

New Resources June 2020

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ADULTS
220.7
COLLINS

Wesley One Volume Commentary. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: "There is only one commentary for the entire Bible written exclusively from the Wesleyan viewpoint—the Wesley One Volume Commentary. It is written by more than 40 scholars from a broad range of Wesleyan denominations, including The United Methodist Church, The Church of the Nazarene, The Church of God (Anderson), The Church of God (Cleveland), The Wesleyan Church, The Free Methodist Church, and The Salvation Army. It assists pastors in sermon preparation, small group leaders in lesson planning, and laypeople in Bible study"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
222.5092
SPOELSTRA

Spoelstra, Melissa. **Elijah Leader Kit: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season.** Nashville, Abingdon Women, 2018.

Summary: Go the distance in the life of faith. The struggle is real. It's just plain hard to find the strength...the stamina...to get through the ups and downs of our daily lives. Sometimes it's enough to make you want to go hide in a cave. Guess what? Elijah has been there, done that. His life was a string of seriously mountain-top high and bottom-of-the-pit low events, and yet he did extraordinary things for God. In *Elijah*, you'll learn the spiritual stamina secrets that helped this great prophet hold on and persevere in faith, including practical habits related to making decisions, caring for the soul, accepting circumstances, mentoring, and finishing well—Elijah's ultimate legacy. He doubted and struggled just as we do, but he chose to believe God through it all. As you study his life through a combination of study of Scripture with personal reflection, application, and prayer, you will grow in faith and develop spiritual stamina that will help you not only to survive but to thrive in every season. In addition to the book, other resources for this six-week, women's Bible study include a Participant Workbook with five days of weekly lessons, a Leader Guide, and a DVD, plus a boxed Leader Kit that contains one of each component. A companion Devotional Prayer Guide is also available, *30 Days of Prayer for Spiritual Stamina*. The Leader Kit is an all-inclusive box containing one copy of each of the Bible study's components: a Participant Workbook, a Leader Guide, and a DVD. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction (12:13) -- 1. Prayer (29:20) -- 2. Choices (23:08) -- 3. Soul Care (25:49) -- 4. Surrender (26:02) -- 5. Mentoring (25:35) -- 6. Legacy (29:18)

ADULTS
223.7
HERNÁNDEZ

Hernández, Dominick S. **Proverbs DVD: Pathways to Wisdom.** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: The book of Proverbs invites people to grow in wisdom—biblical wisdom in order to journey down the right path. There is a lot of talk these days about “the good life.” It’s not a new topic—the book of Proverbs talked about just that. Its sayings and bits of wisdom were collected to make the lives of people just like us run a little more smoothly. *Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom* explores the biblical book’s well-known verses and prevalent themes in a manner that offers various interpretations, opening the way for us to see how they apply to our modern world. You’ll learn about the authorship, genre, and historical setting for each of these verses, which will broaden your understanding and bring more meaning to familiar passages. Additional components for a four-week study include a DVD and a comprehensive Leader Guide. The 4-session DVD features Dominick Hernández guiding participants through the study. The video sessions are approximately 10–12 minutes in length. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Reading the Proverbs Wisely (9:08) -- 2. Presenting the Pathways (8:07) -- 3. Practical and Personal Pathways (10:03) -- 4. Wisdom in Practice: Proverbs 31 (8:00)

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Reading the Proverbs Wisely -- 2. Presenting the Pathways -- 3. Practical and Personal Pathways -- 4. Wisdom in Practice: Proverbs 31.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Reading the Proverbs Wisely -- 2. Presenting the Pathways -- 3. Practical and Personal Pathways -- 4. Wisdom in Practice: Proverbs 31 -- Afterword: What If the Proverbs Don't Work? -- Acknowledgments.

ADULTS
248.4 GOFF

Goff, Bob. ***Dream Big DVD: Know What You Want, Why You Want It, and What You're Going to Do About It.*** Nashville, Thomas Nelson, 2020.

