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(BK1260) <i>Serve God, Save The Planet: A Christian Call to Action</i>	1	Matthew Sleeth	Zondervan Publishing	2007
<p>Not long ago, J. Matthew Sleeth had a fantastic life and a great job as chief of the medical staff at a large hospital. He was living the American dream---until he saw an increasing number of his patients suffering from cancer, asthma, and other chronic diseases. He began to suspect that the Earth and its inhabitants were in deep trouble. Turning to Jesus for guidance, Sleeth discovered how the scriptural lessons of personal responsibility, simplicity, and stewardship could be applied to modern life. The Sleeths have since sold their big home and given away more than half of what they once owned. In <i>Serve God, Save the Planet</i>, Sleeth shares the joy of adopting a less materialistic, healthier lifestyle, stronger relationships, and richer spiritual lives. With the storytelling ease of James Herriot and the logical clarity of C. S. Lewis, Sleeth lays out the rationale for environmentally responsible life changes and a how-to guide for making those changes.</p> <p>Age: YAS 255 Pages</p>				
(BK1261) <i>The Slow Fade: Why You Matter in the Story of Twentys</i>	1	Reggie Joiner, Chuck Boma	David C. Cook	2010
<p>A discussion of the most overlooked and underdeveloped facet of the modern church—how to keep college-aged people engaged in faith. Many churches and families have programmed a youth ministry finish line at twelfth grade. They walk their seniors out the door, breathe a sigh of relief, and let them disappear for a few years. There is an assumption they'll return to church later, as adults with young families. Many never come back. They become less and less involved in church and faith and, eventually, absent altogether—they slowly fade away. Facing critical decisions that affect the rest of their lives, college-aged people need a faith community more than ever. A senior pastor, a college pastor, and a twenty-something—rethink one-on-one mentorship as the way to end the slow fade. They offer insights and suggestions that will help anyone get started fighting the fade.</p> <p>Age: YAS 163 Pages</p>				
(BK1262) <i>Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy</i>	1	Francis Chan	David C. Cook	2009
<p>In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two? As Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Helper, so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Unfortunately, today's church has admired the gift but neglected to open it. Breakthrough author Francis Chan rips away paper and bows to get at the true source of the church's power--the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that we've ignored the Spirit for far too long, and we are reaping the disastrous results. Thorough scriptural support and compelling narrative form Chan's invitation to stop and remember the One we've forgotten, the Spirit of the living God.</p> <p>Age: YAS 186 Pages</p>				
(BK1263) <i>Recreating the Church: Leadership for the Postmodern A</i>	1	Richard L. Hamm	Chalice Press	2007
<p>Mainline denominations in the United States are in crisis. These institutions-created in and for modernity are now facing a changed, postmodern culture. Hamm faces the crisis, examining its origins, and offers sound advice on how to lead a church to make the adaptive changes needed to thrive in postmodern times.</p> <p>Contents: The first element of the perfect storm confronting mainline churches: the hurricane of change in American culture -- The second element of the perfect storm confronting mainline churches: organizational obsolescence -- The third element of the perfect storm confronting mainline churches: the "high pressure" of anxiety -- Generational differences -- The crisis in governance of mainline churches -- Seeing the challenges through polarities -- Personal aspects of leading adaptive change -- Systemic aspects of leading adaptive change -- Why bother.</p> <p>Age: YAS 130 Pages</p>				

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(BK1264) Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60	1	Edward H. Hammett	Chalice Press	2007
<p>Many established churches are facing a number of challenges in today's increasingly secular culture. Such a shift in many communities creates a challenge of church growth and church health when it seems that satisfying the needs of one group creates barriers to reaching another group. So many are asking, "How do you keep people over sixty years of age-who often hold church culture values-while at the same time reach people under forty-who often hold postmodern values?" If a church is interested in growing, this situation becomes a major challenge.</p> <p>Reaching People under 40 while Keeping People over 60 looks at the church as it seeks to function in a new world. It looks at the differences in the generations and at postmodernism-not just a generational difference but a global change. Most importantly Reaching People under 40 while Keeping People over 60 looks at what a church can do in this new age to help the church survive-and thrive!</p> <p>Contents: Understanding the challenge of church today -- Why pastors are burning out and churches are dying -- Church: a hotel for saints or a hospital for sinners? -- Discovering the points of tension -- When generations collide -- Is the church a business?: when mission challenges personal preferences -- When cultural realities impose on church traditions -- Finding the win-win for the church -- A coach approach that moves you to mission -- What's a win-win for people over sixty and people under forty? -- What's a win-win for your church? -- What are the options for creating a win-win situation? -- What about the forty- or fifty-somethings? -- Celebrating church for all generations.</p> <p>Age: YAS 180 Pages</p>				
