

## New Resources February 2016

**Date:** 2016-03-01

ADULTS 155.26  
BARON

Baron, Renee. **The Enneagram Made Easy : Discover the 9 Types of People** . [San Francisco] : HarperSanFrancisco, 1994.

**Summary:** The first easy , and fun guide to the Enneagram, the fascinating and revealing method of understanding personality types, for the beginner, the expert, and everyone in between. This witty and informative guide demystifies the ancient Enneagram system with cartoons, exercises, and personality tests that reveal our motivations and desires and show how to put that knowledge to use in our everyday lives. The 9 types of people: The Perfectionist motivated by the need to live life the right way, improve oneself and others, and avoid anger. The Helper motivated by the need to be loved and appreciated and to express your positive feelings towards others. The Achiever motivated by the need to be productive, to achieve success, and to avoid failure. The Romantic motivated by the need to understand your feelings and to be understood to search for the meaning of life, and to avoid being ordinary. The Observer motivated by the need to know everything and understand the universe, to be self-sufficient and left alone, and to avoid not having the answer or looking foolish. The Questioner motivated by the need for security, to feel taken care of, or to confront your fears. The Adventurer motivated by the need to be happy and plan fun things, to contribute to the world, and to avoid suffering and pain. The Asserter motivated by the need to be self-reliant and strong, to make an impact on the world, and to avoid being weak. The Peacemaker motivated by the need to keep the peace, merge with others, and avoid conflict. --HarperCollins

ADULTS 220  
LOGOS

**Adult Crossings DVD: God's Journey With Us.** Inver Grove Heights, Minn: Logos Productions, 2008.

**Summary:** Adult Crossings is a unique Bible overview. It explores what many scholars consider the eight core stories of the Bible. This is what theologian Walter Brueggemann calls "the primal narrative-that most simple, elemental, and non-negotiable story line that lies at the heart of biblical faith." This study is perfect for a whole-congregation Bible emphasis or for new member classes. By studying these ancient stories we can begin to see how God continues to act, here and now, in us and through us. Includes eleven 20-minute sessions. Invite top biblical scholars into your group discussion. The first six segments focus on the Hebrew Scripture and are presented by Dr. Mark A. Throntveit. The final five segments on the New Testament are presented by Dr. Thomas G. Long. --Logos Productions

**Content Notes:**

- Welcome -- 1. How Is The Bible True? -- 2. God's Call -- 3. The Exodus -- 4. Sinai Covenant -- 5. Promised Land -- 6. Davidic Rule -- 7. Jesus' Family Tree -- 8. Jesus' Life -- 9. The Cross -- 10. Resurrection Life -- 11. Run the Race

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emphasis or for new member classes. By studying these ancient stories we can begin to see how God continues to act, here and now, in us and through us. The journal includes questions and reflections for adults on each of the core stories, plus three additional sessions on how to read and understand scripture, the context of Jesus' ministry, and the ongoing journey of faith. Participants work through each session prior to gathering. --Logos Productions

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction -- Session 1. How Is The Bible True? -- Session 2. God's Call (core story 1) -- Session 3. The Exodus (core story 2) -- Session 4. Sinai Covenant (core story 3) -- Session 5. Promised Land (core story 4) - - Session 6. Davidic Rule (core story 5) -- Session 7. Jesus' Family Tree -- Session 8. Jesus' Life (core story 6) -- Session 9. The Cross (core story 7) -- Session 10. Resurrection Life (core story 8) -- Session 11. Run the Race -- Core stories time line -- Where to find it -- Core stories illustration

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ADULTS 223.806  
ALLENDER

Allender, Dan B. **Bold Purpose : Exchanging Counterfeit Happiness for the Real Meaning of Life** . Wheaton, Ill. : Tyndale House Publishers, 1998.

ADULTS 225.922  
BEACON

**Named: The Disciples DVD.** Kansas City, Mo: Beacon Hill Press, 2013.

**Summary:** Named is a small group resource that tells the story of people from Scripture through a new lens--exploring the mystery of faith with a literary touch. Each series introduces six different characters in the Bible, unpacking one every week. Become acquainted with the people identified by God in a story as particular as yours. Whether carrying shame, doubt, or the weight of being an outsider, The Disciples were ordinary men transformed by God and used for extraordinary purposes. These disciples are: Peter, Thomas, Andrew, John, Matthew, and Bartholomew. The Disciples DVD includes: 6 videos (1 for each story), 6 audio recordings (1 for each story), Discussion Guide. When used with the companion workbook, The Disciples Small Group resource provides everything the facilitator needs to generate meaningful group discussions, helping people see the stories of the Bible--and themselves--in a whole new light. --Beacon Hill Press

**Content Notes:**

- Peter -- John -- Andrew -- Thomas -- Matthew -- Bartholomew

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ADULTS 226.5077  
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ADULTS 230  
SPARKHOUSE

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ADULTS 230.082  
BESSEY

Bessey, Sarah. **Jesus Feminist : An Invitation to Revisit the Bible's View of Women** . New York : Howard Books, A Division of Simon & Schuster, Inc, 2013.

**Summary:** Gender roles have been debated for centuries, and now Sarah Bessey offers a clarion freedom call for all who want to realize their giftedness and potential in the kingdom of God. Through a thoughtful review of biblical teaching and church practices, Bessey shares how following Jesus made a feminist out of her. --Howard Books

ADULTS 231.3  
HUDSON

Hudson, Trevor. **Holy Spirit Here and Now** . Nashville, TN : Upper Room Books, 2013.

**Summary:** Are you tired of shallow faith? Do you long for something more in your relationship with God? All you need to do is open yourself to the gift that God extends to you already. Trevor Hudson says, "The Holy Spirit is deeply at work within you, right at this moment, wherever you are." Hudson, a beloved pastor and speaker, shares his own struggles and joys in seeking to be more responsive to the Holy Spirit. He invites you to open yourself to this gift of God. In this book you will discover: who the Holy Spirit is, what the Spirit does, what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit, how the Spirit can, bring you alive to God, deepen your relationship with God and other people, teach you to pray, and transform your life. Realize the power of God's presence right here, right and now. Includes discussion questions at the end of each of the ten chapters. -- Upper Room

ADULTS 231.7  
HODGES

Hodges, Chris. **Four Cups: God's Timeless Promises for a Life of Fulfillment.** Carol Stream Ill: Tyndale Momentum, 2014.

