

New Resources July 2019

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ADULTS
220.9 ROBB Robb, Ed. ***Mountaintop Moments DVD: Meeting God in the High Places***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: God is inviting you to a mountaintop moment. We're sometimes told that "mountaintop moments"—those times when we experience the power, love, and grace of God in a way that's difficult to put into words—are not the stuff of every day. In *Mountaintop Moments*, Dr. Ed Robb associates these personal spiritual mountaintop moments with the mountains in the Old and New Testaments and the events related to these sacred places, showing us how their lessons can be woven into our everyday lives. Perfect for Christians at any stage of their spiritual journey, the book can be used as a standalone resource or combined with the DVD featuring Dr. Robb and a comprehensive Leader Guide for a six-week study. Each week's session includes a prominent Christian personality telling his or her own mountaintop life experience and guiding participants through the study. The video sessions are approximately 8–10 minutes in length and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study. All videos sessions are closed captioned.

--Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Mount Moriah (featuring Dr. Ed Robb) (10:35) -- 2. Mount Sinai (featuring Jessica LaGrone) (9:22) -- 3. Mount Carmel (featuring Spencer Tillman) (6:35) -- 4. Mount of Beatitudes (featuring Bishop Bob Hayes) (8:51) -- 5. Mount Tabor (featuring Dr. Craig Hill) (9:44) -- 6. Mount Zion (featuring Jennifer Morgan) (13:01)

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ADULTS
220.92 OGBONNAYA Ogonnaya, A. Okechukwu. ***Bible People: Missionaries.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1996.

Summary: This study contains seven 45-minute sessions using the Bible Discovery Method™ to help participants examine Bible reference tools and discover information and insights about specific biblical persons. Reference books such as commentaries, atlases, and Bible dictionaries are used with this study. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Quick Lead -- Icons -- The Bible Discovery Method -- Bible People and Study Skills -- Barnabas -- Jonah -- Timothy -- Onesimus -- Lydia -- Peter -- Priscilla and Aquila -- Basic Bible Reference Tools

ADULTS
221.922082 HIGGS Higgs, Liz Curtis. ***Really Bad Girls of the Bible: More Lessons from Less-Than-Perfect Women.*** Colorado Springs, Colo, Waterbrook Press, 2000.

Summary: Eight of the Bible's most notorious females strut across the pages of *Really Bad Girls of the Bible* with troubles that still hit home in the twenty-first century. The Medium of En Dor crossed over to the dark side. Jael stood up to a ruthless enemy. The Adulteress was caught between a rock and a hard place. Athaliah made a bid for power that ended badly. Bathsheba captured the wandering eye of a king. Herodias made a cruel request of her husband. Tamar exchanged her widow's weeds for a harlot's garb. And the Bleeding Woman had a serious health issue only a great physician could handle. *Really Bad Girls of the Bible* shines a spotlight on God's sovereignty, demonstrating one life-changing truth: God rules the lives of those He loves with mercy, compassion, and hope. Includes study guide. --Waterbrook Multnomah

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ADULTS
222.4092
HILSON

Hilson, Mike. ***King David: Pursuit of the Heart of God***. Indianapolis, Indiana, Wesleyan Publishing House, 2019.

Summary: Grab a cup of coffee and join Pastor Mike as he offers contextual insights into King David's journey through riotous and victorious living. His conversational style of delivery is ideal for both group and individual Bible study, and challenges the reader to seek after God's heart. Whether you are a parent leading children, a pastor leading a church, or a commander leading an army, your leadership is a calling—and responsibility—from God. King David was one of the most effective leaders in history. His life exemplified times of suffering for his children, his people, and even those nations under his rule, however, his trials became testimonies of grace as he chased after the heart of God. --Wesleyan Publishing House

ADULTS
222.4092
TNT

David. Burbank, Ca, TNT Originals, Inc. Warner Home Video, 2005.

Summary: A dramatization of the life of the Biblical King David.

ADULTS
223.2
PACKER

Packer, J. I. ***Meeting God: 12 Studies for individuals or groups***. Downers Grove, Illinois, InterVarsity Press, 1986.

