

New Resources January 2015

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ADULTS Chan, Francis. **You and Me Forever : Marriage in Light of Eternity** . San Francisco, CA : Claire Love Publishing, [2014].
204.41 CHAN

Summary: Marriage is great, but it's not forever. It's until death do us part. Then come eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives. In his latest book, Francis Chan and his wife Lisa address the question that many couples wonder at the altar: "How do I have a great marriage?" Setting aside typical topics on marriage, Francis and Lisa dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. In the same way Crazy Love changed the way we saw our personal relationship with God, *You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity* will radically shift the way we see one of the most important relationships in our life. Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage. Whether you are single, dating or married, *You and Me Forever* will help you discover the adventure that you were made for and learn how to thrive in it. To go along with the book, Francis and Lisa recorded a seven week video study series on *You and Me Forever* that is available at youandmeforever.org. --youandmeforever.org

Content Notes:

- The secret to happily ever after -- Marriage isn't that great -- Pursue the perfect marriage -- Learn to fight well -- Don't waste your marriage -- Is there hope for us? -- What's really best for the kids? -- The amazing race.

ADULTS **Feasts of the Bible.** Torrance, Calif: Rose Publishing, 2011.
220.04 ROSE

Summary: God's redemptive plan is unveiled through the feasts of Israel. The feasts are still relevant for our lives today because they: Show how Messiah Jesus is the fulfillment of the feasts and holidays, Illustrate the Jewish roots of Christianity, Explain history and symbolism in the Old Testament, Open our eyes to the Lord's provision, love, and care for us, Inspire us to worship God, and Point to our glorious future with Messiah. Dr. Sam Nadler, your guide through *The Feasts of the Bible*, was brought up in a traditional Jewish home, and came to believe in Jesus as Messiah. --Rose Publishing

Content Notes:

- 1. Sabbath Rest: God's Redemptive Program -- 2. Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits -- 3. Pentecost -- 4. Feast of Trumpets -- 5. Day of Atonement -- 6. Feast of Tabernacles

ADULTS Nadler, Sam. **Feasts of the Bible Participant Guide.** Torrance, Calif: Rose Publishing, 2011.
220.04 ROSE

Summary: This is the companion participant guide to the *Feasts of the Bible* 6-Session DVD-based Study. It gives the participant discussion questions, quizzes, a place for taking notes and listing prayer requests, additional Old Testament information about types of offerings, the role of the priests, the meaning of Jesus' teaching that he was "Lord of the Sabbath," and more. Includes a calendar of the feasts (they change dates each year) and diagrams and charts for the tabernacle and the feasts of the Lord. Some Christians miss the importance of the biblical feasts, seeing them as merely "Jewish" holidays, but Scripture says these are the Feasts of the Lord God established for all people for all time. --Rose Publishing

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ADULTS
220.09
COLDWATER

Drive Thru History with Dave Stotts: Covenants, Kings, and the

Promised Land. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2011.

Summary: In a style all his own, Dave Stotts---host and editor of Drive Thru History---speeds through the ancient world of the Bible, delivering a fast-paced encounter with the people, places, and events that have shaped our world and the Christian faith. Recommended family entertainment by The Dove Foundation, Stotts' Drive Thru History series includes on-location explorations, plus loads of animations and narration that's definitely 'outside the classroom.' From the Patriarchs, to the crossing of the Jordan River into the Promised Land, to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, you will experience a visually exciting journey through the land of the Bible, revealing the history and culture behind the stories of Scripture. Covenants, Kings, and the Promised Land includes: Episode 1: Introduction to the Series, Patriarchs, Exodus, Overview of Conquest, Lachish, Be'er Sheva (Beersheba) Episode 2: Arad, Dead Sea, Sodom and amp; Gomorrah, Masada Episode 3: King David, Khirbet Qeiyafa (David and amp; Goliath and amp; the Valley of Elah), Ein Gedi, Qumran, Dead Sea Scrolls. The video also includes a PDF for each episode containing discussion questions designed for groups and families. -- Zondervan

Content Notes:

- 1. Egypt, Lachish, Beersheba -- 2. Arad, Dead Sea, Sodom & Gomorrah, Masada -- 3. Valley of Elah, Ein Gedi, Qumran

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Content Notes:

- 1. Mount Mariah, Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock, Western Wall -- 2. Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Bethesda, Kidron Valley, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane -- 3. Prophecies, Caiaphas, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Church of the Holy Sepulcher

ADULTS
220.6
GLADDING

Gladding, Sean. **The Story of God, The Story of Us : Getting Lost and**

Found in the Bible . Downers Grove, Ill. : IVP Books, 2010.

Summary: Join Sean Gladding for six discussion-starting videos exploring major themes in the Bible including the metanarrative of Scripture, creation, covenant, freedom, descent and reconciliation. Also includes a discussion guide, making these videos a powerful resource for group use, as well as an

excellent companion to Gladding's book *The Story of God, the Story of Us*. --
InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- 1. Story -- 2. Creation -- 3. Covenant -- 4. Descent -- 5. Freedom -- 6. Reconciliation

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220.6
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Gladding, Sean. **The Story of God, The Story of Us : Getting Lost and Found in the Bible** . Downers Grove, Ill. : IVP Books, 2010.