**Summary:** The God of the universe has made you some big promises. He made them first in the Old Testament, and they remain at the core of his heart and have never changed. They're the key to your fulfillment and to his plans for you, both in this life and the life to come. God wants to rescue you from bondage. And he wants you to be a part of a family that is making a difference. The Four Cups DVD Experience, based on the popular book by Church of the Highlands pastor Chris Hodges, is a dynamic eight-week study that invites you on a journey toward transformation. Through continued exploration of the ancient celebration of Passover, Chris reveals that, no matter where we are on our spiritual journey, the four cups of promise provide a simple, powerful, unforgettable way of reaching our potential and growing closer to God. Your thirst for more will finally be quenched—and you'll experience a

wellspring of joy, hope, and purpose. Don't miss the companion resource Four Cups Participant's Guide. --Tyndale Momentum

ADULTS 241.64  
BAYLOR

**Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics.** Waco, Tex: The Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2016.

**Summary:** Only through patience with ourselves and one another can we can grow in other virtues. In this issue our contributors explore the distinctive features of attentive patience, its central role in our discipleship, and why its practice is so difficult for us today. Kelly Johnson diagnoses our busy scurrying as "anxiety about time." But time is "not a scarce resource slipping away," she counsels; it "is God's terrible, mysterious patience, in which we meet what is beyond us and come to know ourselves as beloved creatures." Charles Pinches explains how patience protects us against the sorrow that can overwhelm us when we face brokenness in ourselves and the world. Its distinguishing mark, writes Heather Hughes, is not teeth-gritting endurance, but "the hope of Christ who was crucified and is now risen from the dead." How can we cultivate hope-filled patience? For clues, Melinda Creech examines the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins, and Brad Hadaway reviews the counsel of Simone Weil. Carolyn Blevins recalls how she learned patience through grave personal suffering. Taylor Sandlin suggests our preparation to face such suffering occurs through small acts of patience in worship, oft-repeated, like waiting upon one another at the Lord's Table. To such exemplars and personal narratives, Heidi Hornik adds the depiction of biblical stories about Jesus and Job in art. Christian Reflection is an ideal resource for discipleship training in the church. The study guides and lesson plans integrate Bible study, prayer, and worship to explore the role of patience in our discipleship. The guides can be used in a series or individually. You may download and reproduce them for personal or group use. --Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University

**Content Notes:**

- "Hurry and the Willingness to Be Creatures," / Kelly S. Johnson -- "Time for Patience," / Charles R. Pinches -- "The Education of Attention," / Bradford S. Hadaway -- "Practicing Hope through Patience," / Heather Hughes -- "Hard Patience," / Melinda Creech

ADULTS 242.3  
KAUTZ

Kautz, Richard A. **A Labyrinth Year : Walking the Seasons of the Church** . Harrisburg, Pa. : Morehouse Pub, 2005.

**Summary:** Perhaps nothing expresses the mystery of our search for the divine as well as the labyrinth. A circular pathway based on spirals found in nature, the labyrinth is a time-honored spiritual tool in faith traditions as varied as Native American, Jewish, and Celtic. As seekers walk to the center of the labyrinth, their minds quiet and turn to God. Walking out again, they bring into the world the spiritual gifts they've received. In A Labyrinth Year, Kautz guides readers on a labyrinth pilgrimage that winds through the seasons of the liturgical year with devotions (to be used while walking the labyrinth) based on the thoughts and emotions of biblical characters whose stories are recalled in the seasonal scripture readings. As readers explore the journeys of these people of faith, they connect with the deeper meaning of the stories and learn to live them out in their own experience. --Morehouse Publishing

**Content Notes:**

- The first movement : walking to Bethlehem -- Advent/Christmas -- The call -- Mary (Luke 1:26-38) -- Joseph (Matthew 1: 19-25) -- Magi (Matthew 2: 1-8) -- The road -- Mary (Luke 2:1-7) -- Joseph (Luke 2:1-7) -- Magi (Matthew 2:1-8) -- Obstacles -- Mary (Luke 2:1-7) -- Joseph (Luke

2:1-7) -- Magi (Matthew 2:1-8) -- Encountering God -- Mary (Luke 2:6-29) -- Joseph (Luke 2:6-29) -- Magi (Matthew 2:9-11) -- Go forth! -- Mary (Matthew 2: 13-15) -- Joseph (Matthew 2:13-15) -- Magi (Matthew 1: 12) -- The second movement : walking in the light -- Epiphany -- Simeon (Luke 2:21-35) -- Nathanael (John 1:43-52, Epiphany) -- The leper (Mark 1:40-45, Epiphany) -- The paralytic (Mark 2:1-12, Epiphany) -- The transfiguration (Mark 17:1-9, last Sunday of Epiphany) -- The third movement : walking to the cross -- Lent -- Peter (Matthew 26: 31-35; 26:69-75) -- Barabbas -- Simon of Cyrene (Mark 15:21) -- Mary (John 19:25b-27) -- John (John 13:21-25; 19:25b-27) -- The roman soldier (Mark 15: 37-39) -- The fourth movement : walking in the truth -- Easter -- Mary Magdalene (Matthew 28:1-10, Easter day morning) -- Cleopas (Luke 24:13-35, Easter day evening) -- Saul (Acts 9:1-19, Easter) -- Ananias (Acts 9:1-19, Easter) -- The Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-40, Easter) -- The fifth movement : walking in the spirit -- The season after Pentecost -- The widow of Nain (Mark 1:40-45) -- The sinful woman (Luke 7:36-50) -- Jairus (Mark 5: 22-24) -- Peter (Matthew 14:22-33) -- The rich young man (Mark 10:17-27).

ADULTS 248.4  
BLACKABY

Blackaby, Henry T. **Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God.** Nashville, Tenn: LifeWay Press, 2007.