Summary: His majesty will fill your thoughts. His love will soften your heart. His holiness will purify your life. When you meet God, you will be changed. Meet him now as J. I. Packer, author of the bestselling Christian classic, *Knowing God*, leads you through twelve key passages from the Old and New Testaments. These inductive Bible studies will engage your heart and mind. And enlarge your vision of the God you worship and serve. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Getting the Most Out of Meeting God -- 1. Who Is God? - Acts 17:16-34 -- 2. God Reveals Himself - Exodus 33:12--34:9 -- 3. The Father the Son - John 13:31--14:11 -- 4. The Spirit the Son - John 15:26--16:15 -- 5. Beyond Comparison - Isaiah 40:12-31 -- 6. God Is Love - 1 John 4:7--5:5 -- 7. Holy, Holy, Holy - Isaiah 6 -- 8. God's Wonderful Goodness - Psalm 107 -- 9. Pleasing God - Matthew 6:1-18 -- 10. The Lord Is King - Daniel 4 -- 11. God's Severe Mercy - Hebrews 12 -- 12. God's Triumph - Romans 8:26-39 -- Leader's Notes.

ADULTS
224.1
RICHTER

Richter, Sandra L. ***The Epic of Eden: Isaiah***. Franklin, TN, Seedbed, 2016.

Summary: Often named “the fifth gospel,” the book of the prophet Isaiah has more to say about Israel’s coming Messiah than any other Old Testament book. Brilliant, courageous, uncompromising, this prophet declared that “the year of the LORD” had come and God’s people needed to either step up, or stand down. Indeed, when Isaiah spoke, kings trembled. But too often, when Isaiah speaks today, God’s people have trouble hearing. Why? We often miss the larger context. In *The Epic of Eden: Isaiah*, Dr. Sandra Richter takes participants back to the eighth century BCE. This eight-week study explains Israel’s religion and economy, explores the definition and role of the prophets, and helps us to apply the message of this great champion of the faith to our lives today. How does this series work? The study involves two components. The first is a set of eight filmed, approximately 20-30 minute sessions with Dr. Sandra Richter, and the second is a study guide for each of your group members. This workbook includes five individual studies per week, to be done at home. The idea is that each member will be working at home at their own pace, doing as much or as little as schedules permit. Once per week your group will gather to view the filmed study, talk about the individual work from the week, and focus on some group discussion questions. --Seedbed

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- First Things -- The Office of the Prophet -- The Life and Times of Isaiah the Prophet (Pt. 1: The Divided Monarchy) -- The Life and Times of Isaiah the Prophet (Pt. 2 The Assyrian Empire) -- Hezekiah and the “Poster Child” of Biblical Archaeology -- The Message of the Latter Things -- The Book of Isaiah and the Servant -- The Book of Isaiah and the Idol.

ADULTS
226.3

Journey Through the Bible: Mark Student Book. Nashville, TN, Cokesbury, 1994.

COKESBURY

Summary: Journey Through the Bible uses the NRSV to study the Bible book by book. Each volume: Contains 13 sessions. Highlights pivotal points in the Scripture. Lifts up the Bible's most significant stories, themes, events and people. Features questions. Describes the historical and cultural setting. Includes the original language and what the passage meant for its first readers. Gives insight into possible life applications for individuals, congregations and communities. Maps out a daily personal Journey Plan for those interested in reading the whole Bible, verse by verse. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
226.606
PEVEY

Pevey, Linda Tower. ***We Are the Church ... Let's Act Like It: A Study on the Book of Acts.*** Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2019.

Summary: Many people think the church has become a social club with little impact on the world. That is not God's plan for the church. We Are the Church... Let's Act Like It takes readers through the book of Acts, looking at what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ, the world-changing church that Jesus intended. Problems in the church are nothing new. The book of Acts is full of them. In We Are the Church... Linda Tower Pevey offers the church practical and biblical ways to live out its mandate to be a church that positively impacts its community and the world. We Are the Church... Let's Act Like It is a 7-week study that helps readers see the biblical vision for the church and a vision for what the church can be today. In it Pevey offers encouragement that the church can truly be a transformative presence in the world, just as the early church was in the book of Acts. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Week 1 act with power -- Week 2 act with generosity --
Week 3 act with acceptance -- Week 4 act with creativity --
Week 5 act with perseverance -- Week 6 act with courage --
Week 7 act as a witness -- Prayer requests/praise reports.

