

New Resources January 2021

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ADULTS 220 **Adult Bible Studies DVD: Holy**. Nashville, Tenn, Cokesbury, 2021.
 COKESBURY

Summary: Does your group enjoy watching videos as a way to generate conversation around Bible studies? Would your teacher or group facilitator appreciate having the support of video hosts in setting the stage for Bible lessons? Then the Adult Bible Studies is just what you need. Each DVD, directly corresponding to the content in Adult Bible Studies, features 13 5-minute video segments. On each, one of our three hosts will provide some context for the lesson and then tie that content to personal stories and daily living. Your group can then connect more deeply with the material and draw closer to God, as well as discover ways to live out biblical Teachings. Spring Theme: Discipleship and Mission: Matthew | Luke | Romans. Hundreds of thousands of students and teachers use Adult Bible Studies each week in Sunday school classes, mid-week Bible studies, and other small group settings. Bible-based and Christ-focused, it is an approved resource by the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church. It is published quarterly. Each week's lesson features: A purpose statement offering focus and direction for the lesson. Printed biblical text from The Common English Bible. Reliable and relevant biblical explanation and application. A closing prayer, guiding personal commitment. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 220 **Adult Bible Studies Student: Holy**. Nashville, Tenn, Cokesbury, 2021.
 COKESBURY

Summary: This Spring, lessons center around the theme "Holy." Holy Living: These lessons continue a unit we began last quarter on the first Sunday of February. It proceeded through all of February and continues through March. The eight lessons of the unit invite us to think about what it means to be the people of God and to pursue holy living. The four lessons for March help us examine how God defines holiness, how holiness is nourished, what holiness means in terms of sexual morality, and how we ought to pray. Much of this unit overlaps Lent, which is an especially appropriate time to think about holiness. Spiritual Practice: Fasting: Scriptures: Leviticus 19:1-37; 1 Peter 2:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Matthew 6:5-18 New in Christ: The theme of this unit draws its direction from the Apostle Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 5:17, which is used as the key verse for each lesson. In the first lesson, we look at the resurrection of Jesus, which is the basis for our new creation. Over the remaining three lessons, we consider some of the ways we are new in Christ: we live by new standards, we behave differently, and we allow ourselves to become carriers of the gospel message. Spiritual Practice: Sabbath: Scriptures: Luke 24:13-35; : 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Ephesians 4:21-32; 2 Corinthians 4:7-20 God Revealed: This five-lesson unit explores some of the ways God has revealed God's self in the biblical account. These include self-declaration, quietness, through Jesus, visions, and love. God is not limited to these avenues of expression, of course, but the lessons helps us grasp some of the scope of the ways God comes to us. Spiritual Practices: Praise, thanksgiving, and song: Scriptures: Exodus 33:12-23; 34:5-8; 1 Kings

19:9-18; Luke 9:28-36; : Daniel 7:1-14; 1 John 4:7-21. Hundreds of thousands of people each week have transformative encounters with God through Adult Bible Studies—Bible-based, Christ-focused Sunday school lessons and midweek Bible studies endorsed by the Curriculum Resources Committee of the The United Methodist Church. In fall 2019, based on feedback from hundreds of readers, we made exciting changes designed to benefit Bible study groups. For 2020, in response to additional feedback, we are reintroducing printed focal Bible passages in both the Student and Teacher books. Lessons follow the church seasons, including Advent and Lent, and include suggestions for developing spiritual practices to help nurture your faith. Published quarterly, each week's Teacher Book provides small-group leaders with additional biblical background and exposition and suggestions for guiding group discussion. --Cokesbury

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HAMILTON

Hamilton, Adam. ***Words of Life DVD: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life today? Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt." He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholicism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace. Plan and customize your Lenten study. The DVD includes short sessions on each commandment to combine in that way that fits your group and your schedule. Explore the Ten Commandments with Adam Hamilton as he teaches from locations in Egypt and The Nelson-Atkins Museum. The video sessions are approximately 10 minutes in length and, when combined with the book and available Leader Guide, can be customized to create a six-week Lenten study. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. No Other Gods Before Me (10:37) -- 2. Do Not Make an Image for Yourself (11:11) -- 3. Do Not Misuse God's Name (9:54) -- 4. Remember the Sabbath and Keep It Holy (10:48) -- 5. Honor Your Parents (11:59) -- 6. Do Not Kill (7:57) -- 7. Do Not Commit Adultery (11:35) -- 8. Do Not Steal (12:46) -- 9. Do Not Bear False Witness (8:11) -- 10. Do Not Covet (14:00)

