

New Resources

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ADULTS Idliby, Ranya. ***The Faith Club: A Muslim, a Christian, a Jew-- Three***
201.5 IDLIBY ***Women Search for Understanding***. New York, Free Press, 2007.

Summary: Traces how three American women of different faiths worked together to understand one another while identifying the connections between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, during which they openly discussed the issues that divided them.

Content Notes:

- In the beginning -- A Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew walk into a room-- The Abrahamic family feud -- The crucifixion crisis -- Stop stereotyping me! -- Could you convert? -- Oh, where are you, God? -- Ranya's Madrassah -- The promised land -- Prayer -- Rituals -- Intimations of mortality -- Conversations with a priest, an imam, and a rabbi -- A day of atonement -- Happy holidays -- Facing our communities -- Awakenings -- Faltering faith -- From here to eternity -- How to start a faith club -- More faith club questions.

ADULTS McConkey, Dale. ***United Methodists Divided: Understanding Our***
233.5 ***Differences Over Homosexuality***. Rome, GA, Global Parish
MCCONKEY Press, 2018.

Summary: The United Methodist Church is facing the biggest crisis of its 50-year history. At the center of the controversy is a debate over the church's stance toward homosexuality. *United Methodists Divided* provides a fair and impartial overview of the major issues facing the church as it approaches a special session of General Conference in February 2019, where the fate of the denomination will be determined. *United Methodists Divided* includes: Balanced and fair-minded descriptions of both the traditionalist and the progressive views of homosexuality; Thorough analysis of religious beliefs about homosexuality utilizing the Wesleyan Quadrilateral: Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason; Details of all three plans (One Church, Connectional Conference, Traditionalist) presented in the final report of the Commission on a Way Forward; Basic information on the upcoming special session of General Conference; End-of-chapter questions suitable for personal reflection or group discussion. Helpful context for people not familiar with the structure of the United Methodist Church. If you are looking for an impartial book that fairly presents both sides of the crisis at hand, *United Methodists Divided* is the book for you.
--Amazon

ADULTS
234.13
BROWN

Brown, Patricia D. ***Spirit Gifts Participant's Workbook: One Spirit, Many Gifts***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1996.

Summary: This dynamic group experience builds community as participants share together in study, reflective exercises, discussion, worship, prayer, music, and group activities. This workbook includes: spiritual gifts survey, personal inventory worksheets, Bible studies, key content summaries and songs. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
234.23 PURE
FLIX

Do You Believe?. Scottsdale, AZ, Pure Flix Entertainment, LLC, 2015.

Summary: A dozen souls, all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ, even if they don't yet believe it. From the creators of God's Not Dead comes this stirring new film.

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234.23 PURE
FLIX

Do You Believe? DVD-Based Study: A Study to Help You Put Your Faith Into Action. Colorado Springs, CO, Outreach, Inc, 2015.

Summary: Invite your church and community to answer the most important question of their lives! Based on the major motion picture, this four-week study will challenge participants to examine what they know to be true, and then live out their faith by sharing the life-changing message of the cross with others who may not believe. Yet. This kit includes: DVD featuring 4 weekly study clips from the movie, *Do You Believe?*; Two Four week Study Guides with lessons, Scripture readings and discussion questions; Leaders Guide; Wooden Cross (as featured in the film). About the Film: When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in tangible ways that only God could orchestrate. The film will challenge viewers to answer the question we will all face: *Do You Believe?*
--Outreach

ADULTS
239.7 PURE
FLIX

God's Not Dead. Scottsdale, AZ, Pure Flix Entertainment LLC, 2013.

Summary: A Christian college freshman, Josh Wheaton, and his atheist philosophy professor hold court on the existence of God. To pass the course, Josh must prove to the class that God is alive and well. This dare could cost him his relationships, his career, even his future, but Josh stands up for his faith and takes on the challenge.

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FLIX

God's Not Dead DVD-Based Study: What Do You Believe?. Colorado Springs, CO, Outreach, 2014.

