home.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Be a Neighbor -- 2. Welcome Strangers -- 3. Leave the Light On -- 4. Walk Each Other Home -- Acknowledgments -- Notes.

ADULTS
242.34 DEL
ROSARIO

del Rosario, DJ. ***Wind in the Wilderness: A Lenten Study From the Prophets***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Living into God's vision of justice We can't see the wind, but we know it exists and we can witness its results. The same is true with the Hebrew prophets; we know they communicated God's vision of justice and faithfulness and we can see the result of their prophecies in Jesus. Wind in the Wilderness, a seven-session Bible study, calls our attention to the issues of justice in today's world. You'll explore the continuity between prophetic emphasis and Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God. Designed to be used by individuals and small groups during the season of Lent. Each chapter includes questions for reflection or discussion, a brief prayer, and a focus for the week. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.4
COWART

Cowart, Jim. ***Hand Me Downs DVD: Leaving a Legacy : A Community Group Resource***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

Summary: Hand-me downs are usually thought of as "second-rate," but Jim and Jennifer Cowart's Hand Me Downs offers a six-session small group study showing us that our heritage—what we leave behind—is central to who we are as Christians. A follow-up to the Living the Five principles, this community group resource helps you replace self-destructive, addictive behaviors with new, healthy habits so that your legacy is one of spiritual and mental integrity. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Session One: Leaving a Legacy (12:50) -- Session Two: Modeling Holy Habits (12:16) -- Session Three: Breaking Bad Cycles (9:23) -- Session Four: Living with Integrity (8:54) -- Session Five: Playing Well with Others (8:33) -- Session Six: Doing God's Will (11:40)

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Content Notes:

- Endorsements--Introduction--Using this Participant Guide--Outline of Each Session--Session One: Leaving a Legacy--Session Two: Modeling Holy Habits--Session Three: Breaking Bad Cycles--Session Four: Living with Integrity--Session Five: Playing Well with Others--Session Six: Doing God's Will--Appendices: Frequent Questions, Community Group Covenant, Community Group Calendar, Community Group Roster, Memory Verse Cards (Clip and Review), Prayer Requests and Praise Reports--Community Group Leaders: Starting a New Community Group, Leading or Hosting a Discussion, 101 Host Tips--About the Authors.

ADULTS
248.4
OWENSBY

Owensby, Jacob. ***A Resurrection-Shaped Life: Dying and Rising on Planet Earth***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: Experience life with new eyes. Jesus' resurrection was an extraordinary, singular event. But Bishop Jake Owensby says we, too, can experience extraordinary resurrection even within the realm of our ordinary lives on earth. In *A Resurrection Shaped Life*, Owensby leads us through a re-examination of the biblical concept of resurrection and illustrates how it can influence us as Christians every day. We'll learn that a resurrection-shaped life finds hope through honest reflection on the past, moves beyond shame and blame toward self-acceptance and compassion, and draws strength from the hope of life after life. The book includes readings appropriate for every season but is especially suitable during Lent.

ADULTS
248.4876
HARPER

Harper, Steve. ***Life in Christ: The Core of Intentional Spirituality***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: "E. Stanley Jones observed that people "know everything about life except how to live it." We humans have acquired immense knowledge and achieved great things. We are enlightened, Jones said, but not necessarily enlivened. Steve Harper has been mulling over this human situation for a few decades and offers his profoundly inspiring conclusions in *Life In Christ*. Harper helps us recognize our tendency to search for life through rules and dogmas rather than in relationships with other people and with God. By living in relationship, we live as enlivened Christians, the abundant life God intends for us and the life we long for. He encourages us to see the spiritual life as a movement, where we are always on the way, taking steps forward to continually align our lives with Christ. He shows us how Christ can be the goal and pattern for our lives, motivating us to live as God's beloved and as instruments of God's love. Harper provides a wealth of helps, including a set of questions for reflecting on each chapter, a discussion guide for conversing about the book in a group, and extensive reading lists for further enrichment"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
248.84
HAMMAN

Hamman, Jaco J. ***The Millennial Narrative Participant Guide: Sharing a Good Life***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Millennials increasingly find meaning and purpose outside the church. *The Millennial Narrative: Participant Guide* is a companion to Jaco L. Hamman's book *The Millennial Narrative: Sharing a Good Life with the Next*