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path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace. A landmark work from one of our most trusted biblical thinkers, *Words of Life* is an inspiring, thought-provoking read for anyone seeking to live a meaningful and joyful life. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. At the Center of It All -- 2. The Idols We Keep -- 3. "I Swear to God!" -- 4. Rediscovering the Joy of the Sabbath -- 5. A Question of Honor -- 6. The Tragedy of Violence, the Beauty of Mercy -- 7. Faithfulness in an Age of Porn -- 8. We're All Thieves, Yes, Even You -- 9. Sticks, Stones, and the Power of Words -- 10. Keeping Up with the Joneses -- Acknowledgments -- Notes.

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. At the Center of It All -- 2. The Idols We Keep - - 3. "I Swear to God!" -- 4. Rediscovering the Joy of the Sabbath -- 5. A Question of Honor -- 6. The Tragedy of Violence, the Beauty of Mercy -- 7. Faithfulness in an Age of Porn -- 8. We're All Thieves, Yes, Even You -- 9. Sticks, Stones, and the Power of Words -- 10. Keeping Up with the Joneses.

ADULTS
234.25
WIMMER

Wimmer, John R. ***Blessed Endurance: Moving Beyond Despair to Hope***. Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2017.

Summary: Where is God when we are hurting or in despair? How can we respond faithfully to situations that cause us pain? Where can we find hope even when we feel hopeless? Pain, despair, and struggle are part of life, and they test our character as God's people. John Wimmer approaches these

challenges to our faith realistically and thoughtfully. Those looking for an easy answer to why despair, pain, and suffering exist will not find it in this book. Wimmer does not dispense platitudes like “Everything happens for a reason.” Although we can’t always understand or control many things that happen to us, we can choose how we will respond to them. Wimmer encourages us to choose to regard times of difficulty as opportunities for spiritual and personal growth. This is because we are not alone in our suffering, he reminds us—the writers of Psalms and even Jesus felt abandoned by God at times. “God loves and respects us enough to allow us to doubt and question,” Wimmer writes. So rather than diminishing faith, pain and despair can lead to greater trust in God. To endure through such times is a blessing. This inspiring book offers practical help for moving from pain and despair to the blessing of hope. Wimmer reminds readers that with hope we also have faith—not the false belief that our lives will be pain-free, but true faith that God will lead us through our struggles to more profound depths of spiritual growth and wisdom. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
234.5
CANTRELL

Cantrell, Wil. ***Atone: The Difference the Cross Makes***. Knoxville, TN, Market Square Books, 2021.

Summary: Christians have always agreed that Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross made it possible for humanity to once again be at one with God. The church has never agreed on exactly how Jesus’ sacrifice made this possible. Instead, many theories of atonement were offered as explanations - each of which offers a compelling, yet incomplete glimpse into the saving work of Jesus on the cross. In this book, Wil Cantrell, author of *Unafraid* and *Unashamed: The Future of United Methodism* and *From Heaven to Earth: Christmas for New Believers, Old Believers, and Non-believers* explores the great mystery behind all the theories of how Jesus’ sacrifice enables us to be at one with God, ourselves, and others. Readers will be challenged to move beyond solely intellectual discussions to atonement and to experience for themselves the transformation made possible by Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. Written especially for the Lenten season, *ATONE* is divided into six chapters designed to be used as weekly studies for individuals and small groups during Lent. Supplemental materials are available from Market Square Books. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
241.622
MARSHALL

Marshall, Christopher D. ***The Little Book of Biblical Justice: A Fresh Approach to the Bible’s Teachings on Justice***. Intercourse, PA, Good Books, 2005.

Summary: Chris Marshall writes, “the Bible has had a profound impact on the development of Western culture. So exploring biblical perspectives on justice can help us appreciate some of the convictions and values that have helped shape Western political and judicial thought.” Christians also regard the Bible as a uniquely important source of guidance on matters of belief and practice. What the Bible has to say about justice, therefore—both social justice and criminal justice—ought to be of great significance for Christian thought and action today. Yet coming to grips with biblical teaching on justice is by no means easy. Upfront, Marshall addresses the many complexities that surround “justice” in the Bible: the Bible seems to hold conflicting points of view; there is a huge amount of data to deal with; the world of the Bible and our present world are vastly different. Marshall’s honest treatment of this

subject is direct, yet almost lyrical in tone. He manages a thorny, multi-faceted subject clearly and ultimately singles out the broad areas of theological agreement among the Bible's writers. Highly stimulating. Highly inspirational. --Good Books

