

# New Resources February 2020

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ADULTS  
220.07 YU

Yu, Kale K. **Study**. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

**Summary:** Your daily walk with Christ starts here. "While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promise for this life now and the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:8 CEB) Christians crave a deeper, more intimate relationship with God. The spiritual disciplines are historical practices that can guide us in our daily walk, bringing us closer to Christ. The Holy Living series brings a fresh perspective on the spiritual disciplines, enabling us to apply their practices to our current lives. Practicing these spiritual disciplines opens us to God's transforming love. In order to fully embrace study as a spiritual practice, we must first rid ourselves of the idea that study is a boring, dull, and unimaginative exercise. Study as a spiritual practice is, in fact, just the opposite: exciting, stimulating, and imaginative. It is a way to encounter and experience the living God; examine and discover more of ourselves in relation to God; and deepen our faith in God. It helps ground us in what God thinks and helps us reorder our priorities. It enlivens and energizes our faith. Study fills us with God's words, and the more we study, the more of God's words fill our hearts and minds and inform our thoughts, words, and actions. This book challenges our preconceptions of study and offers practical steps on how to develop the habit of study. This is one of series of eight books. Each book in this series introduces a spiritual practice, suggests way of living the practice daily, and provides opportunities to grow personally and in a faith community with others who engage with the practice. Each book consists of an introduction and four chapters and includes questions for personal reflection and group discussion. Other disciplines studied: Celebration, Confession, Discernment, Neighboring, Prayer, Simplicity, and Worship. --Cokesbury

ADULTS  
226.6  
SKINNER

Skinner, Matthew L. **Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit**. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

**Summary:** Learn to experience God's faithfulness and guidance by joining the journey with Jesus' followers. There's no better explanation for how to live out the Great Commission—following the instruction of the resurrected Jesus Christ to spread his teachings to all the nations of the world—than in the book of Acts. It is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension into heaven. In *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*, author and biblical scholar Matthew Skinner explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian gospel, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world. Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD and a comprehensive Leader Guide. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Preface -- Introduction -- 1. What God Has Done -- 2. What God Does -- 3. Discernment and Change -- 4. Opposition -- 5. Saints around the Edges -- 6. This Changes Everything -- Afterword: Looking Back to Look Ahead -- For Further Reading.

ADULTS  
226.6  
SKINNER

Skinner, Matthew L. *Acts DVD: Catching Up with the Spirit*. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

**Summary:** Learn to walk more closely with God with the boldness and the zeal of the apostles. There's no better explanation for how to live out the Great Commission—following the instruction of the resurrected Jesus Christ to spread his teachings to all the nations of the world—than in the book of Acts. It is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension into heaven. In *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*, author and biblical scholar Matthew Skinner explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian gospel, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world. Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD and a comprehensive Leader Guide. The 6-session DVD features Matthew Skinner guiding participants through the study. The video sessions are approximately 10–12 minutes in length. All video sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- 1. What God Has Done (10:50) -- 2. What God Does (11:38) -- 3. Discernment and Change (10:45) -- 4. Opposition (11:48) -- 5. Saints around the Edges (9:17) -- 6. This Changes Everything (11:37)

ADULTS  
226.6  
SKINNER

Skinner, Matthew L. *Acts Leader Guide: Catching Up with the Spirit*. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

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- Introduction -- 1. What God Has Done -- 2. What God Does -- 3. Discernment and Change -- 4. Opposition -- 5. Saints around the Edges -- 6. This Changes Everything.

ADULTS  
234.166  
CHILCOTE

Chilcote, Paul W. ***Confession***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

**Summary:** Your daily walk with Christ starts here. "While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promise for this life now and the life to come." ~ 1 Timothy 4:8 Christians crave a deeper, more intimate relationship with God. Spiritual disciplines are activities and practices that guide you in your daily walk through life bringing you closer to Christ. They also help you to make a difference in our world. Practicing these spiritual disciplines opens you to God's transforming love and help you experience Holy Living. Confession may be good for the soul, as the saying goes, but most people give little thought to its practice, at least on a daily basis. Like prayer, a person's needs tend to trigger a confessional response. As a result, we often have a limited understanding of the true nature of the practice. Confession is so much more than a call to apologize, though that is an integral part. Confession is fundamentally relational, providing the opportunity to experience a much fuller relationship with God. This book provides opportunities both to examine and to practice the many forms that confession takes. It begins by looking at our confession of faith (not sins) and what we affirm about the nature and purposes of God. From there it moves to exploration and practices of individual confession, mutual confession, and worship, which provides one of the most significant contexts for the people of God to confess their sin before God and one another. This is one of series of eight books. Each book in this series introduces a spiritual practice, suggests way of living the practice daily, and provides opportunities to grow personally and in a faith community with others who engage with the practice. Each book consists of an introduction and four chapters and includes questions for personal reflection and group discussion. Other disciplines studied: Celebration, Discernment, Neighboring, Simplicity, Study, and Worship. -- Cokesbury

ADULTS  
248.3  
TOMLIN

Tomlin, Chris. ***Holy Roar: 7 Words That Will Change the Way You Worship***. Nashville, TN, Thomas Nelson, 2019.