Generation. It provides a framework for applying the book's insights into the millennial generation and ways to reach that generation by offering them "the good life." "A good education will land you a good job," "Be an entrepreneur/Start something in a garage or dorm room" and even "Jesus saves" are narratives that collapsed for the millennial generation (born 1982-2002). These narratives, amongst many similar social and religious ones, have lost their meaning and power as millennials question all authorities and struggle to flourish in a world come of age. With their needs for community and success, a strong spirituality, and believing that their gifts should be recognized and can make a difference, millennials increasingly find meaning and purpose outside the church. As they face economic uncertainty, reduced career prospects, unceasing change, as well as civic, global, and ecological uncertainties, however, a large number of millennials are overwhelmed with feelings of anxiety and depression. Caught between hope and fear, millennials leave the church with their values of personal transformation, purpose, community, spirituality, social transformation and ecological awareness. Ironically the church often holds the same values. Reaching the Millennial Generation is written for pastoral leaders who want to welcome millennials, both inside and outside their congregation. The book draws on the wisdom of the prophetic Book of Joel as a narrative worth living into. Drawing on Joel's three chapters, Reaching the Millennial Generation empowers pastoral leaders to: • Facilitate the work of mourning Millennials are facing; • Envision a spiritual community that can welcome millennials; • Introduce a compassionate God that restores and indwells as the Spirit; • Reflect on God's judgment through the lens of accountability; and, • Support and encourage millennials to be a blessing to others. In addition, pastoral leaders will receive a sermon outline and material for adult education. -- Cokesbury

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HAMMAN

Hamman, Jaco J. *The Millennial Narrative: Sharing a Good Life with the Next Generation*. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Millennials increasingly find meaning and purpose outside the church. "A good education will land you a good job," "Be an entrepreneur/Start something in a garage or dorm room" and even "Jesus saves" are narratives that collapsed for the millennial generation (born 1982-2002). These narratives, amongst many similar social and religious ones, have lost their meaning and power as millennials question all authorities and struggle to flourish in a world come of age. With their needs for community and success, a strong spirituality, and believing that their gifts should be recognized and can make a difference, millennials increasingly find meaning and purpose outside the church. As they face economic uncertainty, reduced career prospects, unceasing change, as well as civic, global, and ecological uncertainties, however, a large number of millennials are overwhelmed with feelings of anxiety and depression. Caught between hope and fear, millennials leave the church with their values of personal transformation, purpose, community, spirituality, social transformation and ecological awareness. Ironically the church often holds the same values. The Millennial Narrative is written for pastoral leaders who want to welcome millennials, both inside and outside their congregation. The book draws on the wisdom of the prophetic Book of Joel as a narrative worth living into. Drawing on Joel's three chapters, The Millennial Narrative empowers pastoral leaders to: • Facilitate the work of mourning Millennials are facing; • Envision a spiritual

community that can welcome millennials; • Introduce a compassionate God that restores and indwells as the Spirit; • Reflect on God's judgment through the lens of accountability; and, • Support and encourage millennials to be a blessing to others. In addition, pastoral leaders will receive a sermon outline and material for adult education. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.846
CORCORAN

Corcoran, Elisabeth K. ***Unraveling: Hanging on to Faith through the End of a Christian Marriage***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2013.

Summary: Candid reflections for Christian women facing separation or just recently divorced. To be a separated or divorced Christian is to be an anomaly, a scandal. No one knows what box to put you in or what to do with you, and this no-man's land--pun intended--can be a very isolating and core-shaking place to dwell. Elisabeth Klein Corcoran knows from experience. After extensive counseling, mentoring, 12-step groups, many tears, and even more prayers, Elisabeth found her 18-year marriage ending in separation and divorce. A believer completely in love with Jesus, Elisabeth was alone, drowning in a sea of emotions, and questioning how to navigate her way through the end of her marriage. Elisabeth walks readers through the varied emotions of being newly single in this collection of vulnerable and hopeful essays, expounding on some of the most common struggles of divorce: anger, faith, guilt, loneliness, and more. What started as an article for Crosswalk.com, has turned into a calling to soothe broken hearts with stories, prayer, action steps, and Scripture readings, helping readers hold on to profound faith and reassurance in the one Love that will never die. Whether separated, newly divorced, or just considering divorce, women will find hope and comfort in these short, but dynamic readings. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.846
SHARPE

Sharpe, Neil. ***Your Companion After Divorce***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: When a member of your congregation comes to you in crisis mode, you respond with compassion, reminding them of God's promises and praying with them for strength to face the unknown. The Out of the Depths series is a way to give parishioners encouragement and support even after the pastoral conference ends. These inexpensive, 64-page booklets address the most common crisis situations in a factual and honest manner, providing the reader with a sense of grounding and direction. Plus, each booklet includes 30 brief devotions designed to help the reader process trauma both psychologically and theologically. In addition to pastors, Stephen Ministers and congregational care teams rely on the booklets as essential care resources. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.861
LONG