Summary: Before the Bible was a book, it was flesh and blood. In this book, you can travel with Sean Gladding between the lines of the Scriptures to listen in on the conversations of people wrestling with the Story of God for the first time. Whether sitting around a campfire in Babylon, reclining at table in Asia Minor or huddled together by candlelight in Rome, you'll encounter a tale that is at once familiar and surprising. *The Story of God, the Story of Us* can be read alone but is especially rich shared with a group. Sean Gladding presents an account of the Bible that pays attention to its audience as well as its message. He introduces you to people who may remind you of yourself or your family, friends and coworkers. As much as the Bible is a story about God, it's also a story about you--and all of us--as we encounter God in a new way. -
-InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Creation -- Catastrophe -- Covenant -- Community (part one) : Exodus -- Community (part two) : Sinai -- Conquest -- Crown -- Conceit -- Christ -- Cross -- Church -- Consummation.

ADULTS
222.16
GATEWAY

10 Commandments. Worcester, Pa: EO International, [Date of publication not identified].

Summary: The Ten Commandments — "What They Mean" "Why They Matter" "Why You Should Care" Hosted by Adrian Snell -- composer, singer, and communicator. Here is an historic document over 3,000 years old. It is a code for living more influential than any other. It confronts us today as an object of unceasing and intense public debate. The Ten Commandments were given to the people of Israel, yet they have been embraced by diverse cultures over long centuries. The neglect of the Ten Commandments is seen by many as contributing to a moral breakdown today. Others fight to keep them out of public places. Can you think of any other ancient text that so inspires such contemporary attention? In this series you will find out why the Ten Commandments are so potent, how they cut through the maze of psychobabble, how they get to the center of issues of the heart and how they affect the way we live. Includes Ten Segments, approximately 30 minutes each. PDF excerpts included on the DVD: Leaders Guide (for the first three programs) - includes a short history of each commandment, quotes, questions, Scripture verses, and scripts and Student Workbook (for the first three programs) - includes warm-up and introduction, questions for reflection, quizzes and more. --Vision Video

Content Notes:

- 1. 'Have No Other Gods but Me' -- 2. 'Do Not Bow Down to Anything' -- 3. 'Do Not Misuse My Name' -- 4. 'Keep the Sabbath' -- 5. 'Honor Your Father and Mother' -- 6. 'Do Not Kill' -- 7. 'Do Not Commit Adultery' -- 8. 'Do Not Steal' -- 9. 'Do Not Lie' -- 10. 'Do Not Covet'

ADULTS
222.16
GATEWAY

Curtis, Ken. **10 Commandments Leader's Guide**. Worcester, Pa: Christian History Institute, [Date of publication not identified].

Summary: This comprehensive 112-page leader's guide contains ten sections to accompany the video series. Each section includes a short history of the commandment, quotes, questions for discussion, and Scripture

passages with related questions. The guide also includes a series summary chart, background information on the presenter and additional information related to the commandments. --Vision Video

Content Notes:

- Welcome -- Series Summary Overview -- Meet Your Presenter: Adrian Snell -- Which Ten Commandments? -- 1. 'Have No Other Gods but Me' -- 2. 'Do Not Bow Down to Anything' -- 3. 'Do Not Misuse My Name' -- 4. 'Keep the Sabbath' -- 5. 'Honor Your Father and Mother' -- 6. 'Do Not Kill' -- 7. 'Do Not Commit Adultery' -- 8. 'Do Not Steal' -- 9. 'Do Not Lie' -- 10. 'Do Not Covet'

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222.16
GATEWAY

Curtis, Ken. **10 Commandments Student Workbook**. Worcester, Pa: Christian History Institute, [Date of publication not identified].

Summary: The 48-page workbook contains ten lessons that coincide with the video series. Each lesson includes a warm-up and introduction to use before viewing, and questions and a quiz to do after watching the video. The workbook also includes a series summary chart and a chart containing three different translations of the commandments to encourage memorization. -- Vision Video

Content Notes:

- Welcome -- Series Summary Overview -- 1. 'Have No Other Gods but Me' -- 2. 'Do Not Bow Down to Anything' -- 3. 'Do Not Misuse My Name' -- 4. 'Keep the Sabbath' -- 5. 'Honor Your Father and Mother' -- 6. 'Do Not Kill' -- 7. 'Do Not Commit Adultery' -- 8. 'Do Not Steal' -- 9. 'Do Not Lie' -- 10. 'Do Not Covet' -- Memorize the Ten Commandments -- Answers to the Quizzes

ADULTS 230
LYONS

Herbst, Norton. **The Whole Gospel Participant's Guide: Revisiting Our Message to the World**. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2010.

Summary: In *The Whole Gospel: Revisiting Our Message to the World*, groups will be challenged to gain a more holistic understanding of the gospel that reshapes our lives and our message to a broken world. The Bible is a story. Not like a children's fairytale or a sci-fi fantasy. But a grand story that tells us about God and his work in the world. So the Bible is also our story. But the way we share our story with others reveals the kind of gospel message we believe in. Many Christians have come to believe in a gospel that is only concerned with getting individuals to heaven, but could there be more? In this Q Society Room experience, your group will be challenged to revisit the story of the Bible. You'll explore the richness of its themes and see how it shapes every aspect of our lives—from what we believe to how we live, how we interact with culture and how we share this essential "good news" with others. Featuring: Tim Keel: *The Gospel Revisited* (Q Talk), Ron Martoia: *Spiritual Conversations* (Q Short), Charles Colson: *Cultural Commission* (Q Talk), Jamie Tworkowski: *To Write Love on Her Arms* (Q Talk). --Q Ideas

Content Notes:

- The Whole Gospel -- Welcome to the Society Room -- Your Place in Culture -- Roundtable Discussions -- Group Gathering One: Reframing the Gospel -- Q Short: *Spiritual Conversations* -- Group Gathering Two: *Spiritual Conversations* -- Group Gathering Three: *Cultural Commission* -- Group Gathering Four: *To Write Love on Her Arms* -- Culture Shaping Project: *Learning While Doing* -- Group Gathering Five: *Whatever You Do for the Least*

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Lyons, Gabe. **The Whole Gospel: Revisiting Our Message to the World**. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2010.