ADULTS Carey, Greg. ***Stories Jesus Told DVD: How to Read a Parable.***
226.8 CAREY Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Learn how to read, interpret, and understand the parables of Jesus. We love stories. That's why we go to movies, read books, and listen to friends recount an experience. That's also why teachers use the technique of storytelling to make a difficult concept easier for us to process. Jesus told stories, or parables, for that very reason—and to help us understand how God wants us to live life. Sometimes, however, stories like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son can be interpreted in more than one way. Even Bible scholars are divided on their meanings. In Stories Jesus Told, you'll explore six of Jesus' parables to learn how to read, interpret, and live them in your

daily life. A DVD and Leader Guide are elements you can add to make a lively, six-week group study. The six-session DVD features Greg Carey guiding participants through the study. The video sessions are approximately 10–12 minutes in length and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

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- 1. Divine Inefficiencies (10:01) -- 2. Funny Business (9:25) -- 3. Weddings Gone Awry (9:01) -- 4. Lawyers and Samaritans (12:24) -- 5. Losing, Finding, Partying (11:30) -- 6. A Reversal of Fortune (11:48)

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ADULTS
227.10071
WRIGHT

Wright, N.T. **Romans: 18 Studies for Individuals and Groups.** Downers Grove, IL, IVP Connect, 2009.

Summary: With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, Tom Wright walks you through Romans in this guide designed especially with everyday readers in mind. Perfect for group use or daily personal reflection, this study uses the popular inductive method combined with Wright's thoughtful insights to bring contemporary application of Scripture to life. This guide by Tom Wright can be used on its own or alongside his New Testament for Everyone commentary on Romans. It is designed to help you understand Scripture in fresh ways under the guidance of one of the world's leading New Testament scholars. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information all guide you or a group more deeply into God's Word. Discover how you can participate more fully in God's kingdom. -- Intervarsity Press

ADULTS 232 MOORE Moore, Beth. **Jesus the One and Only.** Nashville, TN, LifeWay Press, 2000.

Summary: Jesus the One and Only by Beth Moore helps a leader facilitate this women's Bible study of the life of Jesus based on the book of Luke and contains all that is needed to conduct the 10 weeks of small group time. Come along with Beth Moore on a life-changing journey which will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and finally, on the road toward the cross with the Savior. Get to know Jesus intimately ... as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry. This 10-week, in-depth Bible study includes weekly personal assignments and 11 video sessions taped on location in Jerusalem and throughout Israel. --LifeWay

Content Notes:

- Session Introduction (70:00) -- Session 1: The Word Made Flesh (58:29) -- Session 2: The Son of God (55:22) -- Session 3: The Way and Life (55:44) -- Session 4: The Esteem of Man (54:48) -- Session 5: The Christ of God

(57:03) -- Session 6: The Necessity (54:32) -- Session 7: The Infinite Treasure (52:32) -- Session 8: The Answer (56:00) -- Session 9: The Lamb of God (57:00) -- Session 10: The Risen Hope (59:00)

ADULTS 232.1 Brueggemann, Walter. ***Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study***. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2016.

Summary: In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles- Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Names for the Messiah ponders each royal designation and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. Christians have claimed from the beginning that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. In this study, best-selling author Walter Brueggemann tackles the questions: "What were these expectations?" and "Did Jesus fulfill them?" --Westminster John Knox Press

Content Notes:

- Week 1, Wonderful Counselor -- Week 2, Mighty God -- Week 3, Everlasting Father -- Week 4, Prince of Peace -- Prayers and questions for reflection.

ADULTS 232.92 Borg, Marcus J. ***The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus's Birth***. New York, Harper One, 2007.

BORG

Summary: Two authorities on the life of Jesus draw on the gospels of Matthew and Luke to tell the true story of Jesus's birth and to place its lessons in context with the modern world.

ADULTS 232.97 KENA Kena, Kwasi Issa. ***The Resurrected Jesus***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2001.