**Summary:** Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God - Leader Kit is the revised and expanded edition that helps leaders to promote the classic, best-selling, 13 week study and conduct an Experiencing God Weekend or churchwide spiritual growth emphasis. Written by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, and Claude King, the Experiencing God Bible Study is based on the Experiencing God book, which has sold millions of copies worldwide. Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. Churches will be helped to better function as the body of Christ, as members understand how to experience God as a church. --Blackaby Ministries

**Content Notes:**

- God's Will and Your Life -- Looking to God -- God Pursues a Love Relationship -- Love and God's Invitation -- God Speaks, Part 1 -- God Speaks, Part 2 -- The Crisis of Belief -- Adjusting Your Life to God -- Experiencing God Through Obedience -- God's Will and the Church -- Kingdom People -- Experiencing God in Your Daily Life

ADULTS 248.4  
JUDY

Judy, Dwight H. **A Quiet Pentecost : Inviting the Spirit into Congregational Life .** Nashville : Upper Room Books, 2013.

**Summary:** During the past 30 years, a quiet revolution has taken place in Christianity. People of all ages are finding the need for daily prayer. Many are encountering Jesus anew through ancient yet new forms of prayer. "Quiet Pentecosts" are happening as Christians engage in spiritual practices. Congregations feel the power of the Holy Spirit at work as they participate in thoughtful reading of scripture, walking the labyrinth, prayerful listening to one another, spiritual direction, and more. At a time when denominations are declining and the church seems to be fighting for survival, Dwight Judy sees hope for the future in the practices of spiritual formation. "The practices of spiritual formation take us outside of the noisy and frenetic activity our popular culture encourages," Judy writes. "We need to be taught how to be together in a spirit of respectful listening to one another. We will not learn this art from our television commentators. We will rarely witness such moments of genuine care in national or international politics." In A Quiet Pentecost, he recounts the

stories of more than 40 congregations being transformed by spiritual practices. This book addresses the following topics: evangelism and spiritual formation, praying the scriptures (lectio divina), spiritual practices in small groups, healing prayer, multisensory worship (evening prayer and Taize), congregational discernment, prayer ministries, health and wellness ministries, centering prayer, and much more! A wonderful resource for churches and individuals interested in reenergizing their spiritual life. Perfect for laypersons or clergy who want guidance in establishing or expanding spiritual formation ministries; also helpful for seminary classes. Includes a discussion guide. --Upper Room

ADULTS 248.4  
MCMANUS

McManus, Erwin Raphael. **Soul Cravings : An Exploration of the Human Spirit** . Nashville, Tenn. : Nelson Books, 2006.

**Summary:** The search of your life is the search for your life. What you are holding right now is an exploration of the human spirit; a journey into our deepest longings, our desires, our needs, our cravings, our souls. Our need for intimacy, meaning, and destiny point to the existence of God and our need to connect with Him. This book will deeply stir you to consider and chase after the spiritual implications of your souls' deepest longings. --Thomas Nelson

ADULTS 248.4  
OLIPHINT

Oliphint, Clayton. **Citizens of Hope Leader Guide: Basics of Christian Identity**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

**Summary:** Hope. We know that hope is central to our identity as Christians and we know that supreme hope is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ, but how does that relationship become real to us? In Citizens of Hope, a book and four-week small-group study, you'll be guided on a formative path of understanding who God is and who you are as God's children. Each session is designed to invoke "holy conversation" and provides a suggested course of action in faith for every member of your group sending them out to serve in Jesus' name. The book is part of the very popular The Basics Series and is complemented by a Leader Guide with options for tailoring sessions to the time frame and style of each group. --Cokesbury

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OLIPHINT

Oliphint, Clayton. **The Road to Amazing Leader Guide: Basics of Christian Practice.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

**Summary:** After you invite Christ into your life, then what? The Road to Amazing, part of The Basics Series, answers questions about the essentials of Christian practice. Used as a standalone study, the book provides a suggested course of action that will help you understand who God is and who you are as a child of God. Or if you're a small-group leader, the book can also be used as a 4-week study. It is designed to stimulate "holy conversation" among members of your class and equip them in the faith so they can be sent out to serve in Jesus' name. Includes a Leader Guide with everything a group leader needs to plan and facilitate the study along with options for tailoring sessions to the time-frame and style of each group. --Cokesbury

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- Introduction -- Tips for Facilitating a Small Group -- Background on the Gospel of Luke -- Session 1: Baptism: The Journey Begins -- Session 2: Defining Moments on the Journey -- Session 3: Transforming Journey -- Session 4: The Road to Amazing -- Notes

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SPARKHOUSE

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**Content Notes:**

- Prayer: Oriented Toward God / Brian McLaren -- Food: Eating with Jesus / Sara Miles -- Worship: Seeking God's Presence / Mike Slaughter -- Sacraments: A Tapestry of Traditions / Phyllis Tickle -- Money: The Joy of Sharing / Shane Claiborne -- Service: The Needs Right Around You / Enuma Okoro -- Community: An Unexpected Family / Doug Pagitt

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**Content Notes:**

- Prayer: Oriented Toward God / Brian McLaren -- Food: Eating with Jesus / Sara Miles -- Worship: Seeking God's Presence / Mike Slaughter -- Sacraments: A Tapestry of Traditions / Phyllis Tickle -- Money: The Joy of Sharing / Shane Claiborne -- Service: The Needs Right Around You / Enuma Okoro -- Community: An Unexpected Family / Doug Pagitt

ADULTS 248.4861  
SWEET

Sweet, Leonard I. **A Cup of Coffee at the Soul Cafe** . Nashville : Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1998.

ADULTS 248.4876  
HARNISH

Harnish, James A. **A Disciple's Heart: Growing in Love and Grace.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

**Summary:** We hear a lot about "spiritual journey" these days. But it's more than just trendy wording. Although he didn't use the phrase, that's

what John Wesley was really all about—taking steps and continually walking a path that transforms the heart and helps us grow into the likeness of Christ. This study, designed for use in either small groups or as a churchwide experience, attempts to reclaim and, in a sense, reinterpret Wesley’s idea of “Christian perfection.” Participants learn how to develop a pattern of daily Scripture reading, prayer, and personal reflection and guided questions help define spiritual life goals and create strong church community bonds. The six-week class is supported with a Daily Workbook, Companion Reader, Leader Guide, and free downloadable leader helps. The Program Kit includes the Participant Book (Daily Workbook), the Companion Reader (devotional), a Leader Guide with downloadable toolkit, and a flash drive with the contents of the downloadable toolkit. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 248.842 McCoy, Colt. **The Real Win : A Man's Quest for Authentic Success** . MCCOY  
Colorado Springs, Colorado : Multnomah Books, [2013].

