

New Resources July 2016

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ADULTS 220 ABINGDON **Disciple Fast Track: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Everything you need to review, plan and lead your Disciple Fast Track group. Includes one of each in a Messenger bag: Old Testament Study Manual, New Testament Study Manual, Leader Guide, DVD, CEB Study Bible, Access to Online Promotional Materials (Personalize). Disciple Fast Track, an adaptation of the original, bestselling Disciple Bible Study, provides a viable option for busy people seeking comprehensive engagement over time with the entire biblical text. Fast Track groups meet for a total of 24 weeks, devoting 12 weeks each to the Old Testament and the New Testament. Participants read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly meetings, which last approximately 75 minutes. A separate Leader Guide provides group facilitators with step-by-step instructions for leading each week's session without any extra preparation. A brief, illustrated review video enables participants to recall important facts and ideas; lively and engaging video presenters then offer insights into the current week's session. Participants have the opportunity to take a spiritual gifts assessment and determine meaningful ways they can serve and live out their discipleship commitment. They also have opportunities for celebrations marking their completion of the Old and New Testament components of Disciple Fast Track. The flexible resources work well with groups of a few participants up to 100. -Cokesbury

ADULTS 220.0715 BLAIR Blair, Christine Eaton. **The Art of Teaching the Bible : A Practical Guide for Adults .** Louisville, Ky. : Geneva Press, 2001.

Summary: The book begins with an exploration of the different perspectives that Christians bring to reading the Bible, followed by a helpful summary of current research in adult learning. On this basis, Christine Blair sets out the 'Five R's' model for teaching: Remembering, Revisiting the text, Reflecting critically, Reinterpreting, and Responding. For those who prefer to create their own teaching plan, she also provides valuable advice on the three key elements to be found in every successful educational strategy: analytical reflection, storytelling and disciplined imagination, and action through ritual and ministry. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 227.406 HEATH Heath, Elaine A. **God Unbound : Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church .** Nashville : Upper Room Books, 2016.

Summary: What does it mean to move beyond the boundaries of what we believe? The apostle Paul led the Galatians through a massive cultural shift in which they had to radically expand their ideas of who God is, who they were, and God's mission for the church. He was able to lead them through this time of great change because of his encounter with the risen Christ on the Damascus road, an experience in which his view of God was completely upended. Today Christianity is undergoing a cultural shift just as challenging as the situation confronting Paul and the Galatians. As many churches decline, congregations and pastors feel uncertain and anxious about how to continue their mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Elaine Heath extends an invitation to broaden our view of God by moving beyond the walls of buildings and programs to become a more diverse church than we have ever imagined. While deeply honoring tradition, she calls the church to boldly follow the Holy Spirit's leadership into the future. Ideal for a 6- to 9-week small-group study. -Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- An unexpected problem with Paul -- Loving the tradition behind the tradition -- Opening ourselves to God -- Authority, discernment, call -- When systems

change -- Responding to anxiety in the system -- Guided by the spirit --
Fulfilling the law of Christ -- A letter to the church.

ADULTS
248.4
NCCUMC

Every Day Grace Magazine. Garner, N.C: North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, 2016.

Summary: In Every Day Grace, discover the stories that unite us in our everyday experiences of life, where in the midst of it all, there is grace. This third issue explores the topic of rural life. --North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

ADULTS
248.5
HARNEY

Harney, Kevin. **Organic Outreach DVD: Sharing Good News Naturally.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2016.

Summary: Every follower of Jesus has a sincere desire to share God's love with others. We want to tell friends and family about who Jesus is, what he means to us, and all he has done for us. Deep in our hearts we have a burning passion to pass on the good news we have received. But where do we start? Together with Organic Outreach for Ordinary People, the Organic Outreach Video Study will help you shape a personal approach to passing on the good news of Jesus in natural ways. This is not a system or a program. It's a collection of biblical practices that you can incorporate into your life starting today. You can begin right where God has placed you. You can share the love and message of Jesus in a way that fits exactly how God has wired you. In this practical study, pastor and author Kevin Harney offers the tools needed to reach out with God's love in organic ways. Discover ordinary ways to communicate God's love and the message of salvation—naturally. 13 sessions. --Zondervan

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248.5
HARNEY

Harney, Kevin. **Organic Outreach for Ordinary People: Sharing Good News Naturally.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2009.