Content Notes:

- What is justice? -- The justice paradox -- Key conceptual components -- The Bible's contribution -- Justice in the biblical worldview -- A central theme -- A complex of related ideas -- Shalom -- Covenant -- Torah -- Deed-consequence -- Atonement-forgiveness -- The contours of biblical justice -- An attribute of God -- An emulation of God -- An object of hope -- A primary obligation -- A commitment to action -- A relational reality -- A partiality for the disadvantaged -- A restorative activity -- Jesus and justice -- A mission of justice -- A kingdom not of this world? -- A twofold strategy -- A rejection of social discrimination -- A critique of economic injustice -- A mistrust of institutional power -- A repudiation of war and violence -- Death and resurrection.

ADULTS
248.843
BLUHM

Bluhm, Tiffany. ***She Dreams DVD: Live the Life You Were Created For.*** Nashville, Abingdon Women, 2019.

Summary: Say yes to the dreams God has planted in your heart. Are you a woman who dares to say “yes” to the dreams that are stirring in your heart? In *She Dreams*, author Tiffany Bluhm encourages you to discover and follow your God-given dreams through the biblical story of Moses. It took a lifetime for Moses to live out his dream, but by holding onto hope and trusting God it came to pass. So, too, can the dreams God has planted in your heart. This special six-week women’s group study experience will reveal how God calls, equips, and trains us to pursue our dreams. In addition to the book, the study includes a DVD and a companion Study Guide with Leader Helps with 5 lessons per week, guided video notes, group discussion questions, and tips for leaders. Features 4 video sessions, 25–30 minutes each. All videos are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. You Were Born for This (26:39) -- 2. God-Sized Dreams (26:54) -- 3. Fighting for the Dream (25:15) -- 4. Don't Give Up on the Daydream (25:19) -- 5. Growing Pains (26:25) -- 6. Be(coming) the Dreamer (26:33)

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Content Notes:

- About the Author -- Introduction -- She Dreams Declaration -- 1. You Were Born for This -- 2. God-Sized Dreams -- 3. Fighting for the Dream -- 4. Don’t Give Up on the Daydream -- 5. Growing Pains -- 6. Be(coming) the Dreamer -- Leader Helps -- Notes.

ADULTS 253
MCINTOSH

McIntosh, Lia M. ***Blank Slate: Write Your Own Rules for a 22nd-Century Church Movement***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: How to release old assumptions from previous generations, and embrace new ones, so that the church will thrive. If you’re a Baby Boomer, you probably don’t get Millennials and Gen Zers, especially when it comes to what they want from a church. Guess what? You’re probably not going to get Generation Alpha either. And that’s a problem, because if we can’t make church relevant to younger people, it will die right along with us. *Blank Slate* helps us realize that we must let go of what we think church should be. It provides us with tools we can use to change the landscape of ministry and shows us how to engage our children and our children’s children within the church so that it—and they—can thrive. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
261.52
SPEAKE

Speake, Wendy. ***The 40-Day Social Media Fast: Exchange Your Online Distractions for Real-Life Devotion***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Baker Books, a division of Baker Publishing Group, 2020.

Summary: Are you addicted to your phone? Do you find yourself engaging online but unengaged with the people right in front of you? Do you spend hours scrolling through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube videos? Have your devices become divisive--dividing you from family and friends and, most importantly, God? Perhaps you need a screen sabbatical! The 40-Day Social Media Fast will help you unplug from screens in order to plug into your real life--with the help of a very real God. Imagine forty days not hunched over your phone. Imagine forty days with your eyes lifted up. Imagine forty days with empty hands. Imagine forty days without seeing or hearing all

those little notifications. Imagine taking a much-needed break from social media in order to get social with God and your loved ones again. --Baker Books

ADULTS
261.8
STEPHENS

Stephens, Darryl W. ***Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship***. New York, United Methodist Women, 2021.

Summary: Imagine God's Justice and Lead with Compassion. Love. Justice. Solidarity. Living as siblings in the "kin-dom" of God requires bold faith. Women in the United Methodist tradition have courageously led ministries in race relations, creation care, substance abuse, sexual orientation and inclusion, poverty, relationships with indigenous nations, and other concerns. However, The United Methodist Church and its predecessors have a sometimes-uneven history of resisting the evil and violence that damage the world. This book explores this history, empowering us to imagine God's justice and to lead with compassion. Together, we bear witness to God's gracious presence in ways that make a material difference to all of creation, all persons, especially victims of injustice and those who are most vulnerable. This is the moral witness of the church. --UMW

ADULTS
262.0017
HOGUE

Hogue, Andrew P. ***Navigating the Future: Traditioned Innovation for Wilder Seas***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2021.