Long, Nancy L. ***Your Companion through Chronic Illness***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: When a member of your congregation comes to you in crisis mode, you respond with compassion, reminding them of God's promises and praying with them for strength to face the unknown. The Out of the Depths series is a way to give parishioners encouragement and support even after

the pastoral conference ends. These inexpensive, 64-page booklets address the most common crisis situations in a factual and honest manner, providing the reader with a sense of grounding and direction. Plus, each booklet includes 30 brief devotions designed to help the reader process trauma both psychologically and theologically. In addition to pastors, Stephen Ministers and congregational care teams rely on the booklets as essential care resources. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.866
BRADY

Brady, Christian M. M. ***Beautiful and Terrible Things: A Christian Struggle with Suffering, Grief, and Hope***. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2020.

Summary: "When his eight-year-old son died suddenly from a fast-moving blood infection, Brady heard the typical platitudes about accepting God's will and knew that quiet acceptance was not the only godly way to grieve. With deep faith, knowledge of Scripture, and the wisdom that comes only from experience, Brady guides readers grieving losses and setbacks of all kinds in voicing their lament to God, reflecting on the nature of human existence, and persevering in hope"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
248.866
SMITH

Smith, Greta. ***Your Companion through Grief***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: When a member of your congregation comes to you in crisis mode, you respond with compassion, reminding them of God's promises and praying with them for strength to face the unknown. The Out of the Depths series is a way to give parishioners encouragement and support even after the pastoral conference ends. These inexpensive, 64-page booklets address the most common crisis situations in a factual and honest manner, providing the reader with a sense of grounding and direction. Plus, each booklet includes 30 brief devotions designed to help the reader process trauma both psychologically and theologically. In addition to pastors, Stephen Ministers and congregational care teams rely on the booklets as essential care resources. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
252.076
WILLIMON

Lectionary Sermon Resource: Year C Part 2. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: Just what you need to begin the journey toward a sermon! Will Willimon is widely acclaimed as one of the top ten preachers in the world. For each Sunday of the Christian year, Will provides just what you need to begin the journey toward a sermon. This guide will stoke, fund, and fuel your imagination while leaving plenty of room to insert your own illustrations, make connections within your congregational context, and speak the Word in your distinctive voice. Guidance from Will Willimon is like sitting down with a trusted clergy friend and asking, "What will you preach next Sunday?" Year C Part 2 is part of a six-volume set that includes years A, B, and C (2 volumes per year) in the Revised Common Lectionary. Each week of sermon resources includes: 1. Readings 2. Theme title 3. Introduction to the Readings 4. Encountering the Text 5. Proclaiming the Text 6. Relating the Text --Cokesbury

ADULTS
253.7
HARTWIG

Hartwig, Ryan T. ***Leading Small Groups That Thrive: Five Shifts to Take Your Group to the Next Level.*** Grand Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan Reflective, 2020.

Summary: Based on a large-scale research study, this book shows small group leaders, step by step, how to plan for, launch, build, sustain, and multiply highly effective, transformational, healthy small group experiences where people grow spiritually together. Nearly every church is trying to help their congregants build relationships with others, grow as disciples, and/or engage in meaningful service through small groups. Many have argued that these small groups are the preferred vehicle for relationship building, disciple making, and membership assimilation in the local church, especially in large, multisite churches. *Leading Small Groups That Thrive* shows small group leaders, step by step, how to plan for, launch, build, sustain, and multiply highly effective, transformational, healthy small group experiences where people grow spiritually together. Based on a large-scale research study of small group pastors, leaders, and members, *Leading Small Groups That Thrive* gives church leaders both what they want--practical, straightforward, actual small group member voices and experiences, and compelling guidance on how to build transformational groups complemented with real-life examples and data of successful small groups--and what they need--substantial, challenging insights and a data-driven model grounded in the latest research on church small groups. --Zondervan

ADULTS
253.7 JONES

Jones, Nona. ***From Social Media to Social Ministry: A Guide to Digital Discipleship.*** Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan Reflective, 2020.