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Content Notes:

- One: Reframing the Gospel -- Two: Spiritual Conversations -- Three: Cultural Commission -- Four: To Write Love on Her Arms -- Five: Culture Shaping Project and Debrief

ADULTS
230.092
DISCOVERY

C. S. Lewis: Reluctant Disciple Study Guide: Faith, Reason, and the Power of the Gospel. Grand Rapids, Mich: Discovery House Publishers, 2014.

Summary: C. S. Lewis: Reluctant Disciple gives you a deeper look into the life of one of the twentieth-century's most influential writers as it chronicles his journey from disillusioned atheist to fearless defender of the faith. Escaping to a place of imagination and mythology as a student, C. S. Lewis eventually convinced himself that God did not exist. But from English boarding schools to the trenches of World War I to Oxford University he sought joy, which he finally found in God. This interactive study guides you through C. S. Lewis's personal journey of faith to show how God can transform an outspoken critic of Christianity into a powerful and effective voice for His kingdom. --Discovery House Publishers

Content Notes:

- Introduction: Not Perfect, but Fascinating -- Session 1: It Began with the Land -- Session 2: "A Loss of Faith" -- Session 3: Second Lieutenant Jack Lewis -- Session 4: Sidecar Conversion -- Session 5: Writing: "The Thing He Was Called to Do" -- Session 6: "Transformed by Christ" -- Session 7: Joy and True Love -- Session 8: Observing Grief

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ADULTS

Abraham, William J. **Wesley for Armchair Theologians** . Louisville, Ky. :

230.7092
ABRAHAM

Westminster John Knox Press, c2005.

Summary: Wesley for Armchair Theologians engagingly presents the life and theology of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Written by prominent Wesley scholar William Abraham, who aimed to "make Wesley come alive for those who would truly love to become armchair theologians," the book is an excellent, entertaining, and expert guide to the work of this important Christian figure. Written by experts but designed for the novice, the Armchair series provides accurate, concise, and witty overviews of some of the most profound moments and theologians in Christian history. These books are essential supplements for first-time encounters with primary texts, lucid refreshers for scholars and clergy, and enjoyable reads for the theologically curious. --Westminster John Knox Press

ADULTS 232
SLAUGHTER

Slaughter, Michael. **Renegade Gospel DVD: The Rebel Jesus** . Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2014.

Summary: Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. You and I are invited to be a part. In Renegade Gospel, pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Read the red letters and discover Jesus all over again. This six-session DVD features pastor and author Mike Slaughter bringing his edgy, powerful style to bear on this important topic. It is designed for small group use, in conjunction with the book Renegade Gospel. Each video session is approximately 8-10 minutes each. All video sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Discovering the rebel Jesus (10:06) -- A revolutionary lifestyle (10:11) -- The most important question you will ever have to answer (10:06) -- Seeing Jesus today (9:29) -- The way of the cross (10:08) -- Resurrection (10:28) -- Trailer (1:37).

ADULTS 232
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Content Notes:

- Discovering the rebel Jesus -- A revolutionary lifestyle -- The most important question you will ever have to answer -- Seeing Jesus today -- The way of the cross -- Resurrection.

ADULTS 232
SLAUGHTER

Slaughter, Michael. **Renegade Gospel : The Rebel Jesus** . Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2014.

Summary: Central to the Christian faith is a man who denies all our pre-conceived notions about what God should look like. Joining his movement will mean coming to terms with the real Jesus, the rebel Jesus. Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. You and I are invited to be a part. In Renegade Gospel, pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Read the red letters and discover Jesus all over again. Renegade Gospel is a multi-component, all-

church sermon series and group study with six sessions. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Discovering the rebel Jesus -- A revolutionary lifestyle -- The most important question you will ever have to answer -- Seeing Jesus today -- The way of the cross -- Resurrection.

ADULTS
232.97
WRIGHT

Wright, N. T. **Jesus' Resurrection: Then and Now.** Forest, Va: The Center for Advanced Religious External Studies, [20??].

Summary: Lesson 1: The Historical Jesus: Who was Jesus? What was his message? Why was he put to death? What are scholars today saying about Jesus? Lesson 2: Jesus: The Resurrected Messiah: Most messianic movements ended with the death of their founder. Why did the Jesus movement survive – not only survive, but flourish? What did Jesus' followers mean when they said that Jesus was "raised from the dead"? Lesson 3: The Jewish Understanding of Resurrection: What did first-century Jews believe about resurrection? What caused Jesus' (Jewish) followers to come to a different understanding of "resurrection"? Lesson 4: The Gospel Writers' Understanding of Jesus' Resurrection: Are the Gospels' witness to Jesus' resurrection credible? Are they in conflict with each other? Lesson 5: Paul's Understanding of Jesus' Resurrection: For Paul, Jesus' resurrection was the first fruits of the new creation – and all who are "in Christ" will be raised like him, though their resurrection bodies will be different than their earthly bodies. What does Paul say about our to-be-resurrected bodies? Lesson 6: Jesus' Resurrection Today It is hard to account for the rise in Christianity if Jesus was not raised from the dead. What about today? How are we to understand Jesus' resurrection? A PDF discussion guide is included on the CD-ROM. --The Center for Advanced Religious External Studies

Content Notes:

- Lesson 1: The Historical Jesus -- Lesson 2: Jesus: The Resurrected Messiah -- Lesson 3: The Jewish Understanding of Resurrection -- Lesson 4: The Gospel Writers' Understanding of Jesus' Resurrection -- Lesson 5: Paul's Understanding of Jesus' Resurrection -- Lesson 6: Jesus' Resurrection Today

ADULTS
248.32
LUCADO

Lucado, Max. **Before Amen Study Guide: The Power of a Simple Prayer.** Nashville, Tenn: Thomas Nelson, 2014.