**Summary:** Prepare for a paradigm-shifting view of biblical manhood. Every man wants to succeed. But for so many, life seems to get in the way. We all have friends—good men, followers of Christ even—who start out well but before long, they’re failing at relationships, bending ethical standards, or driving themselves so hard at work they’re losing the hearts of their wife and kids. In *The Real Win*, Colt McCoy and Matt Carter wrestle deeply and personally with this challenge, then deliver down-to-earth, biblical answers. Based on their personal experiences and a close study of Scripture, McCoy and Carter show men: Why so much depends on who you trust and who you serve, Why every man is called to lead and why every man can, How to man up to temptation—and conquer it, How to find the “win” even in your biggest failure. “The real win means trusting the Lord and walking with Jesus no matter what,” write Matt and Colt. “That kind of faithfulness is possible for any man who follows God with all his heart. No matter what circumstances threaten him, a faithful man is the most truly confident man in the room.” Now includes bonus section on mentoring, plus a small group reading guide. --Multnomah

**Content Notes:**

- It's time to redefine winning -- Transformed by trust -- Achievement vs. faithfulness -- Willing to lead -- Love her first -- Rev. you -- What you care about most -- Choose your boss -- The voice of temptation -- The welcoming arms of God -- Hard school -- What you leave behind -- The winner.

ADULTS 248.845 Cloyd, Betty Shannon. **Parents and Grandparents as Spiritual Guides : Nurturing Children of the Promise** . CLOYD  
Nashville : Upper Room Books, 2000.

**Summary:** Today, we’re increasingly disconnected from one another. Our mobile society, incessant busyness, and lets just not get involved tendencies create a tragic break in relationships and diminishes the sense of community even within families. Some parents communicate with their children by texting or by cell phone within the family home! Among sports practices, recitals, day camp, school, and other activities, spiritual nurture is often one of the first casualties. Spirituality makes persons look beyond themselves to the well-being of those around them, writes Cloyd. How we care for the spirituality of our children, then, is not only crucial for their own well-being; it is crucial for the well-being of our society as well. Spiritual training is a primary role for parents and other family members. It cannot, must not, be neglected or relegated to some other person or agency. Cloyd explores the simple ways parents and grandparents can

introduce children to the presence of God and nurture them spiritually even through daily, routine activities as well as planned devotional times. This must-have book includes biblical models of spiritual guides along with insightful stories from children, Christian educators and the authors own experience as parent and grandparent. Attentiveness to Gods daily presence gives the family (and society) the root system thats necessary to live with whatever events life brings. Its been said we provide children wings, but we also have to give them roots! Roots first, then wings. Parents & Grandparents as Spiritual Guides will help you do that. --Upper Room

- ADULTS 248.866  
CANFORA Canfora, Mark. **Alive in Heaven!: A Real-Life Story of Tragedy, Hope, and Healing!**. Panama City Beach, Fla: Read and Believe!, 2010.  
**Summary:** At 2:30 a.m. on July 12, 2005, Mark Canfora received a call from his sixteen-year-old daughter: "Daddy, Marky's dead." His eighteen-year-old son had passed away. As a result of this tragedy, Mark would never be the same. This heartbroken father tells his story with honesty and vulnerability, sharing his journey from grief-stricken thoughts of his own suicide to God-fueled courage and a ministry that now offers comfort and hope to thousands. Mark Canfora writes, "Acting on my faith in God and my love for Him, I hope and pray that this book will help and encourage others who suffer the shocking loss and excruciatingly painful tragedy of the death of a loved one, especially the death of a child." -- Read and Believe!
- ADULTS 248.88  
EVANS Evans, Chris. **Fruit at Work: Mixing Christian Virtues With Business.** Wake Forest, NC: Lanphier Press, 2010.
- ADULTS 248.892  
PETERSON Peterson, Eugene H. **Under the Unpredictable Plant : An Exploration in Vocational Holiness.** Grand Rapids, Mich. Leominster, England : W.B. Eerdmans Gracewing, 1992.  
**Summary:** Like Eugene Peterson's other books on pastoring, Under the Unpredictable Plant is full of stimulating insights, candid observations, and biblically grounded prescriptions. Yet this book emanates with a special poignancy out of Peterson's own crisis experience as a pastor. Peterson tells about the "abyss," the "gaping crevasse," the "chasm" that he experienced, early in his ministry, between his Christian faith and his pastoral vocation. He was astonished and dismayed to find that his personal spirituality, his piety, was inadequate for his vocation -- and he argues that the same is true of pastors in general. In the book of Jonah -- a parable with a prayer at its center -- Peterson finds a subversive, captivating story that can help pastors recover their "vocational holiness." Using the Jonah story as a narrative structure, Peterson probes the spiritual dimensions of the pastoral calling and seeks to reclaim the ground taken over by those who are trying to enlist pastors in religious careers. --Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing
- ADULTS 253  
SIDER Sider, Ronald J. **Churches That Make a Difference : Reaching Your Community with Good News and Good Works .** Grand Rapids, Mich. : Baker Books, 2002.  
**Summary:** Is your church meeting both the physical and spiritual needs of your community? Churches That Make a Difference explores the biblical mandate and how-to's of developing and maintaining an effective holistic ministry that combines evangelism and social outreach. This comprehensive resource will help your congregation embrace change,

resolve conflict, overcome social barriers, and move into a life-changing outreach of holistic ministry. --Baker

ADULTS 253.7  
GALLOWAY

Galloway, Dale E. **The Small Group Book : The Practical Guide for Nurturing Christians and Building Churches** . Grand Rapids, Mich. : Fleming H. Revell, 1995.