Summary: Help your church and community discover what they believe in and how to stand for it. This six-week study will help your church grow deeper in their relationship with God and challenge them to see how far they will go to take a stand for their beliefs. Features video clips from the movie, "God's Not Dead." --Outreach

Content Notes:

- 1. Get Prepared -- 2. Have No Fear -- 3. Embrace the Evidence -- 4. Marvel at the Design -- 5. Understand God's Purpose -- 6. Share the Message

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God's Not Dead Study Guide: What Do You Believe?. Colorado Springs, CO, Outreach, 2014.

Summary: Filled with Scripture readings, group discussion points and questions, the six-week study guide will help small group members discover what they believe and how to stand for it. For use with the God's Not Dead DVD-based Study. --Outreach

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Get Prepared -- 2. Have No Fear -- 3. Embrace the Evidence -- 4. Marvel at the Design -- 5. Understand God's Purpose -- 6. Share the Message -- Conclusion: Join the Movement --Additional Resources -- God's Not Dead Leader's Guide.

ADULTS
241.4
COSROW

The Way of Integrity: Living in Right Relationship with Self, Others, and God. Chicago, IL, General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, The United Methodist Church, 2019.

Summary: Inspired by The Integrity Project at Emory University, this curriculum was developed to encourage living in right relationship with self and others within the faith communities of our local UM ministries. Through deep exploration of scripture and other resources, participants will give intentional attention to core values and the development of self-awareness in all they do. This resource is easily adaptable to a sermon series, use in spiritual formation groups, Sunday School classes, youth ministry, campus ministry, and other settings. The four-session study is free for download. --General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

Content Notes:

- 1. Identifying Values -- 2. Honor and Moral Courage -- 3. Humility and Helpfulness -- 4. Integrity in Action

ADULTS
241.54
LAROSA

LaRosa, Justin. ***The Jesus Challenge: 21 Days of Loving God and Neighbor***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: To say we live lives full of distractions is an understatement. So, how do we combat distraction? To stay in relationship with God is a journey that never ends and one that requires us to focus on love. The Jesus Challenge: 21 Days of Loving God and Neighbor is a 3-week study that will help us become more attentive to our relationship with God. It invites us to move from forgetfulness to remembering, from being distracted to becoming intentional, and from self-sufficiency to reliance on God, so we can live lives that center on loving God and loving others as ourselves. The book contains leader helps that can be combined with a DVD featuring Justin LaRosa with video segments 10–12 minutes in length. Designed for small group discussion but also works well for any individual who is looking to stay spiritually aligned during their busy lives. --Cokesbury

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Content Notes:

- 1. Loving God (9:40) -- 2. Loving Neighbor (8:03) -- 3. Loving Your Enemy (7:50)

ADULTS 242 BURGER Burger, Margie. ***Lord, Teach Us to Pray: A Study of Personal Prayer***. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, 2009.

Summary: Prayer is a relationship with God that grows and matures over time. "We can be mature in one area of our Christian walk and still

be a beginner in other areas," Burger writes. "That is not an indictment but an acknowledgment of the different ways we grow. If we are still a beginner in our prayer life, God simply desires us to take the next step... We are not striving in our own strength. God desires and provides for an intimate prayer life for all believers." Burger's study combines scriptural teaching and personal testimony that will help you overcome obstacles to intimacy with God. Appropriate for individuals and small groups, this resource features practical suggestions and honest testimony from a pilgrim who desires to walk with God. Organized in 4 sections, the study will increase your knowledge of prayer and will also help you encounter God as you: become more prayerful, explore lessons from the prayer life of Jesus, learn deeper approaches to personal prayer, embrace the promise of intimacy with God. --Upper Room

ADULTS Armstrong, Jacob. ***Interruptions: A 40-Day Journey with Jesus.***
242.2 Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2014.
ARMSTRONG

Summary: Life is full of interruptions. You have a flat tire on the way to work. Your phone buzzes, signaling yet another text or e-mail. Or a major interruption blindsides you the death of a loved one, a job loss, a family member in crisis, or a shattering diagnosis. Where is God in all these situations? *Interruptions: A 40-Day Journey with Jesus* provides a chance for you to set aside your stress for a bit and refocus on God. Jacob Armstrong looks at the life of Jesus and gives insights on how you might respond to all the interruptions in your life. The scripture-based meditations guide you to think about interruptions from various angles: Interruption as an opportunity, Living in a culture of interruptions, Jesus' response to interruptions, Jesus as an interrupter. Armstrong weaves together biblical and contemporary stories in these short, effective devotions. His book will encourage you and remind you that God wants to meet you. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Interruption as opportunity days 1-6 -- Living in a culture of interruptions days 7-11 -- Interruptions are messy days 12-18 -- Jesus the interrupter days 19-25 -- Be an interrupter days 26-31 -- The great interruption part 1 days 32-34 -- The great interruption part 2 days 35-36 -- The great interruption part 3 days 37-40.