Summary: In this five-session video study, bestselling author Bob Goff provides a wildly inspiring yet utterly practical blueprint for helping participants find and read their greatest God-given dreams. At some point, we resign ourselves to living by the scripts and rhythms established by other people. Perhaps it's a parent. Maybe it's a pastor or a boss or a teacher. Maybe it's a mortgage or wedding date or that next pay raise. Wherever the source, today there is an ocean full of people living on the life rafts of what they were expected to do. If we look at the mirror, we might see ourselves on that life raft as well. In this five-session video study, bestselling author Bob Goff dares to ask the questions: What would you do if opinion, reason, or probability were no objects? What do you deeply desire to do even if it scares you to the marrow of your bones? What were you meant to do even if no other person thinks you should? He shares stories from the Bible that show how God called certain individuals to follow him—regardless of their lack of "qualifications"—and how those people changed the world when they dared to follow God's dreams for their lives. In the same way, God is calling us to step into the version of our lives that he intended for us before others told us it was impossible and once again dream big. If anyone knows how to live life to the fullest, it is Bob Goff. He has already dazzled readers and audiences with his crazy, audacious, live-out-loud approach and stories told in *Love Does* and *Everybody, Always*. Yet as unique as Bob might seem, he had to make his own choice to dream big. In this study, he will take participants on this journey he has already traveled and help them to rediscover the dreams God has for them and turn them into reality. *Dream Big* will help group members understand that God has a plan for their lives and provide a step-by-step road map to breaking through the barriers that are holding them back. --Thomas Nelson

Content Notes:

- 1. Get Ready to Dream Big (19:00) -- 2. Set Absurd Expectations (15:30) -- 3. Clear the Path (18:00) -- 4. Push Through Setbacks (16:00) -- 5. Land the Plane (17:00)

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- How to Use This Guide -- 1. Get Ready to Dream Big -- 2. Set Absurd Expectations -- 3. Clear the Path -- 4. Push Through Setbacks -- 5. Land the Plane -- Leader's Guide

ADULTS
248.4
ROOSE

Roose, Barbara L. *I'm Waiting, God DVD: Finding Blessing in God's Delays*. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: You know you're supposed to "let go and let God," and you've tried. But what's taking so long? Why isn't God answering your prayers? No wonder you feel like taking matters into your own hands. In *I'm Waiting, God*, a four-week Bible study for women, Barb Roose invites us to explore the stories of women in the Bible who had to wait for God—women like Hannah, Ruth, Tamar, and the unnamed woman who suffered for over a decade with a painful medical condition. If you feel anxious, angry, discouraged or depressed because God isn't giving you what you want, their stories will breathe fresh hope into your life and offer you practical next steps in your time of waiting. In addition to the Participant Workbook with leader helps, a DVD is available for this study. The DVD features 4 videos of approximately 20 minutes each. All videos are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Week 1 Group Centering (2:39) -- Hannah: From Waiting to Worshiping (19:08) -- 2. Week 2 Group Centering (2:41) -- Ruth: God, Now What? (17:23) -- 3. Week 3 Group Centering (2:39) -- The Unnamed Bleeding Woman: Healing from the Inside Out (15:13) -- 4. Week 4 Group Centering (2:39) -- Martha: Embracing the Better Blessing (15:46) -- Promotional Video (2:00)

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Content Notes:

- About the Author -- Introduction -- 1. Week 1: Hannah: From Waiting to Worshiping -- Group Session Guide -- 2. Week 2: Ruth: God, Now What? -- Group Session Guide -- Week 3: The Unnamed Bleeding Woman: Healing from the Inside Out -- Group Session Guide -- Week 4: Martha: Embracing the Better Blessing -- Group Session Guide -- Self-Study Verse Bank -- Leader Helps -- Notes

ADULTS
248.6
MORRISON

Morrison, Richard G. *Plant and Grow Your Money: A Financial Guide for Young Adults.* United States, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2019.

Summary: Plant and Grow Your Money offers the information you need to avoid today's top financial problems. When you apply the principles shared in this guide, you won't have to go into debt or wonder why you have no money at the end of the month. This easy-to-follow money management guide helps you understand where you currently stand financially and lays the groundwork to help you achieve your future financial and lifestyle goals. From discussions of income, expenses and savings to budgeting, cash flow and net worth, Plant and Grow Your Money simplifies critical financial concepts without diluting the content. In addition, the guide, written specifically for young adults age 15-25, addresses how to avoid or reduce student loan debt and features: - customizable worksheets - illustrations - glossary of financial terms - inspiring financial quotes Written by Dr. Richard G. Morrison, a retired corporate executive and business professor at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, Plant and Grow Your Money is a resource that young adults will appreciate now...and in the future. --Amazon

ADULTS
248.834
BOLLINGER

Bollinger, Sarah E. ***The Awakened Life: An 8-Week Guide to Student Well-Being***. Nashville, TN, General Board of Higher Education & Ministry, The United Methodist Church, 2019.