Summary: In this four-session video-based study, best-selling author Max Lucado reveals his struggles with prayer and how he discovered that it is not a privilege for the pious or the art of a chosen few but a simple tool everyone has been given to have a conversation with God. He shows you how to let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears you, and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest. Join Max Lucado on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer and the power unleashed with five simple sentences: "Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, amen." This study guide includes discussion questions, conversation starters, and between-session activities to enhance your understanding and application of Max's teaching. --Thomas Nelson

Content Notes:

- A Word from Max Lucado -- Session 1. Father, You Are Good -- Session 2. I Need Help -- Session 3. They Need Help -- Session 4. Thank You -- Small Group Leader Helps

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Content Notes:

- 1. Father, You Are Good (21:00) -- 2. I Need Help (19:00) -- 3. They Need Help (20:00) -- 4. Thank You (20:00)

ADULTS
248.4 KIRBY

Kirby, Jeff. **Jesus Apprentice Leader Guide: Doing What Jesus Did.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

Summary: When Jesus taught the disciples, his message was simple and clear. In this illuminating study, Jeff Kirby sweeps aside the clutter of our daily lives and takes us to the heart of Jesus's message. With Jesus as our teacher and mentor, we explore Christian belief through Christian action, following in the footsteps of our Lord. Jesus's message is explored in four chapters: 1. The Day I Met Jesus, 2. Announcing Good News, 3. The Ministry of Healing, 4. Praying for Self and Others. This Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the Jesus Apprentice Bible study program. It includes session plans and discussion questions, as well as multiple format options. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. The Message and Methods of Jesus -- 2. Share the Good News of God's Kingdom -- 3. Heal the Sick and Suffering -- 4. Push Back the Darkness

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Content Notes:

- Introduction: The Day I Met Jesus-- 1. The Message and Methods of Jesus - 2. Share the Good News of God's Kingdom -- 3. Heal the Sick and Suffering - 4. Push Back the Darkness -- Notes

ADULTS
248.4 KIRBY

Kirby, Jeff. **Jesus Apprentice: [Doing What Jesus Did].** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

Summary: This 4-week study by Jeff Kirby is a very simple introduction to a new way of thinking about the nature of Christian living. Is a life of becoming more like our teacher and mentor possible? This four-session DVD features Jeff Kirby guiding us through Jesus' key teachings and activities. It is designed for small group use, in conjunction with the book Jesus Apprentice. All video sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Message and Methods (11:04) -- 2. Good News (10:45) -- 3. Heal the Sick (10:03) -- 4. Push Back Darkness (11:36)

ADULTS
248.4

Maynard, Phil. **Foundations: An Introduction to Christian Practices.** [Place of publication not identified]: [Publisher not identified], 2014.

MAYNARD

Summary: Growth as a disciple begins with a good foundation. We need to learn how to pray, how to begin reading the Bible, how to live in authentic relationships, how to have a devotional time, how to use the resources God has provided, how to discern our call to serve, and how to share our faith. These basic foundational spiritual disciplines are presented in an easy to understand and very practical format in "Foundations". Use this resource with a small group of new believers or with a new member class or as a guide in a mentoring relationship. Even seasoned believers are finding this to be a valuable resource to strengthen their spiritual lives. --EMC3 Coaching

ADULTS
248.8
ELDREDGE

Eldredge, John. **Fathered by God Participant's Guide: [Learning What Your Dad Could Never Teach You]**. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, c2009.

Summary: In the Fathered by God Small Group Video Series, John Eldredge presents the six stages a man goes through as he matures in life and faith, sharing insights and teaching on how each stage can be encouraged and supported by those around him. This companion participant's guide follows the DVD episodes, providing additional information and discussion questions designed to help your small group grow and bond with each other. Together you will forge companionship with God the Father while undergoing a transformation, releasing the fullness of life and the passion God designed you to live. --Thomas Nelson

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Masculine journey -- True son of a true father -- Boyhood -- Cowboy -- Warrior -- Lover -- King -- Sage -- Let us be intentional -- A note from the author -- Appendix: A daily prayer for freedom -- Notes

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Summary: John Eldredge calls men back to a simple and reassuring truth: God is our Father. In life's trials and triumphs, God is initiating boys and men through the stages of manhood from Beloved Son to Cowboy to Warrior to Lover to King to Sage. Fathered by God maps out the path of manhood—not more rules, not another list of principles, not formulas, but a sure path men have followed for centuries before us. 8 sessions. Includes a leader's guide and CD-ROM with promotional materials. --Thomas Nelson

Content Notes:

- The Masculine journey -- Boyhood -- Cowboy -- Warrior -- Lover -- King -- Sage -- Let us be intentional.

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- Masculine journey -- True son of a true father -- Boyhood -- Cowboy -- Warrior -- Lover -- King -- Sage -- Let us be intentional.