(BK1265) Becoming the Church: Lessons for Today's Disciples	1	Dalton Troy Rushing	Dalton Rushing	2012
<p>Living as a Christian in the 21st century is difficult business. As if loving God and following Jesus's commandments weren't enough, we are also called to live together with one another as the church. What does it mean to be the church? How can we live together peaceably? Why do we bother with this old institution anyway? In Becoming the Church, the Rev. Dalton Rushing, a United Methodist pastor, looks to the first disciples to gain insights about how we are called to live today. This book will serve well as Sunday school class curriculum, personal devotion, or group study material, as it traces the development of the church in the book of Acts and makes real connections to our lives today. Discussion questions are included.</p> <p>Age: YAS 175 Pages</p>				
(BK1266) College Ministry 101: A Guide to Working with 18-25 Year Olds	1	Chuck Bomar	Zondervan	2009
<p>18-25-year-olds are trying to find their place in society while living through an array of experiences that force them to reevaluate beliefs and assumptions they were raised with, which leads many students to disconnect from the church after high school. College Ministry 101 will help church leaders understand the college-age-stage in order to better minister to their needs. This book will provide leaders with practical ministry philosophies about how to effectively minister to college students through mentor relationships, what students need in their day-to-day lives, how to work with volunteers in college ministry, and how to turn college-age students into genuine disciples.</p> <p>Contents: Why college-age ministry? -- The universal identity crisis --Monday-morning identity -- The search for meaning -- Desperately seeking intimacy -- The pursuit of pleasure -- Tracking down truth -- The leader --The teaching and discipleship -- The gathering -- The volunteers -- The assimilation.</p> <p>Age: YAS 203 Pages</p>				
(BK1267) The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the Good	1	James Bryan Smith	IVP Books	2009
<p>We all have ideas that we tell ourselves about God and how he works in our lives. Some are true--but many are false. James Bryan Smith believes those thoughts determine not only who we are, but how we live. In fact, Smith declares, the most important thing about a person is what they think about God. The path to spiritual transformation begins here. Turning to the Gospels, Smith invites you to put your ideas to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus himself reveals about God. Once you've discovered the truth in Scripture, Smith leads you through a process of spiritual formation that includes specific activities aimed at making these new narratives real in your body and soul as well as your mind.</p> <p>Age: YAS 229 Pages</p>				

(BK1268) The Good and Beautiful Life: Putting on the Character of	1	James Bryan Smith	IVP Books	2009
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"I have never met a person whose goal was to ruin his or her life. We all want to be happy, and we want it all of the time." So begins James Bryan Smith in The Good and Beautiful Life. The problem is, he tells us, we have bought into false notions of happiness and success. These self-centered decisions lead us further into the vices that cause ruin: anger, lust, lying, worry and judging. Eventually we find ourselves living a beautifully packaged life of self-destruction. Following the Sermon on the Mount, this follow-up to The Good and Beautiful God guides us to look behind these character flaws and to replace our false beliefs with Jesus' narratives about life in the kingdom of God.

Contents: Introduction -- The good and beautiful life : soul training : writing a letter to God -- The Gospel many people have never heard : soul training, play -- The grand invitation : soul training, hospitality -- Learning to live without anger : soul training, keeping the Sabbath -- Learning to live without lust : soul training, media fast -- Learning to live without lying : soul training, silence -- Learning to bless those who curse us : Soul training, praying for the success of competitors -- Learning to live without vain glory : soul training, secret service -- Learning to live without avarice : soul training, deaccumulation -- Learning to live without worry : soul training, prayer -- Learning to live without judging others : soul training, a day without gossip -- Living in the kingdom day by day : soul training, living one day devotionally.

