

New Resources July 2014

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- ADULTS
226.06
PETERSON
- Peterson, Eugene H. **Tell It Slant : A Conversation on the Language of Jesus in his Stories and Prayers** . Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co, 2008.
Summary: Tell It Slant explores how Jesus used language -- he was earthy, not abstract; metaphorical, not dogmatic. His was not a direct language of information or instruction but an indirect, oblique language requiring a participating imagination -- "slant" language. In order to witness and teach accurately in Jesus' name, then, it is important for us to use language the way he did. --Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing
Note: Book Study
- ADULTS
248.4
MCLAREN
- McLaren, Brian D. **We Make the Road by Walking : A Year-long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation** . New York : Jericho Books, 2014.
Summary: This book offers everything you need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. It also puts tools in your hands to create a life-changing learning community in any home, restaurant, or other welcoming space. The 52 (plus a few) weekly readings can each be read aloud in 10-12 minutes, and offer a simple curriculum of insightful reflections and transformative practices. Organized around the traditional church year, these readings give an overview of the whole Bible and guide an individual or a group of friends through a year of rich study, interactive learning, and personal growth. --Jericho Books
Note: Book Study
- ADULTS
ACTON
- For the Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles.** Grand Rapids, Michigan: Acton Institute, 2014.
Summary: A moment of honesty for Christians out there: have you ever wondered what your Salvation is actually FOR? Is it just to get to heaven? Is it so we can have a "friend in Jesus"? Is it even just about us? "For the Life of the World: Letters to Exiles" is an invitation to explore the scandalous and beautiful story of God's plan for the whole world. With a cast of thinkers and doers, including Stephen Grabill, Amy Sherman, Anthony Bradley, Makoto Fujimura, Dr. John Perkins and original music by Jars of Clay, "For the Life of the World: Letters to Exiles" paints a bigger, more captivating picture of Christianity's role in the world. A 7 part series. Includes 1 DVD and 1 Blu-ray disc. --Flannel.org
Note: DVD Study
- ADULTS
COTTON
- Briars in the Cottonpatch: The Story of Koinonia Farm.** [Place of production not identified]: Cotton Patch Productions, 2012.
Summary: Possibly the most daring social experiment in the South during the last century, Koinonia Farm faced years of terror, boycotts and intimidation in the years leading up to the tumultuous Civil Rights era. Broadcast on PBS stations nationwide from 2005 – 2010, this award winning documentary is a compelling chronicle of heroic humility and uncommon courage. Briars in the Cotton Patch follows Koinonia Farm from its humble beginnings in 1942 through the challenges of the 21st century. The residents of Koinonia Farm radically believed in the equality of all people. Whites and blacks worked and lived together as equals on the farm when segregation was the law of the

land. Their actions were prickly dark briars in the pure white southern traditions of the day. But with the undaunted leadership of Koinonia's founder, Clarence Jordan, the small farm not only survived, it changed the way people – both locally and globally — think and act today. --Adapted from <http://briarsdocumentary.com/about/>

Note: DVD Documentary

ADULTS
GIGLIO

Giglio, Louie. **Hope: When Life Hurts Most.** Brentwood, TN: Sparrow Records, 2009.

Summary: Life isn't easy. We experience problems and setbacks every day. But during the hardest parts of life, when the bottom seems to fall out, where do we turn for peace? Although God doesn't offer any easy solutions, He does offer Himself and His cross as an anchor of hope no matter what we face in life. And more than simply enduring suffering, the hope we find in Him allows us to leverage our darkest moments for His fame. When life hurts most, the world listens most intently to our message, allowing us to broadcast through our pain the goodness of the One who loves us the most. --Back cover

Note: DVD Inspirational

ADULTS
HYBELS

Hybels, Bill. **Wiser Together Study Guide: Learning to Live the Right Way.** Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 2012.

Summary: In this five-session video-based Bible study, best-selling author and pastor Bill Hybels challenges you to make doing life together a priority, exploring from the book of Proverbs how experiencing community and growing in wisdom are inseparably linked and offering practical direction on how to experience this with others. All of us want to get better at life. Getting wiser alone, however, is not the way it works. God didn't wire us to catch onto wise and godly living through lone-ranger attempts at learning; it's something that rubs off on us when we spend time with others who have the wisdom of God living inside of them. As the proverb says, "Iron sharpens iron as one person sharpens another." This study is designed with both new and experienced group leaders in mind. For new leaders, it includes optional weekly DVD training sessions to help them lead a fantastic, first-time small group experience. --Zondervan

Note: DVD Study Book

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Note: DVD Study

ADULTS
JOHN

John Wesley: The Faith That Sparked the Methodist Movement.

