

New Resources - January 2016

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ADULTS
230.7092
ODEN

Oden, Thomas C. **John Wesley's Teachings** . Grand Rapids, MI : Zondervan, 2012.

Summary: John Wesley's Teaching is the first systematic exposition of John Wesley's theology that is also faithful to Wesley's own writings. Wesley was a prolific writer and commentator on Scripture---his collected works fill eighteen volumes---and yet it is commonly held that he was not systematic or consistent in his theology and teachings. On the contrary, Thomas C. Oden demonstrates that Wesley displayed a remarkable degree of internal consistency over sixty years of preaching and ministry. This series of 4 volumes is a text-by-text guide to John Wesley's teaching. It introduces Wesley's thought on the basic tenets of Christian teaching: God, providence, and man (volume 1), Christ and salvation (volume 2), the practice of pastoral care (volume 3), and issues of ethics and society (volume 4). In everyday modern English, Oden clarifies Wesley's explicit intent and communicates his meaning clearly to a contemporary audience. Both lay and professional readers will find this series useful for devotional reading, moral reflection, sermon preparation, and for referencing Wesley's opinions on a broad range of pressing issues of contemporary society. Also features a custom made slip case. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- v. 1. God and providence -- v. 2. Christ and salvation -- v. 3. Pastoral theology -- v. 4. Issues of ethics and society.

ADULTS
232.97
WRIGHT

Wright, N. T. **Resurrection DVD**. Downers Grove, Ill: IVP Connect, 2006.

Summary: N. T. (Tom) Wright, in this 50-minute presentation, walks us through the political, historical and theological issues at stake in Jesus' day and today. Shot on location in Israel, Greece and England, Resurrection presents the essence of Wright's thinking on the most important event in the Gospels. Well-known for his landmark The Resurrection of the Son of God, Wright brings clarity and insight to one of the most profound mysteries in human history. Four sessions. Includes a study guide. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- 1. The Concept of Afterlife in the Ancient World (15:00) -- 2. The Idea of Resurrection in Jesus' World (11:00) -- 3. The Gospels and the Resurrection of Jesus (13:30) -- 4. The Significance of the Resurrection for the Christian Life (10:10)

ADULTS
241.671
SCHNASE

Schnase, Robert C. **Receiving God's Love: The Practice of Radical Hospitality**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2014.

Summary: Since the publication of Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, these five practices have helped hundreds of congregations understand their mission, renew ministries, and stretch toward fruitfulness and excellence for the purpose of Christ. Now, each of the five practices has been broken out into 4-week small group studies called The Fruitful Living Series that provide an honest, practical, and winsome guide to the spiritual journey. In Receiving God's Love: The Practice of Radical Hospitality we learn that our personal walk with Christ begins with an extraordinary receptivity to the grace of God. Within the congregation, hospitality focuses on inviting and making room for newcomers. In our personal walk, in distinctive ways, we first invite God into our hearts and make space for God in our lives. We receive God's love and then offer it to others. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- The Fruitful Living Series -- Struck by Grace -- Obstacles to Grace (Distractions) -- Obstacles to Grace (Internal) -- The Practice of Radical Hospitality -- Leader Helps for Small Groups -- Notes

ADULTS
242.34
INDERMARK

Indermark, John. **Parables and Passion : Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent** . Nashville, Tenn. : Upper Room Books, 2006.

Summary: Through Parables and Passion you'll reflect on one parable each day of the season, one thematic chapter per week. The Prologue offers a reading for Ash Wednesday, while the Epilogue provides readings for the final days of Holy Week. This 6-week study includes a Leader's Guide. Open your eyes and spirit to the sacred in the ordinary moments and people of your life. As the parables prove, when we fail to see the holy in life, we may lose sight of the sacredness of life. What better lesson to reinforce during the Lenten season? --Upper Room

ADULTS
248.3
SCHNASE

Schnase, Robert C. **Loving God in Return: The Practice of Passionate Worship**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2014.

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Content Notes:

- The Fruitful Living Series -- Returning God's Love Changes Us -- Why Do We Worship -- The Mystery of Worship -- Renewing Our Love for God -- Leader Helps for Small Groups -- Notes

ADULTS
248.4
SPARKHOUSE

Animate: Practices DVD. Minneapolis, Minn: Sparkhouse, 2014.

Summary: Experience core practices of the Christian faith with Animate Practices. In each Animate Practices session, the group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling, and share ideas with the group. Animate: Practices is an introduction to the central practices of the Christian faith, why they are important, and how we can take part in them today. Sessions feature perspectives from Christian thought leaders on topics such as prayer, worship, money, and service. --Sparkhouse

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
248.487
SCHNASE

Schnase, Robert C. **The Grace of Giving: The Practice of Extravagant Generosity**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2014.