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(BK1269) The Good and Beautiful Community: Following the Spirit,	1	James Bryan Smith	IVP Books	2010
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In this third book in the Apprentice Series, James Bryan Smith helps us know how to live in relationship with others as apprentices of Jesus. "Apprentices of Jesus are not part-time do-gooders," he writes. "They live in continuous contact with the kingdom of God, and are constantly men and women in whom Christ dwells. They do not sometimes tell the truth, sometimes live sacrificially or sometimes forgive. There are myriad opportunities for us to impact the world in which we live." Yet many times we've gotten it wrong, tending to emphasize personal faith over social justice or vice versa. In these pages Jim Smith shows us how to bring spiritual formation and community engagement together, and then once again offers spiritual practices that root new, true narratives about God and the world in our souls. His insight and humility as a fellow learner with us will lead us to live in authentic ways as a good and beautiful community of Christ-followers, shining the light of the Spirit into every relationship.

Contents: The peculiar community -- Soul training: two-by-four -- The hopeful community -- Soul training: sharing your faith -- The serving community -- Soul training: treasuring our treasures -- The christ-centered community -- Soul training: loving those we disagree with -- The reconciling community -- Soul training: experiencing reconciliation -- The encouraging community -- Soul training: finding an accountability friend -- The generous community -- Soul training: stewardship of resources -- The worshiping community -- Soul training: worship -- Writing a soul-shaping plan.

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(BK1270) You Lost Me: Why Young Christians are Leaving Church --	1	David Kinnaman	BakerBooks	2011
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More than 60 percent of young people who went to church as teens drop out after high school. This is a striking and alarming statistic. Now the bestselling author of unChristian trains his researcher's eye on these young believers. Where Kinnaman's first book unChristian showed the world what outsiders aged 16-29 think of Christianity, You Lost Me shows why younger Christians, ages 16-29, are leaving the church and rethinking their faith.

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(BK1271) Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection,	1	N. T. Wright	HarperOne	2008
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For years Christians have been asking, "If you died tonight, do you know where you would go?" It turns out that many believers have been giving the wrong answer. It is not heaven. Award-winning author N. T. Wright outlines the present confusion about a Christian's future hope and shows how it is deeply intertwined with how we live today. Wright, who is one of today's premier Bible scholars, asserts that Christianity's most distinctive idea is bodily resurrection. He provides a magisterial defense for a literal resurrection of Jesus and shows how this became the cornerstone for the Christian community's hope in the bodily resurrection of all people at the end of the age. Wright then explores our expectation of "new heavens and a new earth," revealing what happens to the dead until then and what will happen with the "second coming" of Jesus. For many, including many Christians, all this will come as a great surprise. Wright convincingly argues that what we believe about life after death directly affects what we believe about life before death. For if God intends to renew the whole creation?and if this has already begun in Jesus's resurrection?the church cannot stop at "saving souls" but must anticipate the eventual renewal by working for God's kingdom in the wider world, bringing healing and hope in the present life. Lively and accessible, this book will surprise and excite all who are interested in the meaning of life, not only after death but before it. Appens after we die and shows how most Christians get it wrong and the difference it makes.