Summary: *From Social Media to Social Ministry* is the 21st-century playbook to help the Church fulfill the Great Commission in the digital age. This book outlines digital discipleship principles for building an online community and provides practical instruction for how to do it no matter how big or small a local church may be. There are more than 2.3 billion professing Christians in the world and more and more new churches launching globally, yet statistics show that in-person church attendance is declining or plateauing in every nation. Although social technology has been around for more than two decades, church leaders have long bristled at the idea of church online, ranking it as the last concern on their minds in Barna's 2020 state of the church report published February 3, 2020. And then, three weeks later, COVID-19 closed the doors of every church on earth and suddenly forced them entirely online. Nona Jones, a globally acclaimed thought leader on leveraging technology for ministry, had been leading a movement and sounding the alarm for several years to make digital discipleship a central part of every church's ministry approach. In *From Social Media to Social Ministry*, she outlines her digital discipleship principles and provides practical instruction for how to do it no matter how big or small a local church may be. There are plenty of books to help churches build a social media strategy, but this is the first book of its kind that goes beyond digital marketing to digital ministry. --Zondervan

ADULTS 259.5 Boomershine, Amelia C. ***A Breath of Fresh Air: Biblical Storytelling with Prisoners.*** Eugene, Oregon, Cascade Books, 2017.

Summary: *Breath of Fresh Air: Biblical Storytelling with Prisoners* challenges the behemoth of mass incarceration through the convergence of biblical storytelling pedagogy, restorative justice principles, and peacemaking circle structure. Circle of the Word is an interactive, creative process of engagement with biblical stories. It is a spiritual intervention that addresses an American criminal justice system that is retributive, discriminatory, and out of control. Boomershine reports on the impact of Circle of the Word for incarcerated men and women and grounds Circle of the Word in a multifaceted foundation: the study of the Bible as performance literature, the history of prison reform in Enlightenment England, the doctrine of the Word of God, and the development-of-hope theory. Since the purpose of the book is both advocacy and empowerment, a how-to chapter is included with details for implementation. Participation in Circle of the Word has proven to be a transformative experience for men and women directly impacted by mass incarceration--discovering community in the midst of isolation and hope in the midst of despair. --Wipf & Stock

ADULTS
261.0973
BANDY

Bandy, Thomas G. ***Sideline Church: Bridging the Chasm Between Churches and Cultures***. Nashville, Tennessee, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: Got empathy? Tom Bandy reveals the cultural wedges and apathies that separate denominations, congregations, and neighbors from each other and from collective social agency. Bandy describes the church in America as "sidelined" -- observing cultural change but not participating in the game. He suggests proven provocative ways the church can re-engage and empathize with the people within their reach. By mining the lifestyle data revealed by the nation's economic engines and social trends, this frank and ground-breaking sociological analysis is a must read for every church leader who embraces hope for a fragmented, diverse, and polarized world. -- -- Publisher, page four of cover.

Content Notes:

- The culturally ambivalent : whatever happened to the cultural left? -- The liberal cultural eclectic : the emergence of the extreme left - - The culturally righteous : whatever happened to the cultural right? -- The conservative cultural wedge : the emergence of the extreme right -- The culturally passive : whatever happened to the cultural middle? -- Personal religion and cultural change : what happens when private religion replaces shared religion? -- The future of shared religion : are there signs of a new cultural movement?

ADULTS
261.8
MCNEIL

McNeil, Brenda Salter. ***Becoming Brave: Finding the Courage to Pursue Racial Justice Now***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Brazos Press, a division of Baker Publishing Group, 2020.

Summary: Reconciliation is not true reconciliation without justice! Brenda Salter McNeil has come to this conviction as she has led the church in pursuing reconciliation efforts over the past three decades. McNeil calls the church to repair the old reconciliation paradigm by moving beyond individual racism to address systemic injustice, both historical and present. It's time for the church to go beyond individual reconciliation and "heart change" and to

boldly mature in its response to racial division. Looking through the lens of the biblical narrative of Esther, McNeil challenges Christian reconcilers to recognize the particular pain in our world so they can work together to repair what is broken while maintaining a deep hope in God's ongoing work for justice. This book provides education and prophetic inspiration for every person who wants to take reconciliation seriously. *Becoming Brave* offers a distinctly Christian framework for addressing systemic injustice. It challenges Christians to be everyday activists who become brave enough to break the silence and work with others to dismantle systems of injustice and inequality. --Brazos Press

Content Notes:

- Foreword by Austin Channing Brown -- 1. The Law of Timing -- 2. The Making of an Activist -- 3. What Called You Forth? -- 4. When Politics Becomes Personal -- 5. Palace Living -- 6. The Prophetic Power of Lament -- 7. What's Going On? -- 8. Healing the Disconnection -- 9. Breaking Our Silence -- 10. Intercessors for Justice -- 11. Speaking Truth to Power -- 12. The Reconciling Power of Women -- Conclusion: Seizing Our Moment of Destiny.

ADULTS
261.8325
BISKIE

Biskie, Grace. ***Cries of the Poor***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2014.