Worcester, PA: Christian History Institute, 2014.

Summary: Few people have influenced the course of the church like John Wesley. Like his reforming predecessor, Martin Luther, Wesley's early life was marked by a moralism driven by fear of God's judgment. And it was Luther's writing that helped Wesley to understand the scriptural message of grace through faith. Set free from his bondage to self-righteousness, Wesley set out to awaken a church that had once again traded the truth for lies and mission for self-preservation. This documentary uses excerpts from the award-winning 2010 dramatic film, *Wesley*, along with expert commentary and footage shot in Wesley's England. It will take you inside the world of John Wesley and trace how this influential Christian leader changed the course of the church and the world. Includes optional English and Spanish languages and subtitles.

Note: DVD Documentary

ADULTS
PHILLIPS

Phillips, Todd. **Keep Climbing: Why God Doesn't Give You Everything You Want.** Richardson, Texas: Bluefish TV, 2010.

Summary: In these four sessions, Todd Phillips leads a team to Russia to climb Mount Elbrus, the tallest mountain in Europe. Todd uses their perilous trek as a backdrop to explore how God works with us through the challenges in our lives. Also featuring "I am Second" interviews with: Brian Welch (founder of KoRn), Jason Witten (NFL Pro-Bowl Tight-End), and Michelle Aguilar (Winner of the Biggest Loser). Includes a Leader's Guide (56 pages) and Workbook (44 pages), in addition to three video-driven sermon illustrations. --Bluefish TV

Note: DVD Study

ADULTS
SWANBERG

Swanberg, Dennis. **Christmas with The Swan.** West Monroe, Louisiana: Swanberg Christian Ministries,

Summary: Make this "pastor with a punchline" part of your Christmas celebration this year! Offering "Mashed Taters," "Wanda's Beauty Shop," "Baptismal Bubbles," and other side-splitting stories from his central Texas childhood, accomplished raconteur Swan will put you and your family in the holiday spirit--and encourage you in your faith. Fun for all ages! --christianbook.com

Note: DVD Inspirational

ADULTS
SWANBERG

Swanberg, Dennis. **Loosen Up, Laugh and Live.** West Monroe, Louisiana: Swanberg Christian Ministries, 2003.

Summary: Part of the Collector's Series, this DVD from America's minister of encouragement "The Swan" Dennis Swanberg features a hilarious collection of 9 stories.

Note: DVD Inspirational

ADULTS
SWEET

Sweet, Leonard I. **11 Indispensable Relationships You Can't Be Without .** Colorado Springs, Colorado: David C. Cook, 2008.

Summary: Using 11 classic figures from Scripture, Leonard Sweet details key personal attributes that make up God's Dream Team for your life. Sweet ultimately asks us to consider not if we will cross the finish line, but whose hands we will be holding when we do. Find strength in the company of brothers and sisters who positively impact our world for Christ! --Christian Book Distributors

Note: Book Study

ADULTS
WARREN

Warren, Rick. **The Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life : A Six-Week Church Campaign.** Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 2013.

Summary: This six-week preaching series and church campaign from Rick Warren, Dr. Daniel Amen and Dr. Mark Hyman is an innovative approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle that is both transformational and sustainable because it is about abundant choices, not diet deprivation. With assistance from medical and fitness experts, Pastor Rick Warren and thousands of people from his congregation started on a journey to transform their own lives. It started with God's prescription for their health, and it's called The Daniel Plan. The Daniel Plan teaches simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your current lifestyle. The campaign is centered on five essentials that will guarantee your success: faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends. Each area affects the others and can't succeed solo. So are you ready to revolutionize your health once and for all? The Daniel Plan Church Campaign Kit is a great way to encourage everyone in your church toward a healthy lifestyle, explore biblical principles for health, and unite your congregation around a single purpose. This Kit includes all of the materials needed for a six-week church campaign: The Daniel Plan book, The Daniel Plan Study Guide, The Daniel Plan DVD-ROM containing six small-group video sessions, sermon outlines, and all the materials needed to launch and sustain a whole church campaign. -Zondervan

Note: DVD Study

CHILDREN
JOHN

The John Wesley Story. Worcester, PA: Christian History Institute, 2014.