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(BK1272) Sign & Say: 36 Bible Verses for Children	1	Daphna Flegal	Abingdon Press	2012
<p>With illustrations and instructions for hand gestures, Sign & Say Bible Verses for Children is a resource for teaching favorite Bible verses using signs from American Sign Language. The volume features verses from both the Old Testament and the New Testament of the Deep Blue Kid's Bible. This updated resource contains easy-to-understand instructions and clear illustrations, and can be used with children ages 3--12.</p> <p>Age: PeEM 47 Pages</p>				
(BK1273) The Roma of Europe	1	Larry Beman, Dee Dee Azhi	United Methodist Women	2013
<p>This study will introduce us to the Roma, with an emphasis on Eastern Europe. The first chapter will explore their history up to and including the twentieth century. Succeeding chapters will delve into the ways they are treated in contemporary European culture, introduce their lifestyle and spirituality, and investigate ways the church and other organizations are working alongside them. It will be an eye-opening journey that will, hopefully, offer a greater understanding of the Roma and opportunities for response and advocacy.</p> <p>The Roma (sometimes spelled Rroma.) are often called "gypsies" by others. Many people who live in the United States know little or nothing about the Roma. In Europe, and especially in Eastern Europe, it is a different story.</p> <p>Over the years, the Roma have been enslaved, shut out, shunned, and even shot. Their women have been involuntarily sterilized and their children forcibly removed from them "for the children's own good." Up to two and a half million of them were exterminated during Hitler's reign of terror. People in other ethnic groups have seen the Roma as thieves, beggars, and fortune tellers.</p> <p>The Roma are the single largest minority group in Europe. They deserve our attention.</p> <p>Age: YAS 92 Pages</p>				
(BK1274) Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts: A Personal Inventory Me	1	Kenneth Cain Kinghorn	Zondervan Publishing	1984
<p>FROM THE PUBLISHER: Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts: A Personal Inventory Method is designed to help Christians identify the specific gifts God has given them. While no Christian possesses every gift of the Spirit, every Christian does have some of God's wonderful gifts. And to be effective in ministry, Christians must find and use these gifts. This volume features an "inventory" of spiritual gifts designed to be taken either in a group or privately. This book will help clear up certain misconceptions about spiritual gifts and assist Christians in discovering the gifts God has within them. Author Biography: Kenneth Cain Kinghorn is Professor of Church History and Historical Theology and Vice President at Large, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.</p> <p>Age: YAS 32 Pages</p>				
(BK1275) The Call: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly	1	George McClain, Tilda Nor	United Methodist Women	2013
<p>The Call offers tools to deepen spiritual identity, engagement in community and involvement in mission, looking at the sacramental understandings of baptism and communion and lifting up models of response to God's call. Stories of call and response are shared from a wide array of persons from different walks of life and offers practical guidance about how to live one's baptism, how to enrich one's prayer This study also lifts up models of individuals who have responded to God's call through a variety of ministries. There are stories of call and response from a wide array of persons, from different walks of life. The study offers tools to deepen one's spiritual identity, and engagement in community, and involvement in mission. Being and doing are seen as two sides of the same coin. This is an invitation to being open to God's call and being perceptive to God's break-through moments in our midst here and in the world. Choosing to respond to God sets us on a path of faith, where we can become active participants in the full realization of God's kin-dom, already here and not yet. Includes study guide. A PDF leader's guide is available at http://www.cokesbury.com/pdf/livingsacramentallyleadguide-1.pdf</p> <p>Age: YAS 179 Pages</p>				

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(BK1276) 10 Life-Charged Words: Real Faith for Men Derek Maul understands why many men find church a little . . . boring. When the church opts for a comfortable status quo instead of a meaningful engagement with Christ, it often leaves men cold. Maul reminds readers that Jesus came to bring an abundant life full of passion and purpose. Maul looks at 10 key words that describe the abundant life among them *excellence**, *commitment**, *authenticity**, and *community** in his collection of meditations that speak clearly to men s concerns and experiences. In an inviting, nonjudgmental manner, he presents practical concepts that can help men set priorities, sharpen their focus, and experience the zest of a life filled with meaning and value. Each meditation is guided by scripture and includes reflection questions and prayer. An ideal resource for a men s group study or for a time of personal reflection and discernment. Contents: Jesus -- Passion -- Capacity -- Scripture -- Holiness -- Clarity --Excellence -- Prayer -- Authenticity -- Community. Age: YAS 157 Pages	1	Derek Maul	Upper Room Books	2012