ADULTS Walt, John David. ***Listen to Him DVD: Forty Steps on the Road to***
242.34 WALT ***Resurrection.*** Franklin, Tennessee, Seedbed, 2019.

Summary: It happened on perhaps the best day of his life so far—the day before the day Jesus would make the journey to the worst day of his life. Jesus and three of his disciples gathered on a high mountain

where Jesus was transfigured right before their eyes. The voice of God spoke three thunderously piercing words into the minds and hearts of those disciples. They were as follows: LISTEN TO HIM. Those words now come to us, the present-day disciples of Jesus. The forty days of Lent open up a journey for the top of Transfiguration Mountain to the bottom of the Valley of the Cross. These forty days provide forty steps, if you will, to lean in and listen deeply to Jesus. As we do so we find the way of the cross is the road to resurrection. Listening to Jesus—it's our highest calling to the lowest place where we discover our lives transformed and our worst days breaking forth into our best life. 6 sessions. --Seedbed

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ADULTS Chilcote, Paul Wesley. ***Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit: 52 Prayers***
242.807 ***for Today***. Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2001.
CHILCOTE

Summary: John Wesley (1703 - 1791), one of the greatest preachers of all time, preached more than 40,000 sermons. Wesley's sermons centered on God's unconditional love, freely offered to all through Christ. Wesley preached at coal mines and in fields and sparked a great spiritual renewal. Wesley's published sermons instructed the people in Christian discipleship and explained the core understandings of the Methodist movement. *Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit* offers contemporary readers an approach to Wesley's spiritual depth. Author Paul Chilcote has transposed 52 of Wesley's standard sermons into flowing devotional prayers that are written in contemporary language, yet faithful to Wesley's message. A scripture reference and a hymn by Charles Wesley accompany each prayer. The prayers offer a means of reflecting on such topics as salvation by faith, yearning for God, and Christian perfection. Like Wesley's sermons, these prayers show a concern to reveal how God works in the world. The prayers also engage the head and hands and heart in the same way that Wesley

understood Christian discipleship. With 52 prayers, readers may pray one prayer a week for a year and immerse themselves in a “short course” in Wesleyan thought and theology. This one-of-a-kind prayer book will introduce readers to a rich heritage of Christian discipleship and is a “must have” devotional book for those active in the Wesleyan tradition. A Scripture Index and a Hymn Index are also included.
--Upper Room

ADULTS
248.32
WELLS

Wells, Samuel. ***Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2014.

Summary: Shows how public intercessory prayer can wonderfully enhance Christian worship. This book offers a model of profound and accessible congregational prayer. At once inspirational and practical, it will empower and equip laypeople and clergy alike to offer heartfelt, informed, and appropriate prayers on behalf of the people of God. As Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher say, "Interceding in public worship is a duty. This book is intended to make it a joy." *Shaping the Prayers of the People* begins by considering what public prayer is and offering practical guidelines for avoiding common pitfalls. It explores prayer as an integral part of worship and discusses the language we need (and don't need) to address God. Significantly, the book also provides an array of example prayers along with commentary. --Eerdmans

Content Notes:

- Speaking to God for the people -- A time-honored shape -- Social and liturgical context -- Shaping the people -- Fine tuning -- Examples: seasons -- Examples: ordinary time -- Examples: occasions -- Checklist.

ADULTS
248.4
FOSTER

Spiritual Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups on the Twelve Spiritual Disciplines. New York, HarperOne, 2000.