**Summary:** Energize a church from the cell out! In North America's largest small-group-driven congregation, this plan has revolutionized person-to-person ministry by equipping laypeople for front-line evangelism and pastoral care. --Baker

ADULTS 254.4  
UMCOM

**Not If, But When!: A Crisis Management Manual.** Nashville, Tenn: United Methodist Communications, 1999.

**Summary:** A manual for church communicators on how to handle a crisis that is of interest to public media. An official resource of the United Methodist Church.

ADULTS 254.5  
SCHRAEDER

**Outspoken: Conversations on Church Communication.** Los Angeles, Calif: Center for Church Communication, 2011.

**Summary:** The church has the greatest story ever told: the message of the gospel. Unfortunately, most churches aren't doing a great job of communicating it. The way the world communicates has changed dramatically in recent years. With the rise of the web and social media, many churches are in the dark about where to go or what to do next. Drawing on the wisdom and insight from over 60 leading experts in various fields of church communication, this book provides a comprehensive resource for church leaders sharing how the church can leverage new media to effectively connect people with the gospel. From branding and design, to websites and social media, there are endless ways your church can cut through the static and help the message of the gospel be heard clearly. We've got a message worth sharing. It's time we learn how to communicate it and communicate it well. It's time to be outspoken! --Center for Church Communication

ADULTS 261  
SWEET

**The Church in Emerging Culture : Five Perspectives** . El Cajon, CA : Youth Specialties, 2003.

**Summary:** What should the church look like today? What should be the focus of its message? How should I present that message? We live in as pivotal and defining an age as the Great Depression or the Sixties—a period whose definition, say some cultural observers, includes a warning of the church's influence. The result? A society measurably less religious but decidedly more spiritual. Less influenced by authority than by experience. More attuned to images than to words. How does the church adapt to such a culture? Or should it, in fact, eschew adapting for maintaining a course it has followed these last two millennia? Or something in between? These are exactly the questions asked in *The Church In Emerging Culture* by five Christian thinker-speaker-writers, each who advocate unique stances regarding what the church's message should be (and what methods should be used to present it) as it journeys through this evolving, postmodern era. The authors are: Andy Crouch—Re:Generation Quarterly editor-in-chief Michael Horton—professor and reformed theologian Frederica Mathewes-Green—author, commentator, and Orthodox Christian Brian D. McLaren—postmodernist, author, pastor, and Emergent senior fellow Erwin Raphael McManus—author and pastor of

the innovative and interethnic L.A.-based church, Mosaic Most unique about their individual positions is that they're presented not as singular essays but as lively discussions in which the other four authors freely (and frequently) comment, critique, and concur. That element, coupled with a unique photographic design that reinforces the depth of their at-once congenial and feisty conversation, gives you all-access entrée into this groundbreaking discourse. What's more, general editor Leonard Sweet (author of SoulTsunami and AquaChurch, among several other acclaimed texts) frames the thought-provoking dialogue with a profoundly insightful, erudite introductory essay—practically a book within a book. The Church In Emerging Culture is foundational reading for leaders and serious students of all denominations and church styles. --Zondervan

ADULTS 262.0017 Wills, Dick. **Waking to God's Dream : Spiritual Leadership and Church Renewal** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, 1999.

WILLS

**Summary:** The demands of congregational ministry are many, the rewards sometimes seem few, and burnout becomes a real possibility. Small wonder, then, that churches become stuck in a state of arrested spiritual development. When the pastor is functioning in a survival or maintenance mode, the church's vitality is often the first casualty. Yet Wills's own experience demonstrates that churches can turn around; the wind of the Spirit can be felt anew. This happens when the congregation is infected by the vision of what God is doing in their midst--a vision which the leaders, particularly the pastor, must bring before them. In Waking to God's Dream, Richard Wills shares the spiritual disciplines and insights which he believes account for the transformation of the congregation he serves from a large church in decline to one that is growing and reaching out to its community in a variety of creative ministries. Detailing the steps and initiatives that led to this turnaround, Wills demonstrates how personal commitment on the part of the congregation's leaders and ministers have been the key to the work they have accomplished. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 262.147 Weems, Lovett H. **Leadership in the Wesleyan Spirit** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, 1999.

WEEMS

**Summary:** The purpose of this book is simple -- to reclaim a vision for church leadership from the great spiritual awakening known as the Wesleyan movement. Yet the way one goes about this work, contends Lovett H. Weems, Jr., is anything but simple. It involves walking a tightrope between continuity and change. The task is neither to repeat the past, nor to ignore it. Rather the need is to locate the genius behind the achievements of the past from which we can learn for our day. It is to choose selectively those themes and emphases of the Wesleyan movement that can best inform the practice of ministry today, and to seek to grow into them. In order to achieve this, Weems identifies such principles of early Wesleyanism as beginning with where people are, focusing on service, and remembering the poor. He then enumerates practices of Wesleyan leadership, such as leading from the center and the edge, living in tension, and making "connection" happen. Finally, he names the core passions of the Wesleyan spirit: knowing God, proclaiming Christ, and seeking justice. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 263.925 Maier, Paul L. **The Week That Changed the World: A Historian Looks at Easter.**

MAIER

**Summary:** The resurrection happened. It's not just the belief of Christians, it's borne out by history, archaeology, and science. This

documentary takes viewers step by step through the events of Holy Week—shedding light on the key players, unravelling the political intrigue, and answering longstanding questions about what happened, and why. Professor of ancient history and world-renowned expert Dr. Paul L. Maier details the story, along with maps, graphics, and remarkable dramatic recreations to bring Holy Week alive in a whole new way. --Container

ADULTS 264  
VANDERWELL

**The Church of All Ages : Generations Worshiping Together .**  
Herndon, Va. : Alban Institute, 2008.

**Summary:** Many congregations today experience collisions between parents who ant to spend time with their children and age-segregated church programming, as well as between the children worshiping in their pews and the increasing number of seniors in the same pew. Among the questions these congregations struggle to address are these: Should we try to hold the generations together when we worship/ Is it even possible? Led by pastor and resource developer Howard Vanderwell, nine writers--pastors, teachers, worship planners, and others serving in specialized ministries--offer their reflections on issues congregational leaders need to address as they design their worship ministry. In addition, numerous sidebars illustrate the diversity of practices in the church today. Contributors do not propose easy answers or instant solutions. Rather, they guide readers as they craft ministries and practices that fit their own community, heritage, and history. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and group discussion, and an appendix provides guidelines for small group use. The thread that connects these varied contributions is the belief that there is no greater privilege for Christians than worshiping God, and there is no better way to do that than as an intergenerational community in which all are important and all encourage and nurture the faith of the others. --Rowman & Littlefield

ADULTS 268  
BRUCE

Bruce, Debra Fulghum. **Growing a Great Sunday School Class .**  
Nashville : Abingdon Press, 1994.