Summary: The Awakened Life is an eight-week small group curriculum designed to equip chaplains, collegiate ministers and spiritual leaders in helping college students navigate emotional disturbance, build resiliency and learn psychosocial skills. It is a resource that helps to foster mental, emotional and spiritual well-being using mindfulness techniques. Research demonstrates that mindfulness practices contribute to improved mood, concentration and relationships; and with its rich contemplative history, our faith tradition has much to add to this conversation. The Awakened Life teaches age-appropriate mindfulness practices written from a United Methodist lens that students can use to tackle anxiety and learn to navigate the challenges of adulthood with equanimity. --GBHEM

ADULTS
248.86
WRIGHT

Wright, N. T. ***God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan Reflective, 2020.

Summary: Discover a different way of seeing and responding to the Coronavirus pandemic, an approach drawing on Scripture, Christian history, and the way of living, thinking, and praying revealed to us by Jesus. What are we supposed to think about the Coronavirus crisis? Some people think they know: "This is a sign of the End," they say. "It's all predicted in the book of Revelation." Others disagree but are equally clear: "This is a call to repent. God is judging the world and through this disease he's telling us to change." Some join in the chorus of blame and condemnation: "It's the fault of the Chinese, the government, the World Health Organization..." N. T. Wright examines these reactions to the virus and finds them wanting. Instead, he shows that a careful reading of the Bible and Christian history offers simple though profound answers to our many questions, including: What should be the Christian response? How should we think about God? How do we live in the present? Why should we lament? What should we learn about ourselves? How do we recover? Written by one of the world's foremost New Testament scholars, *God and the Pandemic* will serve as your guide to read the events of today through the light of Jesus' death and resurrection. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- Preface and Acknowledgments -- 1. Where Do We Start? -- 2. Reading the Old Testament -- 3. Jesus and the Gospels -- 4. Reading the New Testament -- 5. Where Do We Go from Here?

ADULTS
254.5
GENTILE

Gentile, Yvonne. ***The Art of Hospitality: A Practical Guide for a Ministry of Radical Welcome***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Create a culture of radical hospitality that surprises and delights guests beyond their expectations. Welcoming guests as they enter your church and offering them free cups of coffee are fine practices...but not very compelling. The Art of Hospitality offers step-by-step actions that will help create a culture of radical hospitality in every area of your church—from pastors to staff to lay leaders and volunteers. Loaded with key principles and

methods honed by hospitality experts Debi Nixon and Yvonne Gentile in their work at The Church of the Resurrection, this guide is designed to permeate your entire church with common language around the ministry of welcome, hospitality, visitor care, outreach connections, and membership. The program is made even more valuable with companion products including the Implementation Guide, the DVD, a Companion Book, and the Usher and Greeter Handbook. Additional components available separately include: The Art of Hospitality: Implementation Guide: Includes step-by-step implementation strategies for leadership teams tasked with developing and leading hospitality ministry. The Art of Hospitality: Implementation DVD: A supplemental DVD to accompany Implementation with visual training in all areas of hospitality. The Art of Hospitality: Companion Book: Three-chapter book for the congregation as a whole or small groups to coincide with a sermon series in order to prepare the hearts and minds of the people in the pews. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
254.5
GENTILE

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Content Notes:

- 1. Staying Outwardly Focused (11:08) -- 2. Principles of Radical Hospitality (11:29) -- 3. Creating a Digital Front Door (9:36) -- 4. Providing an Excellent In-Person Experience (9:36) -- 5. Intentional Follow-Up (9:40) -- 6. Creating a Culture of Hospitality (10:59) -- 7. Strategic Planning (10:41)

ADULTS
254.5
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Summary: Create a culture of radical hospitality that surprises and delights guests beyond their expectations. Engaging worship and intentional follow-up processes are important, but what compels guests to return to our churches is the warmth of our welcome and hospitality that goes beyond their expectations. The Art of Hospitality, a new comprehensive program developed by hospitality experts from the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, promises to guide a local church in exactly what the program's title implies: the art form of creating radical hospitality that infiltrates the heart and culture of the entire church. Complete with techniques and strategic