Summary: You will discover what the Bible has to say about poverty and how you can join other believers to proclaim good news to the least of these, our brothers and sisters. --Back cover

Content Notes:

- About the Series -- Introduction -- 1: Going Beyond Words -- 2: Hopeless and Happy -- 3: Sheep and Goats -- 4: The Fast God Chooses.

ADULTS
262.0017
RAINER

Rainer, Thom S. ***The Post-Quarantine Church: Six Urgent Challenges + Opportunities That Will Determine the Future of Your Congregation***. Carol Springs, Illinois, Tyndale Momentum, 2020.

Summary: A trustworthy and respected guide for pastors and church leadership in the post-quarantine world, providing hope and vision for the future of your congregation. From thousands of surveys of church leaders and in-person consultations, Thom Rainer and his Church Answers team have gathered the essential wisdom you will need to face the challenges and opportunities that the quarantine crisis creates for the local church, including: New and better ways to lead the gathered church; A wide-open door for growing the digital church; A moment to rethink the facilities; New strategies for church growth . . . and much more! This book is, in effect, your personal church consultant, helping you plan and prepare for the future. In the midst of heartbreak, tragedy, and struggle due to Covid-19, here's hope, wisdom, encouragement and vision. This book is valuable for those looking for local church and pastor resources to enhance church leadership, grow your church, and serve digital and online church communities in the post-quarantine world. As a former pastor and founder of Church Answers, Thom S. Rainer is intimately familiar with the ever-present demands that pastors

face. He has spent a lifetime committed to the growth and health of the local church. --Tyndale

Content Notes:

- Introduction: After the Quarantine -- Challenge 1: Gather Differently and Better -- Challenge 2: Seize Your Opportunity to Reach the Digital World -- Challenge 3: Reconnect with the Community Near Your Church -- Challenge 4: Take Prayer to a New and Powerful Level -- Challenge 5: Rethink Your Facilities for Emerging Opportunities -- Challenge 6: Make Lasting Changes That Will Make a Difference -- Concluding Thoughts: From Challenges to Opportunities -- Notes -- About the Author.

ADULTS
263.9
WALLACE

Wallace, Robin Knowles. ***The Christian Year: A Guide for Worship and Preaching***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011.

Summary: In this concise guide, Dr. Knowles Wallace gives practical worship and preaching suggestions for each season of the Christian year as it relates to the Revised Common Lectionary. She describes the unique features and colors of each season as well as its historical overview, theological grounding, and significance for faith formation. The Christian Year gives ways to draw upon the gifts of existing congregations while seeking to expand their witness and faith formation. The author walks the reader through each season, beginning with Advent, followed by Christmas, Epiphany, Ordinary Time in Light of Epiphany, Lent, Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, Easter through Pentecost, and Ordinary Time as People of the Resurrection, giving sample services with suitable lectionary readings, hymns, prayers, and spatial and visual suggestions for each season in either traditional or contemporary worship styles. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
263.91
HAMILTON

Hamilton, Adam. ***Incarnation DVD: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today! *Incarnation* is a standalone book but works beautifully as a four-week Bible study experience perfect for all age groups during the Advent season. Additional components include a comprehensive Leader Guide, a DVD with short teaching videos featuring Adam Hamilton, as well as resources for children and youth. The four-session DVD features Adam Hamilton guiding participants through the study. The video sessions are

approximately 10-12 minutes in length and, when combined with the book, make an ideal four-week group study. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
263.91
HAMILTON

Hamilton, Adam. ***Incarnation Leader Guide: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today! *Incarnation* is a standalone book but works beautifully as a four-week Bible study experience perfect for all age groups during the Advent season. Additional components include a comprehensive Leader Guide, a DVD with short teaching videos featuring Adam Hamilton, as well as resources for children and youth. The Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the four-week study including session plans, activities, and discussion questions, as well as multiple format options. --Cokesbury

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263.91
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ADULTS
263.91

Smith, Traci. ***Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas: 100 Ways to Make the Season Sacred***. Saint Louis, Missouri, Chalice Press, 2020.

SMITH

Summary: In the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it's easy for families to forget the true meaning of the season. In this new book full of faith practices for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, parents, grandparents, Sunday school teachers, pastors, and anyone who cares about kids will find easy, fun, and meaningful ideas for bringing the sacred back into the season. The book includes prayers, practices, and stories, grouped by different themes of the Advent and Christmas season, from Decorating, to Family Time, to Giving, to Telling the Story, and more. Practices include: Making an Advent Wreath, Christmas Card prayers, Hot Chocolate Gratitude Party, Year Round Christmas Gift, Silent Night Star Walk, Birthday Party for Jesus, Leaving Hay for Camels, Memory Box for the Year to Come, and many, many more! There is even a chapter on "Difficult Moments" with prayers for when family leaves, when someone is in the hospital, when we miss someone, and more. With pages decorated with whimsical Christmas doodles from the cover, Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas will delight kids and adults alike and offer families an abundance of ideas for making the Christmas season sparkle with faith and spirit. --Chalice Press

ADULTS
263.912
HARDING

Harding, Sharon. ***Advent A to Z: Prayerful and Playful Preparations for Families***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2013.