**Summary:** The authors show how effective evangelism can be implemented in and through the Sunday school program. --Back Cover

ADULTS 269.2  
POOLE

Poole, Garry. **Seeker Small Groups : Engaging Spiritual Seekers in Life-Changing Discussions .** Grand Rapids, Mich. : Zondervan Willow Creek Resources, 2003.

**Summary:** Principles and methods for effectively launching a seeker small group. Best-selling author and evangelism expert Lee Strobel describes seeker small groups as "One of the most powerful and effective tools in evangelism." A seeker small group is facilitated by a Christian leader, but group members are seekers—non-Christians investigating Christianity. The group provides a safe context for seekers and believers to ask questions and dialogue about faith. This highly transferable model can be implemented by all kinds of ministries with a wide range of evangelistic styles and strategies. As believers complete evangelism courses such as *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, they are motivated to reach out to others but often feel they lack opportunities to interact with non-Christians. *Seeker Small Groups* is the missing evangelism tool churches need to fill the gap between evangelism training and real-life opportunities for engaging seekers in life-changing spiritual discussions. The book presents a detailed, step-by-step process for launching seeker small groups strategy in a wide variety of settings. The groups are for seekers whether or not they are attending church. Numerous stories and illustrations provide inspiration and encouragement so readers are not

only equipped but also motivated to launch their own seeker groups. -- Zondervan

**Content Notes:**

- Pt. 1. Launching seeker small groups -- Catch the vision -- Build bridges with seekers -- Pt. 2. Attracting seekers to small groups -- Extend irresistible invitations -- Launch the all-important first meeting -- Pt. 3. Leading seeker small group discussions -- Ask great questions -- Listen well -- Facilitate captivating discussions -- Pt. 4. Reaching seekers through small groups -- Maximize the impact -- Cultivate contagious small groups -- Seize the adventure.

ADULTS 283.092 Taylor, Barbara Brown. **Leaving Church : A Memoir of Faith** . [San Francisco] : HarperSanFrancisco, 2007.

TAYLOR

**Summary:** By now I expected to be a seasoned parish minister, wearing black clergy shirts grown gray from frequent washing. I expected to love the children who hung on my legs after Sunday morning services until they grew up and had children of their own. I even expected to be buried wearing the same red vestments in which I was ordained. Today those vestments are hanging in the sacristy of an Anglican church in Kenya, my church pension is frozen, and I am as likely to spend Sunday mornings with friendly Quakers, Presbyterians, or Congregationalists as I am with the Episcopalians who remain my closest kin. Some-times I even keep the Sabbath with a cup of steaming Assam tea on my front porch, watching towhees vie for the highest perch in the poplar tree while God watches me. These days I earn my living teaching school, not leading worship, and while I still dream of opening a small restaurant in Clarkesville or volunteering at an eye clinic in Nepal, there is no guarantee that I will not run off with the circus before I am through. This is not the life I planned, or the life I recommend to others. But it is the life that has turned out to be mine, and the central revelation in it for me -- that the call to serve God is first and last the call to be fully human -- seems important enough to witness to on paper. This book is my attempt to do that. After nine years serving on the staff of a big urban church in Atlanta, Barbara Brown Taylor arrives in rural Clarkesville, Georgia (population 1,500), following her dream to become the pastor of her own small congregation. The adjustment from city life to country dweller is something of a shock -- Taylor is one of the only professional women in the community -- but small-town life offers many of its own unique joys. Taylor has five successful years that see significant growth in the church she serves, but ultimately she finds herself experiencing "compassion fatigue" and wonders what exactly God has called her to do. She realizes that in order to keep her faith she may have to leave. Taylor describes a rich spiritual journey in which God has given her more questions than answers. As she becomes part of the flock instead of the shepherd, she describes her poignant and sincere struggle to regain her footing in the world without her defining collar. Taylor's realization that this may in fact be God's surprising path for her leads her to a refreshing search to find Him in new places. Leaving Church will remind even the most skeptical among us that life is about both disappointment and hope -- and ultimately, renewal. -- HarperCollins

ADULTS 287.0925 Wesley, John. **A Perfect Love : Understanding John Wesley's A Plain Account of Christian Perfection: Modern-Language Version and Notes** . Nashville, TN : Discipleship Resources, 2004.

WESLEY

**Summary:** A Perfect Love is the full text of Wesley's book. What makes



this version unique is that the author has edited Wesley's text and updated his language for the contemporary reader. Christian perfection is the doctrine that distinguishes Methodism from other Christian denominations. People who read and study this book will come away with a greater appreciation for this important doctrine. It will change their lives. It may even change their church. A Perfect Love includes in-text definitions and notes that explain names and terms that may be unfamiliar to the reader. It also includes hymns by Charles Wesley that describe the work of grace in human lives that leads to perfection in love. In addition, Dr. Diana Hynson provides a study guide that may be used for individual or small group studies, and Dr. Marjorie Suchocki offers a careful theological and spiritual reflection on Wesley's work. Briefly, the term Christian perfection, as Wesley used and understood it, may be translated as "Christian maturity." It is the process of "growing up" in the love of God and neighbor. It is "holiness of heart and life." It is "having the same mind in you that was in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). Christian perfection is the goal of salvation; it is the outcome of a life lived with and for God in Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 287.309 Kinghorn, Kenneth C. **The Heritage of American Methodism.**  
KINGHORN Strasbourg, France: Editions du Signe, 1999.