Summary: "We think of the words "traditional" and "innovative" as opposites; but leaders of institutions, including church leaders, are discovering "traditioned innovation"-a way of being that cultivates a moral imagination shaped by storytelling and expressed in transformative action. This book shows us how to become immersed in an imaginative engagement with the story of God, how to learn from exemplary organizations and their leaders, and how to discover new skills for integrating character formation through friendships, communities, and institutions in order to nurture a more faithful life and vibrant, life-giving society"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
270.089
EPISCOPAL

Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: 10-Part Mini-Course. Raleigh, N.C, The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, 2020.

Summary: "Becoming an Anti-Racist Church" is a new mini-course designed to give participants a chance to review and unpack the concepts and vocabulary introduced in the two-day Racial Equity Institute (REI) Phase I anti-racism workshop. It has also been modified to allow participation from those who have not attended the REI training. The curriculum was developed and is offered by Episcopalians United Against Racism, a collaborative partnership that includes the diocesan Bishop's Committee for Racial Justice and Reconciliation.

ADULTS
270.089
RUBLE

Ruble, Sarah. ***Race and Christianity in the United States***. St. Peter, Minnesota, Sarah Ruble, 2020.

Summary: Talking about race in the United States is challenging, complicated, and fraught. Even as so much of our lives are affected by race

—from where we live to how we vote—we disagree about how big a problem racism is and even how to define it. This video series provides one lens through which to explore race in the United States. Focusing on the history of black/white relations in the U.S., it considers how race and Christianity have interacted, for good and for ill. It offers a narrative that helps to answer the question “how did we get here?” I hope that by offering a look at our racial past, we will better understand ourselves and be better able to have those challenging, complicated, and fraught conversations our churches and our country need. --Sarah Ruble

ADULTS
287.092
FOWLER-
MERCHANT

Fowler-Marchant, Donna L. ***Mothers in Israel: Methodist Beginnings Through the Eyes of Women***. Nashville, TN, Wesley's Foundery Books, 2020.

Summary: Women have played an integral part in Methodism from the beginning, but many of the stories of early English Methodist women preachers and leaders have been forgotten or distorted. The most well-regarded were known as "Mothers in Israel," a term referring to Deborah the judge in the Old Testament. Eighteenth-century women like Susanna Annesley Wesley, Sarah Ryan, Mary Bosanquet Fletcher, Frances Mortimer Pawson, Sarah Crosby, and many more were pivotal in the growth of the Methodist movement as class leaders, visitors to the sick, devotional writers, teachers, and even preachers. Discover the richness of their legacy of faithful witness through this exploration of their own theological writings and reflections and their message for the Church today. --Amazon

ADULTS
287.0924
MAGALLANES

Magallanes, Hugo. ***Introducción a la vida y teología de Juan Wesley***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2005.

Summary: The Holy Spirit movement in eighteenth-century England gave rise to a religious revival that gave birth to the family of churches we know today as the Wesleyans. Thus, by his importance as the genius organizer, it is essential to know the life and thought of one of the pillars within the Wesleyan movement: John Wesley. In this book - in a very simple and yet profound way - Dr. Magallanes offers us the most basic traits of the social-religious context in which Wesley lived in the England of the eighteenth century, aspects that influenced the family development of his character and spirituality, the education and training he received in Oxford, experiences that awakened in Wesley his passion for evangelization and the doctrine of the holiness of heart and life that characterized the movement. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
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HAWKEN

Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming. New York, New York, Penguin Books, 2017.

Summary: In the face of widespread fear and apathy, an international coalition of researchers, professionals, and scientists have come together to offer a set of realistic and bold solutions to climate change. One hundred techniques and practices are described here—some are well known; some you may have never heard of. They range from clean energy to educating girls in lower-income countries to land use practices that pull carbon out of

the air. The solutions exist, are economically viable, and communities throughout the world are currently enacting them with skill and determination. If deployed collectively on a global scale over the next thirty years, they represent a credible path forward, not just to slow the earth's warming but to reach drawdown, that point in time when greenhouse gases in the atmosphere peak and begin to decline. These measures promise cascading benefits to human health, security, prosperity, and well-being—giving us every reason to see this planetary crisis as an opportunity to create a just and livable world. --Penguin

ADULTS F
MARTIN

Martin, Jim. *The Epicenter*. [Place of publication not identified], [Independently published], 2020.