Summary: Families learn more about Advent through reflection and fun. Scripture and tradition fill the season of Advent with an abundance of characters, themes, and symbols. Each casts a slightly different perspective on the meaning of Jesus' birth and God's promised realm, the two chief components for which this season bids our preparation. Beginning December 1 and running through December 26, each day will explore an Advent-related word that begins with a successive letter in the alphabet. This is followed by suggestions for simple, easy-to-prepare, and complete activities (discussion starters, games, crafts, meditations, journaling, outreach project, devotions). The activities are based on that day's word and are ideal for parents teaching their children about Advent. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
263.912
OWENS

Owens, Terri. ***Imagining a New World: An Advent Devotional***. Chalice Press, 2020.

Summary: Pause from the whirlwind of the holidays to imagine God's vision for a new world in Christ's coming. Inspired by the "peaceable kingdom" scripture from Isaiah 11, these daily, five-minute devotions include scripture, reflections, and a prayer. "The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them." -Isaiah 11: 6. In this Advent devotional centered on the beloved scripture on the "peaceable Kingdom," reflect on God's vision for a new world and what it means for us today. Daily, five-minute devotions explore the courage to imagine, permission to change, and freedom from fear. A scripture verse and prayer round out each devotion. Written by Terri Hord Owens, the leader of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), *Imagining a New World* offers an inspiring pause during the day to reflect more prayerfully on what the season of Advent inspires in you and your community. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
263.915
HATMAKER

Hatmaker, Jen. **7 Days of Christmas: A Season of Generosity**. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: What is the payoff from living a deeply reduced life at Christmas? It's the discovery of a greatly increased God; a call toward Christ-like generosity. Traditionally, Christmas is a time of giving, entertaining, decorating, and shopping. What if you bucked tradition this year and practiced restraint instead? In *7 Days of Christmas*, best-selling author Jen Hatmaker shows how you can turn seven key areas of consumption—food, clothes, spending, media, possessions, waste, and stress—into thoughtful and practical generosity that captures the true spirit of Christmas. Throughout the book, snippets of Jen's journey offer insight, humor, ideas, facts, and encouragement to help you embrace change. As you eliminate some of the excesses in your life, you'll find them replaced by a new level of joy. -- Cokesbury

ADULTS
264.13
MOSSER

Prayers for Advent and Christmas. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2012.

Summary: Handy, helpful prayers to use in public worship during Advent and Christmas. The collection includes invocations, opening prayers, prayers of confession, and pastoral prayers for the Sundays of Advent, and Christmas Eve services. Drawn from a variety of traditions, the prayers in this collection will aid any congregation as it worships throughout the journey of Advent. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- First Sunday of Advent -- Second Sunday of Advent -- Third Sunday of Advent -- Fourth Sunday of Advent -- Christmas Eve -- Christmas day -- Sunday after Christmas.

ADULTS
296.02423
MOFFIC

Moffic, Evan. **What Every Christian Needs to Know about Judaism: Exploring the Ever-Connected World of Christians and Jews**. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: "When Christians learn about Jewish tradition and history, they see the Bible and the life of Jesus with a new and enriched perspective. Knowing more about Judaism brings them closer to Jesus because Jesus lived and died as a Jew and consistently quoted the Jewish scripture and stories. In this book Evan Moffic, popular rabbi, author, and guide to Jewish wisdom for people of all faiths, continues the *What Every Christian Needs to Know About* series with an exploration of the wisdom and traditions of Judaism. Rabbi Moffic provides answers to hundreds of questions he receives about Judaism to provide a deeper understanding of the roots shared by Christians and Jews. Through this book's explorations, readers will learn insights of the great Jewish sages to live a richer and more meaningful life, soak up the wisdom and traditions of Judaism, and a develop closer relationship with God. "My hope is that these teachings can serve as a way of fostering bonds focused not on the past and the troubled history between Jews and Christians, but rather one looking forward to a future in which we share wisdom with one another."-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
296.4537
MOFFIC

Moffic, Evan. ***What Every Christian Needs to Know about Passover: What It Means and Why It Matters.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2015.