**Summary:** A history of American Methodism heavily illustrated with color and black and white photographs.

ADULTS Rawle, Matt. **Hollywood Jesus DVD: A Small Group Study Connecting**  
791.43682 RAWLE **Christ and Culture.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

**Summary:** This four-session DVD features Matt Rawle guiding us through a Bible study of Jesus and Christ figures in films. Participants are encouraged to watch movies like Cool Hand Luke, The Lion King, The Truman Show, and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest on their own and then come back from group discussion. What happens when script meets Scripture, when pop culture encounters the King of kings and Lord of lords? Each video session is approximately 6-10 minutes. All video sessions are closed captioned. Hollywood Jesus is part of The Pop in Culture Series of Bible studies in which Matt Rawle stirs up a tasty gumbo of insight, humor, and inspiration based on some of your favorite pop culture classics. A Participant Book, a full Leader Guide, and a Worship Resources Flash Drive also are available for group study. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Week 1 -From Scripture to Script (7:42) -- Week 2 - The Jesus of Now . . . Whenever "Now" Is (6:45) -- Week 3 - The Gospel According To . . . (8:11) -- Week 4 - Everyone's Story (6:01)

ADULTS Rawle, Matt. **Hollywood Jesus Leader Guide: A Small Group Study**  
791.43682 RAWLE **Connecting Christ and Culture.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

**Summary:** Pastor and author Matt Rawle is on a mission. He sees Christ all around him-in books, movies, TV shows, rock music-and he wants to share what he sees. As Matt says, "God offers the raw ingredients, and 'culture' is whatever we cook up." Hollywood Jesus is pastor and author Matt Rawle's study of Jesus and Christ figures in films including Cool Hand Luke, The Lion King, The Truman Show, and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Explore what happens when script meets Scripture, when pop culture encounters the King of kings and Lord of lords. This Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the Participant Book and DVD. It includes session plans and discussion questions, as well as format options. Hollywood Jesus is part of The Pop in Culture Series of

Bible studies in which Matt Rawle stirs up a tasty gumbo of insight, humor, and inspiration based on some of your favorite pop culture classics. A Participant Book, a DVD featuring four sessions with the author, and a Worship Resources Flash Drive also are available for group study. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- To the Leader -- 1. From Scripture to Script -- 2. The Jesus of Now . . . Whenever "Now" Is -- 3. The Gospel According To . . . -- 4. Everyone Has a Story

ADULTS Rawle, Matt. **Hollywood Jesus Worship Resources Flash Drive: A Small Group Study Connecting Christ and Culture.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

**Summary:** This Worship Resources Flash Drive will give you ideas and tools for use in worship and in your congregation during a churchwide study of Hollywood Jesus. Resources include promotional videos, worship countdowns, sermon outlines, posters, social media images, PowerPoint slides, and more helps to incorporate the theme into the worship service. Hollywood Jesus is part of The Pop in Culture Series of Bible studies in which Matt Rawle stirs up a tasty gumbo of insight, humor, and inspiration based on some of your favorite pop culture classics. A Participant Book, a DVD featuring four sessions with the author, and a full Leader Guide also are available for group study. --Cokesbury

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**Content Notes:**

- Introduction -- Hollywood Jesus: The Big Picture from Story to Screen - - 1. From Scripture to Script -- 2. The Jesus of Now . . . Whenever "Now" Is -- 3. The Gospel According To . . . -- 4. Everyone Has a Story - - Acknowledgments

ADULTS 956.7044 Courtney, Jeremy. **Preemptive Love : Pursuing Peace One Heart at a Time** . New York : Howard Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, Inc, 2013.

**Summary:** Preemptive Love invites you to walk alongside Jeremy Courtney and his family on their quest to pursue peace and mend hearts in a broken world, learning what it means to go beyond good intentions and risk everything for something more: a lifetime of tomorrows for children who were sentenced to death, relationships restored, and violence undone. In Jeremy's own words, "I no longer accept the zero-sum worldview that says we cannot simultaneously be on the side of the

Democrats and Republicans; Americans, Israelis, and Iranians; Jews and Palestinians; Sunnis and Shias; Arabs, Kurds, and Turks. I choose them all. I don't lean left or right. I lean in. I lean forward, because that's where love lives." Violence unmakes the world. Preemptive love unmakes violence. --Howard Books

**Content Notes:**

- Chai in an Iraqi hotel -- The sky rained death -- The Iranian bard and his beautiful shoes -- Buy shoes, save lives -- Fatwa -- The sheikh -- A Turkish soldier surgeon helps us by serving his enemies -- "Anyone but the Turks!" -- Facing down death -- My brother, Awara -- One father decides to kill us all -- Betrayal -- Running for cover -- The remedy.

CHILDREN  
264.0083  
SANDELL

Sandell, Elizabeth J. **Including Children in Worship : A Planning Guide for Congregations** . Minneapolis : Augsburg, 1991.

**Summary:** Worship should be a place where both young and old feel welcome and know that they belong. Elizabeth Sandell gives convincing reasons for including children in congregational worship services and offers many practical ideas for accomplishing that goal. The book provides worship committees, pastors, parents, and other adults with suggestions and questions to consider, and describes ideas and strategies geared to a variety of age levels. Practical ideas, strategies and suggestions for involving various age groups in meaningful worship participation. Helpful for pastors, worship committees or parents. -- Augsburg Fortress

**Content Notes:**

- Preface -- Acknowledgments -- Chapter 1 -- Why Include Children in Worship -- Chapter 2 -- As We Worship, So We Believe -- Chapter 3 -- Worship Is Caught, Not Taught -- Chapter 4 -- Adult Education Programs -- Chapter 5 -- Ways to Include Children in Worship -- Appendix 1 -- Appendix 2 -- Bibliography

CHILDREN  
268.432  
ROEHLKEPARTAIN

Roehlkepartain, Jolene L. **101 Great Games for Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers : Active, Bible-based Fun for Christian Education** . Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, 2004.