Summary: From nearly two thousand years of Christian writing comes *Spiritual Classics*, fifty-two selections complete with a profile of each author, meditations for group and individual use, discussion questions and exercises, and a personal reflection by Richard Foster on each selection. Editors Richard Foster and Emilie Griffin also offer recommendations for further guided reading and exploration. Featured authors include: Frederick Buechner, Evelyn Underhill, G.K. Chesterton, Amy Carmichael, Hildegard of Bingen, Hannah More, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and more. --Renovare

ADULTS 251
GUTHRIE

Guthrie, Clifton F. ***From Pew to Pulpit: A Beginner's Guide to Preaching***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2005.

Summary: A down-to-earth, practical introduction to the ins and outs of preaching for lay preachers, bivocational pastors, and others newly

arrived in the pulpit. Recent years have seen a considerable increase in the amount of financial resources required to support a full-time pastor in the local congregation. In addition, large numbers of full-time, seminary trained clergy are retiring, without commensurate numbers of new clergy able to take their place. As a result of these trends, a large number of lay preachers and bivocational pastors have assumed the principal responsibility for filling the pulpit week by week in local churches. Most of these individuals, observes Clifton Guthrie, can draw on a wealth of life experiences, as well as strong intuitive skills in knowing what makes a good sermon, having listened to them much of their lives. What they often don't bring to the pulpit, however, is specific, detailed instruction in the how-tos of preaching. That is precisely what this brief, practical guide to preaching has to offer. Written with the needs of those for whom preaching is not their sole or primary occupation in mind, it begins by emphasizing what every preacher brings to the pulpit: an idea of what makes a sermon particularly moving or memorable to them. From there the book moves into short chapters on choosing an appropriate biblical text or sermon topic, learning how to listen to one's first impressions of what a text means, moving from text or topic to the sermon itself while keeping the listeners needs firmly in mind, making thorough and engaging use of stories in the sermon, and delivering with passion and conviction. The book concludes with helpful suggestions for resources, including Bibles, commentaries, other print resources and websites. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Curious callings -- Preaching with others -- Choosing a text or subject -- Hearing the Bible again for the first time -- Working up to your sermon -- Focusing in on your message -- Patterns and forms -- Crafting your message -- Final preparations -- Giving your sermon -- Feedback loops -- Words at the door.

ADULTS 253 BROWN
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Brown, Marc. ***Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders Participant's Book***. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, 2017.

Summary: Building on the congregational strategic planning resource, "Does Your Church Have a Prayer?" this Participant's Book will guide Lay Servants seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality. Written with two distinct purposes, Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders will first define the three disciplines of Christian transformational leadership and the four qualities of Christian transformational leaders. --Upper Room

ADULTS 253 CATALYST
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MAKE: The Making of a Leader. Duluth, GA, Catalyst, 2012.

Summary: The making of a leader is about a long obedience in the same direction and being faithful to the process. It takes time, and there is no overnight formula or transformation. Right now God wants

to define and refine who you are created to be, and what He's called you to do. We are all in the process of being made. We are made to make a difference. --container

Content Notes:

- Disc One: Andy Stanley -- Susan Cain -- Patrick Lencioni -- Disc Two: Bryan Stevenson -- Perry Noble -- Mark Burnett -- Disc Three: Christine Caine -- Francis Chan -- Jon Acuff -- Disc Four: Craig Groeschel -- Matt Chandler -- Simon Sinek -- Disc Five: Geoffrey Canada (Interview) -- Pattie Mallette -- Andy Stanley -- Disc Six: Bonus Material

ADULTS 253 **On Your Mark**. Duluth, GA, Catalyst, 2009.
CATALYST

Summary: Catalyst leaders realize that being courageous in calling is a defining element of their ability to impact their community. Now is your opportunity to lead the change in our world; giving more, doing more, and living more on purpose. --container

Content Notes:

- Disc 1: Andy Stanley -- Jessica Jackley -- Malcolm Gladwell -- Margaret Feinberg -- Disc 2: Shane Hipps -- Rob Bell -- Tony Dungy -- Reggie Joiner -- Disc 3: Matt Chandler -- Francis Chan -- Compassion & Adoption -- Disc 4: Priscilla Shirer -- Dave Ramsey -- Chuck Swindoll -- Josh Hamilton -- Disc 5: Louie Giglio -- Andy Stanley -- Ed Stetzer -- Disc 6: Behind the Scenes -- Bonus Features