(BK1277) Safe Sanctuaries: The Church Responds to Abuse, Neglec Have you ever thought of older adults in your church as being vulnerable to exploitation, abuse, or neglect? The statistics are sobering. According to the AARP Bulletin, each year 1 in 7 older Americans is victimized physically, emotionally, or financially. But many cases of elder abuse go unreported. Elder abuse can happen to any older person-- someone in your church, your neighbor, your loved one, even yourself -- and anywhere. No church is immune from this reality. Don't let your church be part of the problem. In this Safe Sanctuaries resource, Joy Thornburg Melton, an attorney and a former minister, offers valuable, practical advice to help churches reduce the possibilities for abuse and exploitation of elders. Melton provides a wealth of knowledge and expertise in this excellent resource. She addresses such topics as: * Types of abuse (neglect, physical, sexual, psychological/emotional, financial) * Spiritual abuse and neglect (Dr. Richard Gentzler introduces these topics in the Foreword.) * Indicators of elder abuse * How churches are at risk * How churches can safeguard against abuse and exploitation of older adults * How congregations can care for the spiritual needs of nursing home residents, persons in assisted living facilities, or the homebound * What individuals and churches can do to prevent financial exploitation of older adults * Best practices for beginning a ministry with and for older adults * Basic procedures for safely operating ministries for older adults * Planning how to respond to allegations of abuse * Much more Learn how your church can recognize and respond to issues of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of your oldest parishioners. Real care on the part of congregations includes knowledge, advocacy, and appropriate action. Age: YAS 136 Pages	1	Joy Thornburg Melton	Discipleship Resources	2012
(BK1278) Hazardous: Committing to the Cost of Following Jesus We may think that following Jesus always leads to green fields and still waters, but Christ sends us out as sheep among wolves and warns us that we will be hated by everyone because of Him. Derek Cooper and Ed Cyzewski show how true discipleship clashes with our culture and affects every area of life. Counting the cost and becoming disciples of Jesus instead of just spectators will influence all our daily decisions and plans. Hazardous is a call to listen for God's leading and to obey, even when it leads us down a difficult and dangerous path. Age: YAS 201 Pages	1	Ed Cyzewski and Derek Co	CLC Publications	2012
(BK1279) Coffeehouse Theology: Reflecting on God in Everyday Lif Theology should breathe life and unity among God's people, but today's culture creates a barrier of ignorance and misunderstanding in the study of God. Author Ed Cyzewski seeks to build a method for theology that is rooted in a relationship with God and thrives on dialogue. Contents: Contextual theology : understanding ourselves, understanding God -- Mission : why the church needs theology -- Beyond ourselves to a coffeehouse theology -- Christianity and culture -- The modern world : from the two towers to the parking lot -- The postmodern age : Andy Griffith meets the real world -- Theology and culture : moving from who we are to who God is --Contextual theology with God at the center -- The Bible : our primary source in the postmodern world -- The tradition of the church : keeping us grounded -- The global church : keeping us informed -- Our love of God unites us in theology. Age: YAS 233 Pages	1	Ed Cyzewski	NavPress	2008

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(BK1280) God's Favorite Place on Earth When He came to earth, Jesus Christ was rejected in every quarter in which He stepped. The Creator was rejected by His own creation. "He came to His own and His own received Him not," said John. For this reason, Jesus Christ had "no where to lay His head." There was one exception, however. A little village just outside of Jerusalem named Bethany. Bethany was the only place on earth where Jesus was completely received. God's Favorite Place on Earth is a retelling of Jesus' many visits to Bethany and a relaying of the message it holds for us today. Frank Viola presents a beautifully crafted narrative from the viewpoint of Lazarus, one of the people who lived in Bethany with his two sisters. This incomparable story not only brings the Gospel narratives to life, but it addresses the struggle against doubt, discouragement, fear, guilt, rejection, and spiritual apathy that challenges countless Christians today. In profoundly moving prose, God's Favorite Place on Earth will captivate your heart with its beauty, charm, and depth. In this book you will discover how to live as a "Bethany" in our world today, being set free to love and follow Jesus like never before. Age: YAS 207 Pages	1	Frank Viola	David C Cook	2013