**Summary:** Even as babies are beginning to crawl, toddlers are learning to speak, and preschoolers are starting to cooperate with playmates, they can begin to discover God's Word and God's world through play. Each game in 101 Great Games for Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers includes a Scripture passage, a teaching point, a supervision tip, materials-needed list, and game instructions. A number of games also include a bonus idea or a bonus tip for how to play the game in a different way. A Scripture index and a topical index provide information on locating games that tie into specific Scriptures and teaching points. Half of the games in this book feature Old Testament stories and teachings; the other half come from the New Testament. Infants and toddlers can surprise us and teach us as much as preschoolers can. Young children have a way of showing busy adults how to slow down and marvel at the fact that "apples are red, and water is wet." --Cokesbury

CHILDREN  
287.092 FLEGAL

Flegal, Daphna. **Journey with J.W: John Wesley's Ride Through Methodist History**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

**Summary:** Children will travel alongside John Wesley and ride through Methodist history in Journey with J.W. Crafts, games, music, and scripts for historical dramas and Bible stories will help your children learn about how God inspired John Wesley to spread the good news about Jesus throughout the world. The book provides easy-to-follow directions and

will provide a great learning experience for your kids that they'll find fun.

--Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction -- Session 1: Susanna Wesley -- Session 2: John Wesley -- Session 3: Charles Wesley -- Session 4: Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury -- Session 5: Richard Allen -- Session 6: Camp Meeting

YOUTH 176  
FAITHTRUST

**Love - All That and More.** Seattle, Wa: FaithTrust Institute, 2009.

**Summary:** This program promotes safe, healthy relationships and supports teens in taking action to overcome violence and abuse. The six-session curriculum (50 minutes each) contains lesson plans with background materials on healthy and abusive relationships, discussion questions, interactive follow-up activities, and suggestions for the facilitator. The Love - All That and More DVD program includes a six-session curriculum, facilitator's guide for use with Christian youth or Jewish youth, and three DVD segments. --FaithTrust Institute

**Content Notes:**

- What Do You Want? (22 minutes) -- Let's Talk about Sex (19 minutes) -  
- Putting It All Together (23 minutes)

YOUTH 230  
ABINGDON

**Groove: The Basics Leader Guide.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

**Summary:** Today's faith and biblical illiteracy in general and among those who attend church and claim to be Christian is staggering. Some alarmists are claiming that the Christian faith is in danger of becoming extinct. We can no longer rely on culture to support the passing on of faith in Jesus Christ to the coming generations. The Basics study is not a quick fix to this situation. It is a handcrafted tool that when used by compassionate, caring, and committed adults, will ignite their imagination for God, the Scripture, the faith community, and living a transformed life. The Basics will likely raise more questions than it answers, and that's intentional. Don't feel the need to make sure all the loose ends are tied up at the conclusion of your youth gathering. Allow your teens the opportunity to leave with ideas and truths on which to reflect and wrestle as they use the daily devotionals provided in the Groove: The Basics Student Journal. 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: The Trinity -- Week 2: The Scriptures and the Gospels -- Week 3: The Church -- Week 4: This Life and the Next

YOUTH 230  
ABINGDON

**Groove: The Basics Student Journal.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

**Summary:** Today's faith and biblical illiteracy in general and among those who attend church and claim to be Christian is staggering. Some alarmists are claiming that the Christian faith is in danger of becoming extinct. We can no longer rely on culture to support the passing on of faith in Jesus Christ to the coming generations. The Basics study is not a

quick fix to this situation. It is a handcrafted tool that when used by compassionate, caring, and committed adults, will ignite their imagination for God, the Scripture, the faith community, and living a transformed life. The Basics will likely raise more questions than it answers, and that's intentional. Don't feel the need to make sure all the loose ends are tied up at the conclusion of your youth gathering. Allow your teens the opportunity to leave with ideas and truths on which to reflect and wrestle as they use the daily devotionals provided in the Groove: The Basics Student Journal. 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:**

- Welcome -- Week 1: The Trinity -- Week 2: The Scriptures and the Gospels -- Week 3: The Church -- Week 4: This Life and the Next

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**Adoptive Youth Ministry : Integrating Emerging Generations into the Family of Faith** . Grand Rapids, MI : Baker Academic, 2015.

**Summary:** Kids desperately need healthy, committed adults who can help them thrive in their faith and become active participants in the life of the church. This requires the efforts of the whole faith community. Chap Clark, one of the leading voices in youth ministry today, brings together twenty-four experts from a variety of denominations and traditions to offer a comprehensive introduction to adoptive youth ministry, a theologically driven, academically grounded, and practical youth ministry model. The book shows readers how to integrate emerging generations into the family of faith, helping young adults become active participants in God's redemptive community. --Baker Academic

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- Introduction: Adoption: Reenvisioning Youth Ministry and the Family of God Chap Clark -- Part 1: The Context of Adoptive Youth Ministry -- 1. The Strategy of Adoptive Youth Ministry / Chap Clark -- 2. Understanding the Changing Adolescent / Steven Bonner -- 3. Welcoming Wounded and Broken Adolescents into the Family of God / Marv Penner -- 4. Technology and Adoptive Youth Ministry / Bradley Howell -- 5. Screen Time: A Window into Teens' Dreams / Craig Detweiler -- Part 2: The Call of Adoptive Youth Ministry -- 6. Reflective Youth Ministry: Youth Ministry as Critical, Ongoing, Communal Reflection / Almeda M. Wright -- 7. Thinking (Practical) Theology / Michael McEntyre -- 8. Youth Ministry, Adoption, and Culture / Walt Mueller -- 9. Thinking Ecclesiologically: Teenagers Becoming Part of the Church / Mark Cannister -- 10. Thinking Critically about Families and Youth Ministry / Allen Jackson -- 11. Thinking Globally: An Asian American Case Study Approach / David Jia Hwa Doong and Jinna Sil Lo Jin -- 12. Thinking Long Term / Cheryl A. Crawford -- Part 3: The Practice of Adoptive Youth Ministry -- 13. Adoption Extended: Creating a Welcoming Space / Pamela Erwin -- 14. Spiritual Formation: It's a Matter of Time / Tony Jones -- 15. Can I Ask That? Imagining a Church Big Enough for Teenagers' Hard Questions / Kara Powell and Brad Griffin -- 16. A Call to Adoptive Ministry: Middle School Distinctives / Heather Flies -- 17. No Church in the Wild: Urban and Multiethnic Contexts as the New Frontier of Youth Ministry / Daniel White Hodge --

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