ADULTS 253 **Creating a Healthy Culture**. Duluth, GA, Catalyst, 2013.
STANLEY

Summary: The Creating a Healthy Culture DVD set explores the values and intangibles that allow us to contribute to a culture that lives its values, embraces change, nurtures authentic relationships, and fosters personal and organizational progress. --container

Content Notes:

- - - Five Inescapable Truths about Organizational Culture /Andy Stanley
 - The Significance of Values in Shaping Culture /Craig Groeschel
 - The Power of Mutual Submission /Andy Stanley
 - Creating a Culture of Self-Awareness /Craig Groeschel
 - Three Essential Ingredients of a Standout Culture /Andy Stanley

ADULTS 253 ***The Power of Momentum***. Duluth, GA, Catalyst, 2010.
STANLEY

Summary: The Power of Momentum series takes a practical approach to unlocking the secrets of creating and sustaining momentum. Through examples and applications, you will learn the systems and tactics that fuel personal, organizational, and ministry progress.
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Content Notes:

- - - Gaining & Sustaining Momentum /Andy Stanley
 - Busting Barriers with Mindset Changes /Craig Groeschel
 - Creating a Culture of Continual Improvement /Andy Stanley
 - Creating Personal Spiritual Momentum /Craig Groeschel

ADULTS 262.0017 Rainer, Thom S. ***Scrappy Church: God's Not Done Yet***. Nashville, Tennessee, B&H Publishing Group, 2019.
RAINER

Summary: How many times have we heard these statements... “We can’t compete with the megachurch in our town!” “A new church was started two blocks from us. We’ve got plenty of churches without them!” “The church brought another one of their campuses near us. It’s totally unethical what they are doing.” “We can’t reach young families. They all go to the big church that has all the children’s and student stuff.” “We don’t have the money or the people the other churches have.” Bestselling author Thom S. Rainer (I Am a Church Member, Autopsy of a Deceased Church) has heard comments like these hundreds, if not thousands, of times. They are statements of hopelessness. They are statements of despair. They are statements of defeat. Church leaders don’t want to feel this way. They desire to break out of the mediocrity of the same, lame, and tame existence of their churches. They want their churches to make a difference. There is hope. God’s hope. God’s possibilities. What does a scrappy church look like? Let’s take a look together. --B&H Publishing Group

ADULTS 266 Knight, Henry H. ***Transforming Community: The Wesleyan Way to Missional Congregations***. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, 2016.
KNIGHT

Summary: Drawing from the strength of their previous book, Transforming Evangelism, Henry Knight and Douglas Powe show us a Wesleyan way to form missional communities and congregations. Drawing from John Wesley’s own organizing abilities, this will better

equip today's congregations to be more transformational. Each chapter also has study questions. --Upper Room

CHILDREN Lile, Rebecca. **God's Diner**. Charlotte, NC, Warren Publishing, 2018.
231.7 LILE

Summary: This delightful story, for ages 4-8, shares a gentle, yet powerful message about what it means to be fully accepted and loved by God. When God's Diner opens, a parade of creatures come to the door, each with their own doubts about whether they will be welcome. Is Bessie the Bear dressed right? Does Bob Beagle have enough money? Are the Bluejays the right color? Graciously, God welcomes them all. But when Pug, the Grouch Face, shows up, they all quietly wonder if God will serve even him? Children will soon discover that God's Diner is no ordinary diner. A 3-week lesson plan based on this book is also available. --Rebecca Lile

CHILDREN Best, Gary M. **Gospel's Story**. Bristol, New Room Publications, 2017.
287.092
BEST

Summary: One of the most enduring images of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, is astride his horse as he travelled the country to spread the word of the gospel. But what about the horse? Methodist historian and Warden of the New Room in Bristol has named the horse Gospel and told the story of Wesley's preaching through Gospel's eye. This children's book (ages 3-8) is beautifully illustrated by Leah Heming and tells the story of some of the key places and events in Wesley's mission including his sermon on the beach at St Ives, his hostile reception in Salisbury and the riot that greeted Wesley in Wednesbury, Staffordshire, his visit to Oxford University and Newgate Prison.
--Amazon