ADULTS
248.8
SAMFORD

Called: Vocation as an Expression of Faith. [Birmingham, Ala.]: Samford University, [2008].

Summary: What am I going to do with my life? It is the profound and decisive question every young person must face. Noted author Frederick

Buechner described this program as the point at which one's "deep gladness meets the world's great need." In this film, a wide cross-section of teachers and leaders probe what it means not only to live one's beliefs at work, but live them through their work. --Container

- ADULTS 254
MAYNARD Maynard, Phil. **Shift: Helping Congregations Back into the Game of Effective Ministry.** [Place of publication not identified]: EMC3 Coaching, 2013.
Summary: An exploration of 5 key shifts congregations must make to become vital, effective, and fruitful: 1. From Fellowship to Hospitality, 2. From Worship as an Event to Worship as a Lifestyle, 3. From Membership to Discipleship, 4. From 'Serve Us' to Service, 5. From 'Survival Mentality' to Generosity. Based on years of research, coaching, and consulting with local congregations this book provides helpful, practical methods for developing effective ministry. Most twenty-first century churches are neither missional nor effective in reaching people with the gospel. That's just the truth of the matter. Most of our churches are stuck, declining, aging and struggling in various ways. SHIFT is written most explicitly for the church that thought they had ministry figured out 30 years ago, but where nothing today is working as well as it used to work. If this is the case in the place that you call church this book may get your church's leaders thinking through the key movements for effective ministry. --Cokesbury
- ADULTS 260
CHRISTIE Christie, Neal. **Justice in Everyday Life: A Look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church.** Nashville, Tenn: Discipleship Resources, 2014.
Summary: Justice in Everyday Life, a Lay Servant Ministries advance course, takes an in-depth look at the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church —the church's attempt to speak on contemporary issues with which it is confronted today. The book covers topics such as: natural world, social community, economic community, political community, Biblical foundations of the Social Principles, and teaching the Social Principles, and it is divided into a 5-session course. This book is not only for Lay Servants, but is for anyone interested in studying the Social Principles in greater detail. --Cokesbury
- ADULTS 261
LYONS Herbst, Norton. **Engaging Post-Christian Culture: Our Mission in a New Context.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2010.
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Content Notes:
- Engaging in Post-Christian Culture -- Welcome to the Society Room -- Your Place in Culture -- Roundtable Discussions -- Group Gathering One: A New Mission to the West Q Short: Renewing Cities Through Missional Tribes -- Group Gathering Two: Renewing Cities Through Missional Tribes -- Group

Gathering Three: Post-Christendom Mission -- Group Gathering Four: Why We Can't Change the World -- Culture Shaping Project: Learning While Doing -- Group Gathering Five: Our Mission as Worship

ADULTS 261
LYONS

Herbst, Norton. **Where You Live Matters Participant's Guide: Developing a Vision for Your City.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2010.

Summary: In Where You Live Matters: Developing a Vision for Your City, groups will be challenged by a fundamental lifestyle question: Should where you live dramatically shape the way you practice your faith? It's not just about what you can afford, the square footage you need or the size of the garage. Maybe it goes much deeper than that. Is it possible that God has a bigger vision for our apartments, houses and neighborhoods than we do? What about the places we shop, the neighbors we encounter, the cities we call home? In this Q Society Room study, groups will discuss God's heart for the world He created and how local places—the cities and neighborhoods in which we live—are central to that. Participants will be exposed to what the Bible has to say about cities; they'll be encouraged to embrace a theology of place and discuss recent trends regarding urban and suburban development—making sense of their connection to the Christian faith. Get ready to think differently about where you live. God has a vision for your city. Featuring: Timothy Keller: Grace of the City (Q Talk), Mel McGowan: From the Garden to the City (Q Short), Joel Kotkin: The Future of the Suburbs (Q Talk), Timothy Keller: Grace in and For the City (Q Talk). --Q Ideas

Content Notes:

- Where You Live Matters -- Welcome to the Society Room -- Your Place in Culture -- Roundtable Discussions -- Group Gathering One: Grace of the City -- Q Short: Saving Suburbia: From the Garden to the City -- Group Gathering Two: From the Garden to the City -- Group Gathering Three: The Future of the Suburbs -- Group Gathering Four: Grace in and for the City -- Culture Shaping Project: Learning While Doing -- Group Gathering Five: Salt and Light

ADULTS 261
LYONS

Lyons, Gabe. **Advancing the Common Good Participant's Guide:**

Restoring Our Role in Culture. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2011.

Summary: In Advancing the Common Good: Restoring Our Role in Culture, host Gabe Lyons and DVD presenters Jo Saxton, Eboo Patel, and Shannon Sedgwick Davis explore the issues in our world that need a voice. There are injustices that take place everyday that need to be fought and opposed. In this Q Society Room experience, your group will be challenged to investigate the mission of Christians in opposing practices that run contrary to God's laws and God's nature. Lyons and Norton Herbst then help individuals and the group as a whole explore---through short articles by noted authors, transcripts from Q Talks (included in the Leader's DVD and Guide), five meetings to discuss important topics related to the overall theme, and thought-provoking questions---a challenge to be a voice for justice. Meetings are divided among video, group reading, and group activity or project. Advancing the Common Good: Restoring Our Role in Culture group meetings include: Group Meeting One – Video: Jo Saxton | Being Provoked to Engage, Group Meeting Two – Essay: David Gushee | The Sanctity of Human Life, Group Meeting Three – Video: Eboo Patel | An Interfaith Dialogue, Group Meeting Four – Video: Shannon Sedgwick Davis | Not on Our Watch, Group Meeting Five – Group Project and Discussion. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- Advancing the Common Ground -- Welcome to Q Studies -- Your Place in Culture -- Group Gathering One: Being Provoked to Engage -- Q Short: The Sanctity of Human Life -- Group Gathering Two: The Sanctity of Human Life --