Summary: This 8-session study guides learners through the post-Resurrection appearances and events.

ADULTS 234 Blumer, Bruce L. ***Simply Grace: Everyday Glimpses of God***. Nashville, TN, Foundry Books, 2019.

BLUMER

Summary: Grace: simple yet complex; free but not cheap; comprehensible and mysterious. God desires a relationship with us, nudging and sometimes shoving us into becoming more as God intends us to be. It's simply grace. Rich with examples, this book will inspire you to become more aware of God in your everyday life. This book will help you discover the grace all around you and help you share this Good News. The author says this gift that is available

regardless of what we've done or who we are. When we accept that we are loved, that we cannot earn a place with God, and we have already been forgiven, it changes our relationship with God and with each other. --General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, United Methodist Church

ADULTS
241.691
ACTON

Environmental Stewardship in the Judeo-Christian Tradition: Jewish, Catholic and Protestant Wisdom on the Environment.
Grand Rapids, MI, Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, 2007.

Summary: A fair and honest debate about religious responses to environmental issues should always distinguish theological principles from prudential judgments. The Cornwall Declaration and the accompanying essays in this volume were written to do just that. They were not written to provide theological rationale for current environmentalist fashion. Rather, they seek to articulate the broad Judeo-Christian theological principles concerning the environment, and to distinguish those principles from contrary ideas popular in the environmental movement. --Acton Institute

Content Notes:

- - The
 - Cornwall declaration on environmental stewardship --
 - A
 - Comprehensive Torah-based approach to the environment --
 - The
 - Catholic Church and stewardship of creation --
 - A
 - Biblical perspective on environmental stewardship.

ADULTS
242.35
LEVINE

Levine, Amy-Jill. ***Entering the Passion of Jesus Large Print: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week.*** Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges. In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all

face risk in our Christian experience. The book provides a rich and challenging learning experience for small groups and individual readers alike. As part of a larger six-week study that is perfect for Lent, it includes a DVD, a comprehensive Leader Guide, and a Leader Kit.
--Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Jerusalem: Risking Reputation -- 2. The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger -- 3. Teachings: Risking Challenge -- 4. The First Dinner: Risking Rejection -- 5. The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends -- 6. Gethsemane: Risking Temptation -- Afterword

ADULTS
248.4
MOORE

Moore, Greg. ***Good Friends: A Wesleyan Way of Discipleship.***
Garner, NC, New Room Society, 2019.

Summary: This booklet on holy friendship was distributed at the 2019 North Carolina Annual Conference by New Faith Communities.

ADULTS
248.482
BROTHER

Lawrence. ***The Practice of the Presence of God.*** [Place of publication not identified], Wildside Press.

Summary: This book consists of notes of several conversations had with, and letters written by Nicholas Herman, of Lorraine, a lowly and unlearned man, who, after having been a footman and soldier, was admitted a Lay Brother among the barefooted Carmelites at Paris in 1666, and was afterwards known as "Brother Lawrence." His conversion, which took place when he was about eighteen years old, was the result, under God, of the mere sight in midwinter, of a dry and leafless tree, and of the reflections it stirred. --Amazon

ADULTS
248.6
MCKENZIE

McKenzie, Scott. ***The Generosity Challenge: 28 Days of Gratitude, Prayer, and Faith.*** Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Discover how to live a more generous life. It may come as a surprise to many, but faithful churchgoers do not necessarily regularly support their church financially. The Generosity Challenge is a four-week group study that will appeal to those who are in the pews every Sunday, but who have not yet committed to monetary giving. The study offers a weekly reading accompanied by seven days of challenges in the forms of self-assessment, journaling, and prayer. After 28 days, members of the group study are encouraged to embrace a life-giving journey toward generosity and provided a road map on how to get there. The supplementary DVD sparks discussion and the leader helps in the back of the book allow anyone to lead the group. --Cokesbury

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248.6
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Content Notes:

- 1. Born to Be Generous (11:23) -- 2. Grounded in Gratitude (12:13) -- 3. Revealed Through Prayer (13:14) -- 4. Sealed by Faith (12:50)

ADULTS
248.8
SUGGS

Suggs, Rob. ***Christian Community: 12 Studies for individuals or groups***. Downers Grove, Illinois, InterVarsity Press, 1994.