planning throughout, *The Art of Hospitality* will effectively change how you do church, leaving guests surprised, delighted, and eager to return. The Implementation Guide contains step-by-step implementation strategies for leadership and teams tasked with developing and leading hospitality ministry. Additional components available separately include: *The Art of Hospitality: A Practical Guide for a Ministry of Radical Welcome* Book: Loaded with key principles and methods honed by hospitality experts Debi Nixon and Yvonne Gentile in their work at The Church of the Resurrection, this guide is designed to engage staff across all ministry areas in creating a common language around the ministry of welcome. *The Art of Hospitality: Implementation DVD*: A supplemental DVD to accompany Implementation with visual training in all areas of hospitality. *The Art of Hospitality: Companion Book*: Three-chapter book for the congregation as a whole or small groups to coincide with a sermon series in order to prepare the hearts and minds of the people in the pews. This compelling and practical program has been created by two hospitality leaders with credentials to claim their expertise: Debi Nixon is the Executive Director of ShareChurch, and Yvonne Gentile is the Senior Director of Guest Connections at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection—the largest United Methodist Church in the United States with more than 22,000 members and 13,000 average weekly attendees across its campuses. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Staying Outwardly Focused -- 2. Principles of Radical Hospitality -- 3. Creating a Digital Front Door -- 4. Providing an Excellent In-Person Experience -- 5. Intentional Follow-Up -- 6. Creating a Culture of Hospitality -- 7. Strategic Planning -- Appendix: Practical Tools for Creating or Enhancing Your Ministry of Hospitality

ADULTS
254.5
GENTILE

Gentile, Yvonne. ***The Greeter and Usher Handbook***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Recognize those taking on this important leadership role. An update to 2005's *The Usher's Book: Creating a Welcoming and Safe Environment for Worship*, *The Greeter and Usher Handbook* provides a guide to the responsibilities of those who are generally the first faces visitors encounter in church: the usher and the greeter. Intended for training use by church staff or volunteers, the text covers responsibilities related to all aspects of creating a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and new members. -Cokesbury

ADULTS
254.5
GENTILE

Nixon, Debi. ***The Art of Hospitality Companion Book: A Practical Guide for a Ministry of Radical Welcome***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

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Content Notes:

- 1. Biblical Hospitality -- 2. The Ministry of Notice -- 3. The Three Questions

ADULTS
268.432
HORNOK

Hornok, Marcia Noel. ***Favorite Old Testament Stories***. Carhage, IL, Shining Star Publications, 1990.

Summary: Each Bible lesson begins with a song about a famous Old Testament story to be sung to a familiar tune. Children ages 5-8 will gain a new understanding of the struggles and victories of ten Bible people including: Noah, Moses, Esther, and Jonah. Instructions and patterns for making easy puppet characters, object lessons, crafts, games, creative dramatics, recipes for snack time, discussion questions and review games are all guaranteed to make youngsters more than spectators, these lessons call for active involvement by everyone! --back cover

ADULTS
270.089
BRISCOE

Briscoe, Harold Dorrell. ***There's a Storm Comin': How the American Church Can Lead Through Times of Racial Crisis***. [Place of publication not identified], [Publisher not identified], 2020.

Summary: George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Sandra Bland, Atatiana Jefferson, Philando Castile...The killings of these unarmed men and women ignited racial firestorms across the country. Too often, churches and

faith leaders across America struggle to respond to and lead through the sociopolitical uproar these events produce. The American church is unprepared for the current sociopolitical climate that is generating severe racial strife and tension in American society. Highly publicized killings of unarmed black people presents an intense political issue for individuals and communities. These shootings cause considerable psychological distress in individuals and racial tension in communities and cities. Drawing from current sociological, psychological, and political research, Dorrell makes the case that the church must take proactive measures to prepare for racialized crises. Churches must prepare for these crises to reduce their severity and impact in their communities and cities. Dorrell then recommends strategies drawn from the academic and professional fields of climate change adaptation and natural disaster mitigation. These insights are synthesized with biblical data to create a framework that gives churches practical steps to prepare for and respond to racialized crises that inflict trauma to the social fabric of America. -Amazon

ADULTS Kimbrough, S. T. ***Sweet Singer: A Musical about Charles Wesley with
287.092 Eight Study Sessions.*** [Place of publication not identified], S T
KIMBROUGH Kimbrough, Jr, 2007.