Summary: Why should Passover, a Jewish holiday, matter to Christians? Because it mattered to Jesus. It was at a traditional, Jewish Passover meal after all, that Jesus and his disciples were together for the last time and it was there that our cherished ritual of Communion originated. By exploring the customs and story surrounding the Jewish Passover, you'll have an increased appreciation and understanding of the culture in which Jesus lived and taught. And after learning about the spiritual heritage we share with Judaism, you may even be moved to integrate an authentic Jewish Passover Seder into your own preparation for Easter. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
306.8743
MAHANY

Mahany, Barbara. ***Motherprayer: Lessons in Loving.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

Summary: As mothers, prayer is at its glorious best when we soar beyond words; it's how we breathe; it's motherlove. Love without end. Love without question. Love that doesn't give into exhaustion...that is big and boundless. This is the love of a mother, and author Barbara Mahany calls it Divine. In *Motherprayer*, Mahany generously shares personal love letters on the mysteries and gifts of mothering, interspersed with family recipes and gentle essays, all offering beautiful lessons in how to love, and how to love breathtakingly. *Motherprayer* offers support and inspiration to mothers of all ages, as well as to those who mother in nontraditional roles, and invites us lift up the everyday while cradling our loved ones in prayer. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN
263.91
HAMILTON

Hamilton, Adam. ***Incarnation Children's Leader Guide: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today! *Incarnation* is a standalone book but works beautifully as a four-week Bible study experience perfect for all age groups during the Advent season. Additional components include a comprehensive Leader Guide, a DVD with short teaching videos featuring Adam Hamilton, as well as resources for children and youth. The Children's Leader Guide contains session plans for younger and older children (grades K-2 and 3-6) including games, activities, craft ideas, and reproducible handouts. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN ***Christmas Crafts and Activities.*** Ventura, CA, Gospel Light, 1998.
263.915
GOSPEL
LIGHT

Summary: Bursting with more than 225 pages of fun, easy and reproducible crafts, activities, games, Bible stories and more, this book holds everything you need to make Christmas fun and memorable for children age two through grade 6. --Back cover

YOUTH ***Fathom: The Beginnings, Genesis: A Deep Dive Into the Story of God.***
222.11 Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2017.
BABER

Summary: A deeper dive into understanding the key themes and story-lines of the Bible. In The Beginnings study, your group will be handed the keys to exploring the mystery and beauty of the origin of the universe, the birth of the human race, and the interrelationship between God, humans and nature. From there, you'll see how God's relationship with humankind led to the founding of a people called to belong to God, and the themes of covenant, grace and redemption that are the foundation of the whole bible story. This study will dive into Genesis 1-11 A Deep Dive into the Story of God Fathom is a Bible study for teens that covers the Old and New Testaments in 18-4 session studies. The lessons are a blend of narrative and traditional theological approaches to understanding the bible story. Each lesson will focus on one passage that will launch into the larger context of God's story, and how that story is meant to be theirs. Fathom is suitable for groups with middle schoolers, high schoolers, and any combination of the two. Acknowledges the differences between older and younger youth and the way they learn. It provides activities specific to each age group, and gives leaders the option to let youth take ownership of their learning through teaching and leading alongside adults. Fathom creates space and tension for teens to wrestle with how to interpret and experience the bible. --Cokesbury

YOUTH 223 ***Fathom: The Wisdom of the Kingdom, Job-Song of Songs: A Deep Dive***
BABER ***Into the Story of God.*** Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: A deeper dive into understanding the key themes and story-lines of the Bible. Through the four lessons in this study, your group will gain an appreciation for the Bible's wisdom literature and the situations that give it context. The Wisdom of the Kingdom will introduce students to the art and insight of the people of Israel and explore what it means to be wise in the eyes of God. This study will cover the books of Job through Song of Songs. A Deep Dive into the Story of God Fathom is a Bible study for teens that covers the Old and New Testaments in 18 4-session studies. The lessons are a blend of narrative and traditional theological approaches to understanding the Bible story. Each lesson will focus on one passage that will launch into the larger context of God's story being studied, and how that story is meant to be theirs. Fathom is suitable for groups with middle schoolers, high schoolers, and any combination of the two. But unlike many other resources, it acknowledges the differences between older and younger youth and the way they learn. It provides activities specific to each age group, as well as activities for mixed groups in which older youth have leadership opportunities. Fathom gives leaders the option to let youth take ownership of their learning through teaching and leading alongside adults. Fathom creates space and

tension for teens to wrestle with how to interpret and experience the Bible. Through youthministrypartners.com, leaders will have access to planning and teaching tools, customizable content, and other supplemental content to support their use of Fathom as well as their youth ministries in general. --Cokesbury