Summary: One of the greatest gifts that Christ has given us is each other. Through Christ's body, the church, we discover our unique gifts and experience worship, healing and power. In this 12-session LifeGuide® Bible Study, Rob Suggs leads us to grow in community—loving and nurturing one another, and in reflecting Christ's love to the world around us. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Getting the Most Out of Christian Community -- 1. Built to Last - Ephesians 2:11-22 -- 2. Everyone's Involved - 1 Corinthians 12 -- 3. Everyone's Invited - Philemon -- 4. We Gather Together - Psalm 100 -- 5. Community Commissioned - Luke 10:1-20 -- 6. Servant's Entrance - Matthew 25:31-46 -- 7. And They'll Know We Are Christians - John 13:1-17, 34-35 -- 8. True Confessions - Nehemiah 9:1-5; James 5:13-20 -- 9. Confrontation Restoration - Matthew 18:15-35 -- 10. A Haven for Healing - Ezekiel 34:1-16 -- Leader's Notes.

ADULTS
248.842
ELDREDGE

Eldredge, John. ***Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul***. Nashville, Tenn, Thomas Nelson, 2010.

Summary: John Eldredge revises and updates his best-selling, renowned Christian classic, *Wild at Heart*, and in it invites men to:

Recover their masculine heart. See themselves in the image of a passionate god. Delight in the strength and wildness men were created to offer. In this provocative book, Eldredge provides a look inside the true heart of a man and gives men permission to be what God designed them to be—dangerous, passionate, alive, and free.

--Thomas Nelson

ADULTS
248.843
SHIRER

Shirer, Priscilla. ***The Armor of God DVD***. Nashville, TN, LifeWay Press, 2015.

Summary: All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, *The Armor of God* study is for you. The Enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. *The Armor of God*, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory. (7 sessions). --LifeWay

Content Notes:

- Session 1 – Sizing Up the Enemy (43:26) -- Session 2 – The Belt of Truth (41:22) -- Session 3 – The Breastplate of Righteousness (38:23) -- Session 4 – The Shoes of Peace (41:06) -- Session 5 – The Shield of Faith (35:50) -- Session 6 – The Helmet of Salvation (40:54) -- Session 7 – The Sword of the Spirit (18:19)

ADULTS
248.843
TERKEURST

TerKeurst, Lysa. ***The Best Yes DVD: Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands***. Nashville, TN, Nelson Books, 2014.

Summary: Do you find yourself spending a lot of time figuring out when to say yes and when to say no, thinking about how to manage your time, reduce stress, do your best for your family, find a little time for yourself? Lysa TerKeurst found herself in that same situation until she learned the power of “the best yes”, the choice that shapes all of our other choices. In this six-session study, Lysa uses her signature mix of transparency, Scripture-laced insight, and “been there” humor to suggest usable strategies for making wise decisions day by day. Lysa will help you and your group: Cure the disease to please with a biblical understanding of the command to love. Escape the guilt of disappointing others by learning the secret of the small no. Overcome the agony of hard choices by embracing a wisdom based decision-

making process. Rise above the rush of endless demands and discover your best yes today. --Thomas Nelson

Content Notes:

- 1. Set Your Heart to Wisdom (15:00) -- 2. Establish a Pattern of Wisdom (18:00) -- 3. Practice Wisdom (17:00) -- 4. Predetermine Your Best Yes (13:00) -- 5. Avoid the Traps of People Pleasing (16:00) -- 6. Build a Best Yes Legacy (13:00)

ADULTS TerKeurst, Lysa. ***The Best Yes: Making Wise Decisions in the Midst***
248.843 ***of Endless Demands***. Nashville, TN, Nelson Books, 2014.
TERKEURST

Summary: Are you living with the stress of an overwhelmed schedule and aching with the sadness of an underwhelmed soul? Lysa TerKeurst is learning that there is a big difference between saying yes to everyone and saying yes to God. In *The Best Yes* she will help you: Cure the disease to please with a biblical understanding of the command to love. Escape the guilt of disappointing others by learning the secret of the small no. Overcome the agony of hard choices by embracing a wisdom based decision-making process. Rise above the rush of endless demands and discover your best yes today. --Thomas Nelson

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Content Notes:

- How to Use This Guide -- 1. Set Your Heart to Wisdom -- 2. Establish a Pattern of Wisdom -- 3. Practice Wisdom -- 4.