Summary: Every follower of Jesus has a sincere desire to share God's love with others. We want to tell friends and family about who Jesus is, what he means to us, and all he has done for them. Deep in our hearts we have a burning passion to pass on the good news we have received. But, where do we start? We want to share our faith, but we don't want it to feel awkward, uncomfortable, or unnatural ... for them or for us! Organic Outreach for Ordinary People will help you shape a personal approach to passing on the good news of Jesus in natural ways. This is not a system or a program. It's a collection of biblical practices that you can incorporate into your life starting today. You can begin right where God has placed you. You can share the love and message of Jesus in a way that fits exactly how God has wired you. In this practical and easy-to-read book, Kevin Harney offers the tools needed to reach out with God's love in organic ways. In these pages you will discover that sharing the good news of Jesus can be as natural as talking about your favorite sports team or telling a friend about a wonderful new restaurant. On the golf course, over coffee, while taking a walk—anywhere and everywhere—become a bearer of grace. Share the amazing love of God. Tell the life-changing story of Jesus. Discover ordinary ways to communicate God's love and the message of salvation—naturally. --Zondervan

ADULTS 249
CASTLEMAN

Castleman, Robbie. **Parenting in the Pew : Guiding Your Children into the Joy of Worship** . Downers Grove, Illinois : IVP Books, 2013.

Summary: "Daddy, I'd like you to meet my children." That's Robbie Castleman's attitude about taking her children to church. She believes that Sunday morning isn't a success if she has only managed to keep the kids quiet. And she knows there's more to church for kids than trying out their new coloring books. Children are at church for the same reason as their parents: for the privilege of worshiping God. Worship, Castleman writes, is "the most important thing you can ever train your child to do." So with infectious passion, nitty-gritty advice and a touch of humor, she shows you how to help

your children (from toddlers to teenagers) enter into worship. In this significantly revised and updated edition Castleman includes a new preface and two new appendices that provide new perspectives on children's sermon and intergenerational community. She also provides a study guide for personal reflection or group discussion. More than ever, Parenting in the Pew is essential reading for parents and worship leaders who want to help children make joyful noises unto the Lord. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Daddy, I'd like you to meet my children -- Worship BC and AD -- Praise and puppies -- Sunday morning starts on Saturday night -- Counting bricks or encountering God -- Make a joyful noise -- Prayer, confession, and canned goods -- Just how long was that sermon? -- Saving up for something special -- The holy hug.

ADULTS 253 Gorveatte, Mark. **Lead Like Wesley : Help for Today's Ministry Servants** .
GORVEATTE Indianapolis, Indiana : Wesleyan Publishing House, [2016].

Summary: When John Wesley responded to God's call, it wasn't a clever corporate strategy that would lead to the historic transformation of the church—it was personal. Wesley followed and God in turn empowered him to transform and empower others to likewise lead. In *Lead Like Wesley*, author Mark Gorveatte offers a guided tour of foundational leadership principles (helps) gleaned from the wealth of Wesley's wisdom and experience. With thoughtful, authentic application from Gorveatte's own decades of ministry leadership trials and errors, he distills practical leadership principles that can ignite transformation today in both lay and professional ministry leadership. Begin the transformation of your leadership style by following God and by learning to lead like Wesley. --Wesleyan Publishing House

ADULTS 253 Lyon, K. Brynolf. **How to Lead in Church Conflict : Healing Ungrieved**
LYON **Loss** . Nashville, Tenn. : Abingdon Press, 2012.