YOUTH 228 ***Fathom: The Return of Jesus, Revelation Student Journal: A Deep Dive***
BABER ***Into the Story of God.*** Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: A deeper dive into understanding the key themes and story-lines of the Bible. The second coming of Jesus has been a topic of fascination for both scholars and lay people for centuries. The accounts of Jesus' return found throughout the Bible, especially in Revelation, are put forth with a cinematic quality that is both enrapturing and unnerving. In this study, we'll explore apocalyptic literature throughout the Bible along with what it does and doesn't tell us about Jesus' return, and the key takeaways that these scriptures have for our faith. A Deep Dive into the Story of God Fathom is a Bible study for teens that covers the Old and New Testaments in 18 4-session studies. The lessons are a blend of narrative and traditional theological approaches to understanding the Bible story. Each lesson will focus on one passage that will launch into the larger context of God's story being studied, and how that story is meant to be theirs. Fathom is suitable for groups with middle schoolers, high schoolers, and any combination of the two. But unlike many other resources, it acknowledges the differences between older and younger youth and the way they learn. It provides activities specific to each age group, as well as activities for mixed groups in which older youth have leadership opportunities. Fathom gives leaders the option to let youth take ownership of their learning through teaching and leading alongside adults. Fathom creates space and tension for teens to wrestle with how to interpret and experience the Bible. Through youthministrypartners.com, leaders will have access to planning and teaching tools, customizable content, and other supplemental content to support their use of Fathom as well as their youth ministries in general. --Cokesbury

YOUTH 234 ***Canvas: A Portrait of Grace Leader Guide.*** Nashville,
CHERRY Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: We want all of our high school youth to be beautiful portraits of faith in God's love. But teenagers? They want to express themselves their way. So, let them. Canvas, a collection of five four-week youth studies, is designed to empower students to lead the lessons themselves, which will not only draw students to learn about theological beliefs, foundational concepts, and their own faith, but will give them an opportunity to practice service and teaching others. By working together to learn from history, tradition, and the Bible, students will uncover a portrait of God that will be an inspirational foundation to their own journey. Flexible to use as a continuation of confirmation, a small group resource, or student leadership resource, Canvas will inspire your students to paint the picture of their faith. Even when we don't deserve it, God embraces us. This is the story of grace—about how God responds to our faults and failures with patience and generosity, offering us a new life and a chance to grow forward. In Canvas: A Portrait of Grace, your students will experience what it means to be people who are covered with God's grace. Over four weeks, they will immerse themselves in the grace of God, explore what the Bible says, and then explore how the church

has experienced and lived in God's grace through the centuries. Throughout all of it, they will be reminded of the awesome gift that we are given through our relationship with God. --Cokesbury

YOUTH 234 CHERRY Cherry, Natalya. **Canvas: A Portrait of Grace Student Guide**. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.

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YOUTH 248.4 ABINGDON **Groove: The Walk Leader Guide**. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2015.

Summary: What does it look like to "walk with Jesus"? Like a great deal of church jargon we toss around, it can become a confusing concept for teens to embrace and understand. The Walk is designed to teach youth what it means to walk with Jesus. As their faith grows, they will learn to exercise the grace, love, patience, humility, and meekness found only in Christ. As a result, they will begin to own their faith, as it moves from something that they hear about to something that they are living in their own lives. The daily devotions of the *Groove: The Walk Student Journal* will encourage youth to embrace these concepts and experience a rich and fulfilled life as they learn to imitate Christ in their daily lives. The *Groove Bible study series* invites teens to learn the essentials of their faith, own their story, and engage the world in serving Jesus. Each topical study consists of four weekly sessions that are easy to lead and relate to life issues teens face. With up to 48 weeks available, *Groove* is great for Sunday and mid-week gatherings for both large and small groups as well as retreats. The leader guide contains everything needed to lead teens through a *Groove* study, including teaching outlines, leader notes, Bible background, reflections, and parent communication. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- About This Groove Study -- How to Use Groove -- About The Groove Student Journal -- Week 1: Walk Free -- Week 2: Walk in

the Light -- Week 3: Walk Together -- Week 4: Walk Like Jesus.

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Hamilton, Adam. ***Incarnation Youth Study Book: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today! *Incarnation* is a standalone book but works beautifully as a four-week Bible study experience perfect for all age groups during the Advent season. Additional components include a comprehensive Leader Guide, a DVD with short teaching videos featuring Adam Hamilton, as well as resources for children and youth. This Youth Study Book takes the ideas presented in Adam Hamilton's book and interprets them for young people grades 6-12. --Cokesbury