Predetermine Your Best Yes -- 5. Avoid the Traps of People Pleasing -- 6. Build a Best Yes Legacy -- About the Author

ADULTS 251 Allen, O. Wesley. ***Preaching and the Human Condition: Loving God, Self, & Others***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2016.
ALLEN

Summary: Sermons often suffer from a lack of adequate analysis and presentation of the human condition. Jesus was all about the human condition. He didn't skirt around real-life needs and difficult circumstances by offering simple messages of self-help. But sometimes that's exactly what we do in our sermons when we aim at high and noble ideals yet ignore the "bad news" of the world. Author O. Wesley Allen proposes the idea that we can successfully explore the human condition in every sermon by looking through the vertical, horizontal, and inner lens of Jesus' greatest commandment. In individual chapters, he unpacks each perspective, suggests practical, homiletic approaches to preaching from that perspective, and provides a sample sermon. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 251.08 ***1001 Quotes, Illustrations, and Humorous Stories for Preachers, Teachers, and Writers***. Grand Rapids, Mich, Baker Books, 2008.
ROWELL

ADULTS 253.7 Watson, David Lowes. ***The Methodist Class Leader DVD/CD Video Toolkit***. Washington, D.C, Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary, 2019.
WATSON

Summary: This seven-session video-based study curriculum examines the office of Methodist class leader. Class leaders and class meetings were part of the genius of the original Methodist movement. Yet, in many branches of Methodism today, the office no longer exists or has devolved into a merely token role. This study draws on the extensive work of Dr. David Lowes Watson, a leading scholar of Methodist history and an advocate for the revitalization of the office of class leader to provide a more intentional approach to faith formation and accountable discipleship in today's church. The study is designed for use in adult classes or small group settings. The material supports class sessions that are approximately 45 minutes in length. Each session includes a short reading, a video presentation, discussion questions, and a brief prayer. --Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Content Notes:

- Session 1: Class Leaders in the Early Methodist Movement (9:25 min) -- Session 2: The Role and Responsibilities of Class Leaders (9:19 min) -- Session 3: What are the Qualities of a Good Class Leader? (3:32 min) -- Session 4: Class Leaders in the Church Today (6:24 min) -- Session 5: The Nature of Discipleship and the Role of Class Leaders (9:59 min) -- Session 6: Helping People Grow as Disciples

(7:31 min) -- Session 7: Class Leaders and the Role of Laity in Today's Church (5:37 min).

ADULTS
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SOERENS

Soerens, Matthew. ***Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate***. Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP Books, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2018.

Summary: Immigration is one of the most complicated issues of our time. Voices on all sides argue strongly for action and change. Christians find themselves torn between the desire to uphold laws and the call to minister to the vulnerable. In this book World Relief immigration experts Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang move beyond the rhetoric to offer a Christian response to immigration. They put a human face on the issue and tell stories of immigrants' experiences in and out of the system. With careful historical understanding and thoughtful policy analysis, they debunk myths and misconceptions about immigration and show the limitations of the current immigration system. Ultimately they point toward immigration reform that is compassionate, sensible, and just as they offer concrete ways for you and your church to welcome and minister to your immigrant neighbors. This revised edition includes new material on refugees and updates in light of changes in political realities. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Foreword by Leith Anderson -- 1. The Immigration Dilemma -- 2. "Aliens" Among You: Who Are Undocumented Immigrants? -- 3. Nation of Immigrants: A Historical Perspective on Immigration to the United States -- 4. Immigrating the Legal Way: Our Immigration System Today -- 5. Thinking Biblically About Immigration -- 6. Concerns About Immigration -- 7. The Value of Immigrants to the United States -- 8. Immigration Policies and Politics -- 9. Immigration and the Church Today -- 10. A Christian Response to the Immigration Dilemma -- Acknowledgments -- Appendix 1: Discussion Questions -- Appendix 2: Evangelical Statement of Principles for Immigration Reform -- Appendix 3: Ministries and Organizations Serving Refugees and Other Immigrants in the United States -- Appendix 4: Ministries and Organizations Addressing the Root Causes of Immigration -- Appendix 5: Selected Resources for Learning More About the Immigration Issue -- Appendix 6: Tools for Political Advocacy -- Notes -- Index.