(BK1281) Equal to Serve: Women and Men Working Together Rev Examines Old and New Testament passages about women in the church, home and society, and the attitudes and actions God expects of Christians. Deals in some depth with questions of justice, the place of patriarchy, and mutual submission. It also includes three excellent appendices on controversial areas. Age: YAS 302 Pages	1	Gretchen Gaebelien Hull	Baker Book House Co	1998
(BK1282) Studies on Biblical Equality: 12 Lesson Outlines Studies on Biblical Equality includes outlines for 12 lessons designed to aid readers in understanding the biblical passages regarding men and women. Lessons address women in the Old and New Testaments, the meaning of "head," and Jesus' attitude toward women and men and more. Contents: Backgrounds for Sexual Discrimination, How Do We Interpret the Bible, God's Ideal and How It Was Destroyed by Sin, Men and Women in the Old Testament, Jesus' Attitude Toward Women and Men, Women and Men in the Early Church, Husbands and Wives in Marriage, The Meaning of Head in the New Testament: Metaphorical Meanings, Regulations for People Where They Were in Corinth, Regulations for People Where They Were in Ephesus, Teachings About Authority in the Bible, The Gifts that God Gives to Believers. Age: YAS 48 Pages	1	Berkeley and Alvera Mickel	Christians for Biblical Equa	2007
(BK1283) What the Bible Really Says About Women What the Bible Really Says About Women is a concise and accessible treatise on interpreting Scripture, relating to women's issues in the Bible. Seeking to set the question of what the Bible (really) says about women in the largest context possible, Adams deals with the Bible's development and need for interpretation, its history and culture, its theology and ethics, and the concerns of the God who inspired it. Also included are study questions after each chapter as well as an eight page index of Scripture and topics, making this book a great resource for group study. Age: YAS 96 Pages	1	Sheri Adams	A Pair of Docs Publishing	2009
(BK1284) Marriage: Building Real Intimacy FROM THE PUBLISHER: Want to strengthen your marriage but unsure how to start? For a partnership that's close and strong, Marriage will help you and your spouse draw insight from one another and from the other couples in your group to build the kind of close relationship you've always wanted. Whether you need to stabilize shaky foundations or just want to make a good marriage even better, here's how to - Identify and get the most from you and your partner's different personality traits using a brief, eye-opening self test - Weed out common "romance busters" that drain the excitement from your marriage - Resolve conflicts quickly using a simple three-step peace process - Prevent daily responsibilities from robbing you of real intimacy . . . And more. Marriage will help you and your mate not only recapture the thrill in your marriage, but also maintain and build upon it to create a satisfying, lasting relationship -- the kind God designed you both to enjoy. Interactions -- a powerful, challenging tool for building deep relationships between you and your group members, and you and God. Interactions is far more than another group Bible study. It's a cutting edge series designed to help small group participants develop into fully devoted followers of Christ. If you are the discussion leader, you will find additional suggestions and helpful ideas in the Leader's Notes. Age: YAS 105 Pages	1	Bill Hybels with Kevin and S	Zondervan Publishing	2005

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(BK1285) Men and Women, Partners or Rivals: A Biblical View of The role of women in the home and in the church continues to be a controversial issue in evangelical churches today. There are evangelical, bible-believing Christians on both sides of these issues. Both sides agree that the Bible is our God-given standard for faith and practice. But one place they differ is in the area of hermeneutics—how we interpret the Bible and apply its message to life. First developed as an adult Sunday school course, Men and Women, Partners or Rivals? is a 13 lesson study guide that covers a wide range of topics. Topics include basic principles of interpretation, the major Scripture passages that touch on women’s place, and what men can do to prevent violence against women and children. Chapters include questions for discussion. Age: YAS 43 Pages	1	Hugh A. McNally	Atlantic Society for Biblica	2012