Group Gathering Three: An Interfaith Dialogue -- Group Gathering Four: Not on Our Watch -- Culture-Shaping Project: Learning While Doing -- Group Gathering Five: It Starts with You

ADULTS 261
LYONS

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Content Notes:

- One: Being Provoked to Engage -- Two: The Sanctity of Human Life -- Three: An Interfaith Dialogue -- Four: Not on Our Watch -- Five: Culture-Shaping Project and Debrief

ADULTS 261
LYONS

Lyons, Gabe. **Being Countercultural: Restoring Our Identity in a Changing Society.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2011.

Summary: In *Being Countercultural: Our Posture in a Changing Society*, host Gabe Lyons and DVD presenters Andy Crouch and Mike Foster explore how Christians need to live in contrast to the ways of the world. In this Q Society Room experience, each individual and the group as a whole are challenged to return to a biblical way of life. In a harsh, sinful world, you can live counterculturally by practicing discernment, showing grace, and valuing responsibility. Lyons and Norton Herbst then help individuals and the group as a whole explore---through short articles by noted authors, transcripts from Q Talks (included in the Leader's DVD and Guide), five meetings to discuss important topics related to the overall theme, and thought-provoking questions---a biblical perspective on living a countercultural life in an out-of-control world. Meetings are divided among video, group reading, and group activity or project. *Being Countercultural: Our Posture in a Changing Society* group meetings include: Group Meeting One – Video: Gabe Lyons | Being Countercultural Group Meeting Two – Essay: Jason Locy and Tim Willard | Veneer Group Meeting Three – Video: Andy Crouch | Power, Privilege and Risk Group Meeting Four – Video: Mike Foster | People of a Second Chance Group Meeting Five – Group Project and Discussion. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- One: Being Countercultural -- Two: Stripping Away the Veneer -- Three: Power, Privilege, and Risk -- Four: People of the Second Chance -- Five: Culture-Shaping Project and Debrief

ADULTS 261

Lyons, Gabe. **Being Countercultural: Restoring Our Identity in a**

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Content Notes:

- Being Countercultural -- Welcome to Q Studies -- Your Place in Culture -- Group Gathering One: Being Countercultural -- Q Short: Veneer: A Commentary on Culture and the Church -- Group Gathering Two: Stripping Away the Veneer -- Group Gathering Three: Power, Privilege, and Risk -- Group Gathering Four: People of the Second Chance -- Culture-Shaping Project: Learning While Doing -- Group Gathering Five: Something Extraordinary about Our Lives

ADULTS 261
LYONS

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Content Notes:

- One: A New Mission to the West-- Two: Renewing Cities Through Missional Tribes -- Three: Post-Christendom Mission -- Four: Why We Can't Change the World -- Five: Culture Shaping Project and Debrief

ADULTS 261
LYONS

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- One: Grace of the City -- Two: From the Garden to the City -- Three: The Future of the Suburbs -- Four: Grace in and for the City -- Five: Culture-Shaping Project and Debrief

ADULTS
261.55
LYONS

Herbst, Norton. **The Spirituality of Science: How Science Strengthens Faith in God.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2010.

Summary: In *The Spirituality of Science: How Science Strengthens Faith in God*, groups will explore the beleaguered relationship between science and faith. They'll learn how all Christians should be mindful and informed, rather than skeptical or even fearful, of science. If you believe the "new atheists"—Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens and the like—science has proven that the idea of God is simply a delusion. Many Christians have responded to this movement by suggesting that science itself is somehow anti-faith and the century-old creation debate only underscores the divide. If what we believe about the world is reduced to the idea of "observable data," doesn't that threaten the foundation of Christianity? In this Q Society Room study groups are challenged to think differently. Through exposure to several scientists, who also happen to be Christians, they will gain a new perspective on how science and faith can and should inform one another. Featuring: Francis Collins: *The Language of God* (Q Talk), Alister McGrath: *Science and Faith at Odds* (Q Short), Catherine Crouch: *What Every Christian Could Learn from a Scientist* (Q Talk) , Louie Giglio: *Indescribable Wonder* (Q Talk). --Q Ideas

Content Notes:

- The Spirituality of Science -- Welcome to the Society Room -- Your Place in Culture -- Roundtable Discussions -- Group Gathering One: *The Language of God* Q Short: *Science and Faith at Odds?* -- Group Gathering Two: *Science and Faith at Odds?* -- Group Gathering Three: *What Every Christian Could Learn from a Scientist* -- Group Gathering Four: *Indescribable Wonder* -- Culture Shaping Project: *Learning While Doing* -- Group Gathering Five: *Over All Creation*

ADULTS
261.55
LYONS

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Content Notes:

- One: The Language of God -- Two: Science and Faith at Odds? -- Three: What Every Christian Could Learn from a Scientist -- Four: Indescribable Wonder -- Five: Culture Shaping Project and Debrief

ADULTS
261.8
DEYOUNG

United by Faith : The Multiracial Congregation as an Answer to the Problem of Race . Oxford New York : Oxford University Press, 2003.