Summary: Two very different men on two very different faith journeys of doubt, fear, and conflict converge on a path of hope, friendship, and new life neither expected; a path that will change not only their lives but the entire town of Myers Valley. As a seasoned pastor, Tom Morris, has seen his fair share of challenges in the local church, but nothing like he is about to experience at Granite Street Church. On the verge of walking away from the pastorate and potentially his relationship with God, Tom finds himself on a quest for answers to the slivers of light that continue to shed ever-increasing hope and promise on a trail that once seemed dark and lost. William Jackson, a cynical, wounded vet with his own set of frustrations, questions, and struggles, finds himself on an unexpected trek toward friendship, growth, and faith that no one, including William, would have thought possible. The unwitting intersection for these two wounded warriors is Emily Little, the surprising player in a much larger battle for the soul of a local church. Illustrating that God does indeed work in mysterious ways, Emily's faith in the possibilities of a life fully surrendered to God acts as the tie that binds this unlikely trio together and creates a movement of God that will shake the very foundations of everyone involved. The names may be different, but the struggle is familiar to everyone who has wrestled honestly with life and faith, and who has eventually risked saying, Yes, to God's call. Though the journey may be challenging, the good news is wherever faithful men and women continue to honestly seek God's face; hope, transformation, and resurrection are always on the table. Mixing a unique blend of humor, honestly communicated life and faith struggles, and a few unforeseen twists along the way, *The Epicenter* invites the reader on a roller coaster ride toward an inspiring conclusion. --Amazon

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CHILDREN **Celebrate Wonder Activity Sheets Ages 3-5.** Nashville, Cokesbury Kids, 268.432 2021.
COKESBURY

Summary: Honor the spiritual life of children—their natural sense of awe, wonder, imagination, and curiosity—and help shape their growing faith with Celebrate Wonder. Leaders will guide children through engaging experiences, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection, giving them a safe space to ask big questions and helping them claim their spiritual identity as children of God. Help children engage in the Bible story through interactive crafts, punch-outs, and other fun and interactive activities. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN **Celebrate Wonder Activity Sheets Ages 6-8.** Nashville, Cokesbury Kids, 268.432 2021.
COKESBURY

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CHILDREN **Celebrate Wonder Activity Sheets Ages 9+.** Nashville, Cokesbury Kids, 268.432 2021.
COKESBURY

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as children of God. Help children engage in the Bible story through interactive story retellings, puzzles, and other fun and interactive activities. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN ***Celebrate Wonder Class Pack Ages 3-5***. Nashville, Cokesbury Kids, 2021.
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CHILDREN ***Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book***. Nashville, Cokesbury Kids, 2021.
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Summary: Continue your child's faith formation at home with this helpful tool designed to offer meaningful family engagement in the Bible stories your child is exploring in Sunday school. For each story, you'll find a unique retelling of the Bible story, a faith word to explore, wonder questions, and suggestions for a family activity. Designed to appeal to all age groups! --Cokesbury

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CHILDREN ***One Room Sunday School Kit***. Nashville, Cokesbury Kids, 2021.
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Summary: One Room Sunday School is ideal for churches where children of various ages learn together as a group. Everything needed for Sunday school is included in one convenient kit for children ages 3-12. The One Room Sunday School Kit contains a Leader Guide, Reproducible Kids' Book, Resource Pack, CD-ROM, and a tote bag to carry everything in! The CD-ROM is a quarterly music CD-ROM with added PowerPoint slides, song sheets, and instrumental tracks. The Resource Pack contains colorful, easy-to-use posters to reinforce the Bible story, plus storytelling helps, an attendance chart, and more! The Reproducible Kids' Book (included in Kit) is 96 pages of activities tailored to each session throughout the quarter. From coloring pages to creative writing prompts, this resource will lead children to a deeper understanding of each Bible lesson. --Cokesbury

YOUTH Hamilton, Adam. ***Words of Life Youth Study Book: Jesus and the***
222.16 ***Promise of the Ten Commandments Today***. Nashville, Abingdon
HAMILTON Press, 2020.

Summary: What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life today? Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt." He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholicism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace. This Youth Study Book

takes the ideas presented in Adam Hamilton's book and interprets them for young people grades 6-12. --Cokesbury

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