**Summary:** Deepen your understanding of praise and worship with songwriter and worship leader Chris Tomlin and pastor Darren Whitehead as they explore seven ancient Hebrew words that will lead you to a closer relationship with God through praise. What does it mean to praise God? In the ancient world, something extraordinary happened when God's people gathered to worship Him. It was more than just singing; it was a declaration, a proclamation, a time to fully embody praise to God for who He is and what he has done. In fact, in the Psalms, seven Hebrew words are translated into the English word praise, each of which represents a different aspect of what it means to truly praise God. In Holy Roar, Chris Tomlin and Darren Whitehead share a fresh perspective from the worship practices of the ancient world. Grow in your understanding of praise as Darren offers unique insights. Be inspired as Chris shares how those insights take shape in the stories behind some of your favorite worship songs, including "How Great Is Our God," "We

Fall Down," and "Good Good Father." Whether for your own personal use or for use in your church small group, Holy Roar provides insight and encouragement to deepen your practice of praise. Become a part of the Holy Roar. --Thomas Nelson

ADULTS  
248.3  
TOMLIN

Tomlin, Chris. ***Holy Roar DVD: 7 Words That Will Change the Way You Worship***. Nashville, TN, Thomas Nelson, 2019.

**Summary:** Bestselling author and worship leader Chris Tomlin and Bible teacher Darren Whitehead guide group members through seven Hebrew words that will help them develop a deeper practice of worship to God. In the ancient world, something extraordinary happened when God's people gathered to worship him. It was more than just singing; it was time to fully embody praise to God for who he is and what he had done. In the Book of Psalms, there are seven Hebrew words that are translated into the English word "praise," each of which represents a different aspect of what it means to truly praise God. In this four-session video based Bible study, pastor Darren Whitehead shares insights on how to deepen your practice of praise by uncovering the true meaning behind each of these Hebrew words, and Chris Tomlin shares how those insights take shape in the stories behind many of his worship songs, including "How Great Is Our God," "Holy Is the Lord," "I Lift My Hands," and "Good Good Father." Whether for use in your small group or your own personal use, Holy Roar provides insight and encouragement to deepen your practice of praise. Follow along as Chris and Darren lead you to the throne room of God. Join their invitation. Become a part of the Holy Roar. --Thomas Nelson

**Content Notes:**

- 1. The Shout of Praise (17:00) -- 2. The Posture of Praise (16:00) -- 3. The Songs of Praise (16:00) -- 4. The Expectation of Praise (17:30)

ADULTS  
248.3  
TOMLIN

Tomlin, Chris. ***Holy Roar Study Guide: 7 Words That Will Change the Way You Worship***. Nashville, TN, Thomas Nelson, 2019.

**Summary:** Bestselling author and worship leader Chris Tomlin and Bible teacher Darren Whitehead guide group members through seven Hebrew words that will help them develop a deeper practice of worship to God. In the ancient world, something extraordinary happened when God's people gathered to worship him. It was more than just singing; it was time to fully embody praise to God for who he is and what he had done. In the Book of Psalms, there are seven Hebrew words that are translated into the English word "praise," each of which represents a different aspect of what it means to truly praise God. In this four-session video based Bible study, pastor Darren Whitehead shares insights on how to deepen your practice of praise by uncovering the true meaning behind each of these Hebrew words, and Chris Tomlin shares how those insights take shape in the stories behind many of his worship songs, including "How Great Is Our God," "Holy Is the Lord," "I Lift My Hands," and "Good Good Father." Whether for use in your small group or your own personal use, Holy Roar provides insight and encouragement to deepen your practice of praise. Follow along as Chris and Darren lead you to

the throne room of God. Join their invitation. Become a part of the Holy Roar.  
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**Content Notes:**

- Introduction -- How to Use This Guide -- 1. The Shout of Praise -- 2. The Posture of Praise -- 3. The Songs of Praise -- 4. The Expectation of Praise -- Leader's Guide -- The Seven Hebrew Words of Praise in the Psalms.

ADULTS  
248.46  
MILLER

Miller, Wendy J. ***Simplicity***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

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CHILDREN  
268.432  
DELIKAT

Delikat, Emily La Branche. ***Holy Moments: Activities for Teaching Children About Worship***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

**Summary:** Adults tend to be more engaged in an experience when we understand what is happening and why. Our kids, who tend to have short attention spans, need even more assistance focusing...especially when it comes to worship services. Holy Moments provides a library of activities created to help children grasp the elements of a typical traditional or contemporary worship service and can also enhance your children's church, Sunday school, or any children's event. Parent letters and reproducible materials are also included to help families connect holy moments at home with worship experiences in church. --Cokesbury