Summary: The hurts of people often spill over into the life of the congregation causing conflict. Your chair of finance is going through a nasty divorce and is mad at God. The mother of one of your Sunday School teachers is chronically ill. A major factory in your community has relocated, taking with it many of your church members' jobs. Some losses in your own life remain painful and unresolved. And you wonder why the church council meetings are so rancorous and your church is mired in unproductive conflict. What do you do? How should you lead? According to Lyon and Moseley, conflict is often about ungrieved loss. When conflict occurs, pastors and other church leaders must know how to be present in the dynamics of grieving loss, encouraging space for a new thing to emerge. With rich and helpful illustrations, this book reveals how leaders can understand group-wide dynamics of conflict, ground their leadership in the liturgical meanings and rhythms of church life, and accompany congregations through potentially destructive realities toward the creative possibilities that conflict can bring. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 253 Rendle, Gilbert R. **Leading Change in the Congregation : Spiritual and**
RENDLE **Organizational Tools for Leaders** . [Bethesda, Md.] : Alban Institute, c1998.

ADULTS Scott, James B. **Restoring the Wesleyan Class-Meeting**. Dallas, Texas:
253.7 SCOTT Provident Publishing, 2008.

Summary: Restoring the Wesleyan Class-Meeting is a unique and compelling journey into our past where the reader actually experiences the life and the joy of the Wesleyan Class-Meeting through the journals and testimonies of those who birthed the Wesleyan/Methodist Movement. Answers questions about what happened in the Class-Meetings and defines the results achieved in individuals and in congregations. Learn how to apply that dynamic in your church and life today. --Cokesbury

- ADULTS
254.5
STETZER
- Stetzer, Ed. **Transformational Groups: Creating a New Scorecard for Groups**. Nashville, Tenn: B&H Publishing Group, 2014.
Summary: In Transformational Groups, Ed Stetzer and Eric Geiger have created a new scorecard that will provide a map to transformational success for your church's groups ministry. Using data from the largest survey of pastors and laypersons ever done on the condition of groups in the church, they define a simple process to lead your groups from where they are to where God wants them to be. --B&H Publishing Group
- ADULTS 261
BELL
- Bell, Rob. **Velvet Elvis : Repainting the Christian faith** . Grand Rapids, Mich. : Zondervan, 2005.
Summary: Velvet Elvis is the first book from Rob Bell, the New York Times bestselling author of Love Wins. Selected as one of 2011's most influential people by Time Magazine, pastor Bell offers original and refreshingly personal perspectives on what Christianity is truly all about in Velvet Elvis. A vibrant voice for a new generation of Christians—the most recognizable Christian leader among young adults—Rob Bell inspires readers to take a fresh look at traditional questions of faith. --Amazon
Content Notes:
- Welcome to my Velvet Elvis -- Movement one : jump -- Movement two : yoke -- Movement three : true -- Movement four : tassels -- Movement five : dust -- Movement six : new -- Movement seven : good.
- CHILDREN
266.76
HARRELL
- Harrell, Melissa. **Elizabeth & Stella Meet ZOE**. Victoria, BC, Canada: Friesen Press, 2016.
Summary: Two girls....Two continents...One generous act of kindness... Elizabeth lives in America and is counting the days until her birthday! She is especially hoping for one special present. Meanwhile, Stella lives in Kenya with her brother and sister and they are trying to find life and hope after the death of their parents. Readers will go on a journey through beautiful watercolor illustrations to learn more about the daily lives of Elizabeth and Stella. As the story unfolds, the girls are introduced to a special ministry called ZOE. Each girl in her own way is impacted by this empowerment movement that helps orphans learn how to take care of themselves. This inspiring story will introduce readers to generosity in a way they can understand and champion them to take action in their own world. --Back Cover
- CHILDREN
268.432
GROUP
- The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Ministry**. Loveland, Colo. : Group Pub, 2005.
Summary: The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Ministry includes fun, noncompetitive Bible games for holidays, icebreakers, group builders, road trips, total silence, and those wild 'n' wacky times. In short, Bible games for any occasion...any energy level...and nearly any Bible story! Use the helpful indexes to find the perfect game to complement your Bible lesson. You can search by Scripture reference, the game's energy level (low, medium, or high), or by the name of the game. It's easy to find the perfect game for your group to enjoy! --Group Publishing