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MEHL-
LAITURI

Mehl-Laituri, Logan. ***Reborn on the Fourth of July: The Challenge of Faith, Patriotism & Conscience***. Downers Grove, Ill, IVP Books, 2012.

Summary: For decades now, the United States has proudly claimed the mantle of "the world's only superpower" based on military might

and the scope of military interventions throughout the world. As a result, whole generations are growing up with the understanding that war is the norm, that perpetual conflict is a way of life. But is it the way of Christ? Logan Mehl-Laituri grew up in a community that celebrated military service. His faith reinforced his love of country and his sense that that love was best expressed by fighting its battles. Then he went to war, and then he was born again. In *Reborn on the Fourth of July* you'll learn through Logan's story the real cost of war to military personnel, the real challenges to Christians that are raised by military service on and even off the battlefield, and the real questions that each of us must wrestle with as we hold in tension our love of country with God's love for the world. --InterVarsity Press

ADULTS
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WATSON

Watson, David Lowes. ***Forming Christian Disciples: The Role of Covenant Discipleship and Class Leaders in the Congregation.*** Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, 1991.

Summary: David Lowes Watson provides a basic resource for the formation of faithful Christian disciples and the revitalizing of congregations.

ADULTS
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BUECHNER

Buechner, Frederick. ***The Alphabet of Grace.*** San Francisco, HarperSanFrancisco, 1989.

Summary: With characteristic eloquence and insight, Buechner presents a three-part series of reflections that probe, through the course of one day, the innermost mysteries of life. Blending an artist's eye for natural beauty, the true meaning of human encounters, and the significance of occurrences (momentous or seemingly trivial), with a wealth of personal, literacy, biblical, and spiritual insights, he offers a matchless opportunity for readers to discover the hidden wisdom that can be gleaned through a heightened experience of daily life. --HarperCollins

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PINGRY

Pingry, Patricia A. ***The Story of Christmas.*** Nashville, Tenn, CandyCane Press, 1998.

Summary: Here is the story of the Nativity told in 200 words that are simple enough for a toddler to understand. From the Annunciation by the angel through Jesus's birth, the angels' appearance to the shepherds, and the journey of the wise men, the Christmas story is presented in its most traditional form. Vibrant new illustrations are paired with classic text to bridge the connection between the biblical story of Jesus's birth and today's Christmas celebration. This book is unsurpassed as an introduction to the significance of the Christmas holiday. Ages 2-5.

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ABINGDON

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CHILDREN Hays, Rita B. ***The Children's Minister***. Nashville, Tenn, Discipleship
259.22 HAYS Resources, 2007.

Summary: Many churches provide many planned activities and learning experiences of a child, but those who work with children often fail to see themselves as pastors to these children. Indeed, the potential pastoral care for children is not usually addressed in seminary or in much of the literature concerning caring for the church. Rita Hays offers a warmhearted challenge to those in children's ministry to become pastors to those who are a part of their folk. Her vision encompasses all congregations who interact with children. She examines the needs of children and the ways in which they are most often neglected.

YOUTH ***More 10-Minute Devotions for Youth Groups***. Loveland, Colo,
242.63 Group Books, 1992.
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YOUTH ***Love in a Big World: Anger Management Leader Guide 6-8:
248.82 Building Character & Hope in Kids***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon
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Content Notes:

- 1. Choice -- 2. Courage -- 3. Honesty -- 4. Kindness -- 5. Self-control.

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Last Impressions: Unforgettable Closings for Youth Meetings.

Loveland, Colo, Group Publishing, 1996.

Summary: Here's a collection of Group's best-ever low-prep (or no-prep!) youth meeting closings...over 170 favorites...and each is tied to a thought-provoking Bible passage.