Summary: When young John Wesley is miraculously saved from his family's burning home, his mother calls him a "brand plucked from the burning." She believes God has spared the boy for a special purpose. As a man, Wesley tries to live out that special purpose on his own strength and good works, but it only brings frustration and failure. Finally, after years of struggle, Wesley embraces saving grace! But his new message is not welcome in the established churches. Will John break all the rules and take his message outside the church walls to the needy and outcast? Find out in this action-packed episode of The Torchlighters, featuring the founder of the Methodist movement. Includes English and Spanish languages and subtitles, 55-minute documentary on John Wesley, comprehensive leader's guide in PDF, reproducible student handouts in PDF. --Vision Video

Note: DVD Documentary

CHILDREN
SHARP

Sharp, Anna Layton. **Taking Godly Care of My Body : Stewardship Lessons in Physical Health .** Greensboro, NC : Carson-Dellosa Christian Publishing Company, 2005.

Summary: Teach physical stewardship from a Christian perspective! Providing Scripture-based information for educators and fun projects for students, this resource will help children establish a lifelong path of treating their bodies as "temples of the Holy Spirit." Engaging activities and discussion questions, plus enlightening media-literacy projects are also included. 80 pages. --Christian Book Distributors

Note: Book Study

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SHARP

Sharp, Anna Layton. **Taking Godly Care of My Money : Stewardship Lessons in Money Matters .** Greensboro, N.C. : Carson-Dellosa Christian Pub, 2005.

Summary: Your students will become money-savvy stewards of God's

resources as they gain a Christian perspective on finances! Kids are sure to enjoy the engaging activities and classroom discussions on topics ranging from cost-benefit analysis and compound interest to fair trade and charitable giving. Includes teacher tips, a Scripture index, and an answer key. --Christian Book Distributors

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Note: Book Study

YOUTH
371.58 HALL

Hall, Mike. **Stop Bullying**. Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2014.

Summary: "Join Mike Hall, a former victim of bullying himself and now a nationally sought-after expert in the field, as he explains The Bully, The Target, and How We React. Most importantly, Mike walks you through the "4 Cs of How to Handle a Bully": Remain Calm, Get Connected, Be Confident, Learn to Compliment the Bully. Also includes brief interviews with dozens of kids of all backgrounds on the subject of bullies and bullying. Parents, teachers, administrators, counselors, and most of all, kids, will learn valuable lessons--and new ways of survival--through this lively video presentation." -- Container cover insert.

Note: DVD Study

YOUTH
BAREFOOT

How We Got Our Bible Youth Edition: Six-Week Study Small Group Kit. Kansas City, Missouri: Barefoot Ministries, 2013.

Summary: In this powerful examination, adapted for youth by Mike Wonch, readers will be taken on the miraculous journey of the development of the Bible. With veracity and inspiration, this text colorfully introduces readers to the many aspects of development, including the issues of canonization, biblical transmission, archaeological discoveries, translation, and modern textual criticism. Through the captivating stories and challenges met along the way, readers will find themselves immersed in a deeper understanding and appreciation for God's Word. Included on Enhanced DVD: 6 short films, Extensive Leader's Guide, Student Handouts. The book is also included. -- Cokesbury

Note: DVD Study

YOUTH SKIT

God's Chisel: Revealing an Original Masterpiece. Location not identified: Skit Guys, 2011.

Summary: The writer of Ephesians says "you are fearfully and wonderfully made," (Eph. 2:10). Elsewhere we're described as a "poem." God views us as being his original masterpiece. Many of the problems that we've encountered in life come from not believing this core truth—that we are God's handiwork. We're bombarded by words, thoughts and images that can erode any sense of God's handiwork that we may have. Today, let us remind you...You are God's Handiwork. God loves you. You are God's poem. Great care has been taken to

create you...and all the others around you. As you watch this DVD, allow the truth of God's thoughts about you to sink deep into your soul. Know that you are loved, feel that warmth soak your soul, and bury it deep in your bones. -- Skit Guys

Note: DVD Study

YOUTH SKIT **Show Me the Funny.** Location not identified: Skitguys, 2010.

Summary: You want the funny? We'll show you the funny. As a matter of fact, this DVD may be too funny. While we highly recommend that you insert it into your DVD player as soon as possible, please consult your doctor before viewing. Some prescription-strength funny can be dangerous to your health if experienced in excess. Skit Guys, Inc. will not be held liable for any bodily injury resulting from the funny on this DVD.

Note: DVD Study