Summary: In United By Faith, a multiracial team of sociologists and a minister of the Church of God argue that multiracial Christian congregations offer a key to opening the still-locked door between the races in the United States. They note, however, that a belief persists--even in African-American and Latino churches--that racial segregation is an acceptable, even useful practice. The authors examine this question from biblical, historical, and theological perspectives to make their case for a theology suited to sustaining multiracial congregations over time. --Oxford University Press

Content Notes:

- 1. A house of prayer for all the nations -- 2. Congregations in the early church -- 3. Congregations and the color line (1600-1940) -- 4. The emergence of multiracial congregations (1940-2000) -- 5. A closer look at four multiracial congregations -- 6. Rejecting the white man's religion -- 7. Separate but equal -- 8. Arguing the case for multiracial congregations -- 9. The truth of the gospel -- 10. The promise and the challenges of multiracial congregations.

ADULTS
266.02
BIBLICAL

Trauma & Trafficking: A Christian Response. [Place of publication not identified]: Global Story2 Films, 2011.

Summary: Human trafficking and sexual abuse are real problems in all parts of the world, even our own neighborhoods. As Christians, we have a responsibility to help those who are in need. Hosted by Biblical Seminary and presented by professionals in the field, this DVD seminar addresses those pertinent issues. --Container

Content Notes:

- Disc 1: The Biblical Call: A Response to Violence / Bethany Hoang -- The Biblical Call: Global Violence Against Women and Children / Diane Langberg -- International Human Trafficking / Bethany Hoang -- Disc 2: Domestic Human Trafficking / Diane Langberg -- Panel Discussion / Bethany Hoang and Diane Langberg -- Mobilizing All Christians in Effective Action Against Human Trafficking / Bob Morrison -- Disc 3: Sexual Abuse in Christian Organizations / Diane Langberg -- Panel Discussion / Diane Langberg, Pearl Kim, and Bob Morrison, with moderator Phil Monroe

ADULTS
270.1
GATEWAY

From Christ to Constantine Teacher's Guide and Curriculum: The Trial & Testimony of the Early Church. Worcester, Pa: Gateway Films/Vision Video, 1990.

Summary: The first three centuries were decisive for Christianity. The very existence of the church itself was threatened by powerful opponents who wanted to destroy it. These programs go to the locations and use dramatic re-

creations to bring you close to the early believers. A great attendance builder, this series has proven to be especially popular for small groups, Bible studies, and Sunday school. The support material is designed so that lay people can effectively and comfortably lead a group through this fascinating period of church beginnings. Highlights from the 6 programs: 1. Foundations: How did it all begin, and what happened to the twelve apostles? 2. Spread: The Word was for all. An impossible task. How did they bring their message to the world? 3. Accusations: Believers were subject to many charges, some outrageously false and others true. How did they answer them? 4. Persecutions: The mightiest empire in history outlawed and persecuted the believers. What happened and why? 5. Testimony: A close-up look at heroes who would pay with their lives rather than deny their faith. 6. Transition: Constantine granted the church legality and favor. Was this a bane or blessing? Why did the church succeed? This Teacher's Guide includes the Leader's guide, Reproducible student worksheets, and Program scripts. -- Vision Video

ADULTS
270.1
GATEWAY

From Christ to Constantine: The Trial & Testimony of the Early Church.

Worcester, Pa: Gateway Films, [1990].

Summary: One of the most popular series from the Christian history collection. This gripping series of six half-hour programs, produced in consultation with an international team of scholars, takes you to the actual locations to show what the early church was like, how it spread, and the persecution it endured. Host for the award-winning series is Steve Bell. Actors Nigel Goodwin, Russell Boulter, and Jane Campion dramatize leading figures and events from the early church. The six programs are as follows: Program 1: Foundation: What do we know about Christ? What happened to his twelve apostles? Program 2: Spread: A word for all peoples. An impossible task! Yet they blanketed the whole Roman Empire. How did these early believers get their message to the world? Program 3: Accusation: The Roman Empire had room for all kinds of religions, yet Christianity just didn't fit. Many charges were leveled against the believers - some will surprise you. Program 4: Persecution: The mightiest empire in history unleashed repeated waves of persecution against the early believers. Why was the unarmed church such a threat to Rome? Program 5: Testimony: Heroic figures emerged. Their effect on the young church was far-reaching. Here are two: Polycarp and Perpetua. Program 6: Transition: When the Emperor Constantine came to the throne, the church was granted legal standing. Was this a blessing or a bane? Also, why the early church succeeded. PDFs included on the DVD are Leader's Guide with background information, discussion questions, and optional Bible study, Student handouts for each session, Program scripts, Script of early church document, Octavius of Minucius Felix, upon which program 3 is based. --Vision Video

Content Notes:

- Program 1: Foundation -- Program 2: Spread -- Program 3: Accusation -- Program 4: Persecution -- Program 5: Testimony -- Program 6: Transition

CHILDREN
232
SLAUGHTER

Slaughter, Michael. **Renegade Gospel Children's Leader Guide: The Rebel Jesus**. Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2014.

Summary: Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. You and I are invited to be a part. In Renegade Gospel, pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Read the red letters and discover Jesus all over again. This six-session Children's Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide children during the all-church program. Sessions are compatible with adult and youth sessions

but are expressed in active terms that will appeal to children. Activities for both younger and older children, along with reproducible handouts. --

Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the leader -- Discovering the rebel Jesus -- A revolutionary lifestyle -- The most important question you will ever have to answer -- Seeing Jesus today -- The way of the cross -- Resurrection.