(BK1286) Partnering with the King: Study the Gospel of Matthew a When we open the New Testament to ask how to live as Christians, we find the story of Jesus calling disciples and training them to collaborate with him. The Gospel of Matthew asks us to join in the ongoing story of the One who fulfills God’s redemptive plan and promises to be with us always. Discipleship is life with Jesus, for Jesus, in partnership with Jesus. Partnering with the King presents thirty-one readings in Matthew to be read by individuals daily for a month or by groups weekly from fall to spring – especially appropriate in the liturgical Year of Matthew. For newcomers to faith, the book can serve as an introduction to the Christian life. For more seasoned Christians, it will be a source of renewal and vision. Age: YAS 321 Pages	1	John L. Hiigel	Paraclete Press	2013
(DVD719) Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagin Grace. We talk as though we understand the term. The bank gives us a grace period. The seedy politician falls from grace. Musicians speak of a grace note. We describe an actress as gracious, a dancer as graceful. We use the word for hospitals, baby girls, kings, and premeal prayers. We talk as though we know what grace means. But do we really understand it? Have we settled for wimpy grace? It politely occupies a phrase in a hymn, fits nicely on a church sign. Never causes trouble or demands a response. When asked, “Do you believe in grace?” who could say no? Max Lucado asks a deeper question: Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Strengthened by grace? Emboldened by grace? Softened by grace? Snatched by the nape of your neck and shaken to your senses by grace? God’s grace has a drenching about it. A wildness about it. A white-water, riptide, turn-you-upside-downness about it. Grace comes after you. It rewires you. From insecure to God secure. From regret riddled to better-because-of-it. From afraid to die to ready to fly. Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off. Let’s make certain grace gets you. 7 sessions. Includes leader's guide and one participant book. Age: YAS 0 mins	1	Max Lucado	Thomas Nelson	2012
(DVD720) Shiny Gods: Finding Freedom from Things that Distract Exactly how much is enough? In a culture guided chiefly by shiny, life-promising distractions “enough” seems elusive and keeps us indebted to that next source of satisfaction. What if the Giver of Life offered freedom from this downward spiral—would you take it? This four-session DVD features Mike Slaughter, Lead Pastor of Ginghamburg United Methodist Church and popular author of Christmas Is Not Your Birthday, in which he guides us through a four-week all-church stewardship program to help us reassess our priorities and create a culture and a lifestyle of giving with a special emphasis on missions. Sessions include: Naming Our Idols; Money, Work, and Debt; Earn—Save—Give; Heart Giving Age: YAS 42 mins	1	Michael Slaughter	Abingdon Press	2013

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(DVD721) Catching Fire, Becoming Flame: A Guide for Spiritual Tra	1	Albert Hasse, OEM	Paraclete Press	2013
<p>Ever wonder how some people become enthusiastic and on fire about their relationship with God? In this six-session video presentation, Father Albert Haase gives you the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in your life, and then shows you how to fan it into flame until you are set ablaze. His teaching glows with time-tested wisdom as an experienced spiritual director shares the secrets of the saints. With supplemental reading suggestions and reflection questions, this eminently practical video functions like a personal, spiritual retreat.</p> <p>There are six 30 minute segments on the DVD, which includes a discussion guide and one copy of the participant book:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spiritual Journey as a process of transformation 2. Your Image of God 3. The examen 4. The 7 principles of prayer 5. The Challenge of Forgiveness 6. God's will <p>Age: YAS 180 mins</p>				
(KIT137) First: Putting God First in Living and Giving	1	Mike Slaughter	Abingdon Press	2013
<p>What happens when we truly put God first in all aspects of our lives? In a culture guided chiefly by shiny, life-promising distractions, “enough” seems elusive and keeps us indebted to that next source of satisfaction. What if the Giver of Life offered freedom from this downward spiral—would you take it? In First: Putting God First in Living and Giving, pastor and author Mike Slaughter conducts a four-week all-church stewardship program to help participants reassess priorities and create a culture and a lifestyle of giving with a special emphasis on missions. To help parents educate and model generosity for their kids, First includes components for children and youth that help families explore financial decisions together. Sessions include: Naming Our Idols; Money, Work, and Debt; Earn—Save—Give; and Heart Giving. This program kit includes one each of the program components: shiny gods: finding freedom from things that distract us; Program Guide with Flash Drive; Children’s Leader Guide; Youth Study Edition; DVD with Leader Guide; and Devotional Book.</p> <p>Age: YAS 6</p>				