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of Giving: The Practice of Extravagant Generosity we offer our material resources in a manner that supports the causes that transform life and relieve suffering and that enlarges the soul and sustains the spirit. We give back. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- The Fruitful Living Series -- The Good You Can Do -- Why Do We Give? -- Contentment and Generosity -- Growing in the Grace of Giving -- Leader Helps for Small Groups -- Notes

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248.487
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Schnase, Robert C. **Growing in Grace: The Practice of Intentional Faith Development.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2014.

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Content Notes:

- The Fruitful Living Series -- Learning in Community -- A School for Love -- A Means of Grace -- Cultivating the Spiritual Life -- Leader Helps for Small Groups -- Notes

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248.487
SCHNASE

Schnase, Robert C. **Loving and Serving Others: The Practice of Risk-Taking Mission and Service.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2014.

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Content Notes:

- The Fruitful Living Series -- Why Serve Others? -- An Essential Truth -- Training the Heart -- Social Witness -- Leader Helps -- Notes

ADULTS
252.07
COLLINS

The Sermons of John Wesley : A Collection for the Christian Journey . Nashville : Abingdon Press, [2013].

Summary: A new and engaging collection of sermons that embraces the historic 44 sermons that John Wesley approved, plus the 8 more of the North American collection (52 sermons) and to this is added 8 sermons, carefully chosen, to fill things out for contemporary interests resulting in a grand total of sixty sermons. Each sermon (which employs the text from the Bicentennial edition of Wesley's works) is preceded by a brief introduction and an outline. The sermons are arranged in accordance with the order of salvation displayed in the key sermon, "The Scripture Way of Salvation," from creation to the fall through justification and every step along the way culminating in the new creation. The purpose of this collection is to foster vital Christian formation for all of its readers. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
791.4572
RAWLE

Rawle, Matt. **The Salvation of Doctor Who DVD: A Small Group Study 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." This four-session DVD features Matt Rawle guiding us through a Bible study based on the long-running TV show and cult favorite Doctor Who. Sessions include "Bigger on the Inside," "God and Time and God's Time," "The Oldest Question in the Universe," and "The Sonic Screwdriver Is Mightier Than the Sword." Each video session is approximately 8-10 minutes. All video sessions are closed captioned. The Salvation of Doctor Who 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 - The Oldest Question in the Universe -- Week 2 - God and Time and God's Time -- Week 3 - The Sonic Screwdriver Is Mightier Than the Sword -- Week 4 - Bigger on the Inside

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. The Oldest Question in the Universe -- 2. God and Time and God's Time -- 3. The Sonic Screwdriver Is Mightier Than the Sword -- 4. Bigger on the Inside -- Note

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Rawle, Matt. **The Salvation of Doctor Who 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 The Salvation of Doctor Who. 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. The Salvation of Doctor Who 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

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Doctor Who: A Quick Refresher -- 1. The Oldest Question in the Universe -- 2. God and Time and God's Time -- 3. The Sonic Screwdriver Is Mightier Than the Sword -- 4. Bigger on the Inside -- Notes -- Acknowledgments

CHILDREN
232.96
HANNA

The Easter Story. Burbank, Calif: Hanna-Barbera, 1989.

Summary: Seen through the eyes of the Apostle Mark, this beautifully animated recreation begins with Jesus' joyful entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Then follows the drama of Christ's betrayal, arrest and crucifixion - and His triumphant resurrection and ascent into Heaven. Presented in glowing, full-color animation with an all-star voice cast, this vivid production embraces all the wonder and glory of what many have called "the greatest story ever told." --Warner Brothers

YOUTH
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DAY

What Do You Believe?: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers. Blooming Grove, NY: New Day Films, 2004.

Summary: Weaving in-depth profiles with fast-moving commentary from scores of young people, this lively and highly acclaimed film paints a broad picture of the religious and spiritual lives of American youth as it delves deeply into the issues that are at the heart of humanity. *What Do You Believe?* features Buddhist, Catholic, Muslim, Native American, Jewish, Pagan as well as Christian teens. Accompanied by an in-depth 28 page activities guide, *What Do You Believe?* is an excellent resource for exploring and promoting tolerance and religious diversity in high schools and youth programs. *What Do You Believe?* is also a great tool for community groups and congregations to use to encourage and support interfaith dialogue and cooperation. --New Day Films