CHILDREN
241.4
MCKNIGHT

McKnight Barringer, Laura. **Sharing God's Love Teacher Lesson & Activity Guide: The Jesus Creed for Children** . Brewster MA : Paraclete Press Inc, 2014.

Summary: The teacher lesson and activity guide is designed to help children apply the truths of Sharing God's Love: The Jesus Creed for Children. Through 6 interactive lessons, games, and activities, children memorize the Jesus Creed and then identify specific ways they can apply the Jesus Creed in their daily lives -- loving God and loving others. Materials may be photocopied and distributed to students, as well as adapted for your own classroom or Sunday school use. --Paraclete Press

CHILDREN
241.4
MCKNIGHT

McKnight, Scot. **Sharing God's Love : The Jesus Creed for Children** . Brewster MA : Paraclete Press Inc, 2014.

Summary: Sharing God's Love, the children's companion to The Jesus Creed, can transform kids as they learn to love God and to love one another, intentionally. Join Aksel and Finley throughout their day at home and school as they discover how to live out the Jesus Creed, remembering: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself." This is a great resource for Sunday School classes. A Teacher Lesson & Activity Guide is also available. --Paraclete Press

YOUTH 232
SLAUGHTER

Slaughter, Michael. **Renegade Gospel Youth Study Book: The Rebel Jesus** . Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2014.

Summary: Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. You and I are invited to be a part. In Renegade Gospel, pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Read the red letters and discover Jesus all over again. This six-session Youth Study is designed for parallel use with the adult and children's studies as part of an all-church program. The study communicates the challenging, revolutionary message of Jesus in terms that are meaningful for youth. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- To the leader -- Discovering the rebel Jesus -- A revolutionary lifestyle -- The most important question you will ever have to answer -- Seeing Jesus today -- The way of the cross -- Resurrection -- Notes.

YOUTH
248.83
GROUP

Anything But Ordinary: [Where Heaven and Earth Collide]. Loveland, Colo: Group Publishing, 2012.

Summary: Few teenagers dream of being ordinary. They seek to be significant, remarkable, memorable. They seek to lead lives that matter. Fortunately, Jesus set the standard in being anything but ordinary. In this five-week series, veteran youth workers Brad Tate and Chase Allcott will engage your students in thought-provoking conversations about several unforgettable moments from the life of Jesus—moments that demonstrated how lives changed every time heaven and earth collided. When do heaven and

earth collide in the lives of your teenagers? When Jesus becomes real in their lives and in this world. When they become followers of Jesus, not just fans of Jesus. When they obey Jesus' words about community and surround themselves with other people building God's kingdom. When they fully allow God to define their lives and their hearts. When they minister and serve now, instead of waiting until they're older. You'll get tons of helpful materials to help you use the curriculum, including discussion guides, promotional materials, and more. All of the resources are editable and reproducible, so you're able to tweak away and infuse them with your ministry's unique personality. --Simply Youth Ministry

Content Notes:

- Believable: The Story of the Centurion (9:17) -- The Cost of Following Jesus (9:58) -- Choosing Friends: The Call of Matthew and the Disciples (9:12) -- What Defines You (7:52) -- Harvest: The Kingdom Worker (8:02)

YOUTH
287.092
BENGE

Benge, Janet. **Francis Asbury : Circuit Rider** . Seattle : YWAM Publishing, 2013.

Summary: One of the first Methodist bishops in America, English-born Francis Asbury devoted his life to ministry, traveling on horseback to preach and teach to those living on the vastly isolated American frontier. Alone in a new country, with no home of his own, Asbury rode over 300,000 miles--across rivers and through rocky, overgrown roads--shining God's light on the fledgling colonies. When many Methodist clergy left America during the Revolutionary War, Asbury stayed. His tireless leadership saw the movement grow from 5,000 members in 1776 to over 200,000 at the time of his death, fulfilling the great duty of his call and shaping future generations. (1745-1816). This best-selling, missionary biography series - Christian Heroes: Then & Now - chronicles the exciting, challenging, and deeply touching true stories of ordinary men and women whose trust in God accomplished extraordinary exploits for His kingdom and glory. --YWAM Publishing

Content Notes:

- Lying low -- Apprenticed to God -- Who among you is willing to go? -- Suspended between two worlds -- A new world -- Dissatisfied -- A deepening crisis -- Trembling and shaking -- Under suspicion -- A compromise -- So strangely set free -- An American bishop -- Forward! -- Fishing with a large net -- What could he do that he did not do?

YOUTH
287.092
BENGE

Benge, Janet. **John Wesley : The World, His Parish** . Seattle, WA : YWAM Publishing, c2007.

Summary: Passionate and tireless, this Anglican clergyman rode a quarter of a million miles on horseback during his lifetime, stopping to preach more than forty thousand sermons in open fields, churches, and barns. Focused on God's love and holy living, the movement Wesley founded quickly multiplied in vibrant Methodist societies all over England and would soon influence far-flung nations for Christ. (1703 -1791). This best-selling, missionary biography series - Christian Heroes: Then & Now - chronicles the exciting, challenging, and deeply touching true stories of ordinary men and women whose trust in God accomplished extraordinary exploits for His kingdom and glory. --YWAM Publishing

Content Notes:

- Given up for dead -- A strict regime -- Reforming the family -- A diligent student -- The quest for meaning -- A new challenge -- Georgia -- Escape -- Saved by faith -- The world, his parish -- An expanding work -- Refining the rules -- Partnerships -- Troubled relationships -- A tireless worker -- Active till the end.