Summary: This musical drama tells the story behind many of Wesley's greatest hymns: "Hark! The Herald Angels Song," "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," "And can it be that I should gain," and many more, which were born out of crisis, conflict, violence, oppression, opposition, and great faith, and which are still timely today. They have spread around the world wherever people suffer, rejoice and worship, for their messages of self-giving love, as Wesley experienced it in Christ, redeems the time and those who sing them. This DVD is 90 minutes long and may be viewed in full or in eight sessions outlined in the study guide. The reproducible study guide is provided along with the DVD. A music CD of selections from the musical drama is also available. Dr. Kimbrough lives in Durham and is open to participating in virtual group meetings using this resource. --container

ADULTS Kimbrough, S. T. ***Sweet Singer: Selections from a Musical Drama based
287.092 on the Life and Work of Charles Wesley (1707-1788).*** [Place of
KIMBROUGH publication not identified], S T Kimbrough, Jr, 1999.

Summary: 13 hymns written by Charles Wesley and performed by Steven Kimbrough, Baritone with musical accompaniments. These songs are selections from "Sweet Singer: A Musical about Charles Wesley." This musical drama tells the story behind many of Wesley's greatest hymns: "Hark! The Herald Angels Song," "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," "And can it be that I should gain," and many more, which were born out of crisis, conflict, violence, oppression, opposition, and great faith, and which are still timely today. They have spread around the world wherever people suffer, rejoice and worship, for their messages of self-giving love, as Wesley experienced it in Christ, redeems the time and those who sing them. A DVD of the musical in its full 90 minutes or as eight study sessions is also available along with a reproducible study guide. Dr. Kimbrough lives in Durham and is open to participating in virtual group meetings using the DVD study.

CHILDREN
248.845
HELSEL Helsel, Carolyn B. ***The ABCs of Diversity: Helping Kids (and Ourselves!) Embrace Our Differences.*** Saint Louis, Missouri, Chalice Press, 2020.

Summary: How do we help our children respect, embrace, and learn from those who look and think differently than they do? The ABCs of Diversity equips parents, teachers, and community leaders to address children of all ages on complicated topics of race, political affiliation, gender, class, religion, ability, nationality, and sexual orientation. Such intercultural dialogues can support communities as they work for the mutual well-being of all. This book includes specific resources and activities for younger and older children that parents and community leaders can employ to encourage compassion and empathy. An educational and practical resource for parents, teachers, community leaders, ministry personnel, human resources directors, and librarians. Questions at the end of each chapter invite reflection and group discussion. Chapters include: Identities We're Assigned at Birth; Identity and Diversity in Action; Disentangling Gender and Sexuality; Relearning Race; Fears of Fitting Out: Religious Differences; Social Media and Diversity; Old Enough to Know Better; and Choosing our Place in History. A robust appendix includes diversity reading lists for kids, curriculum activities for teachers and parents of children and youth, scripts for parents, and more. -- Chalice Press

CHILDREN
268.432
FLANNERY Flannery, Sarah. ***Children and Family Ministry Handbook: Practical, Tested, Backed by Research.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Nursery attendants, other church employees, neighbors, parents...everyone gives you, the children's ministry director, advice about the best way to recruit volunteers, choose a curriculum, and plan activities. Some of their suggestions are very good, but you want more than thoughtful suggestions. You want to know what really works, what you can do to make a difference in the spiritual lives of your church's children. The Children and Family Ministry Handbook offers practical how-tos on all the day-to-day issues you face in your ministry. What's more, the practices are backed by research and tested by seasoned ministry leaders who share church-life anecdotes in a relatable, easy-to-read style. --Cokesbury

YOUTH
248.83
BOLLINGER Bollinger, Sarah E. ***The Awakened Life for High School Students Leader Guide: Finding Stillness in an Anxious World.*** Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2020.

Summary: One out of five teens lives with depression, anxiety, or another mental illness. Some come to believe that worry, isolation, and fear are all life has to offer. Yet God created us for lives full of joy, well-being, and connection. The Awakened Life for High School Students is an eight-week small-group guide that empowers teens to awaken to a more abundant life through practices that build resiliency, teach psychosocial skills, and foster emotional and spiritual well-being. It is designed to be led by those who provide spiritual and emotional care to students but who are not professional counselors or therapists. Over the course of this study, students will learn how to connect with their own minds and bodies, expand their understanding of the importance of connection to others, develop connections to nature, and

then combine all of these practices to build a resilient, joyful, and awakened life. The curriculum walks participants through 8 weeks of practices and reflections. Each weekly session lasts for about an hour and includes a mindfulness or spiritual practice to explore as a group. Many of these practices involve prayer and meditation techniques, coupled with discussion and journaling. Students will be encouraged to do each week's spiritual practice at home, to reflect on the experience in a journal, and to check in with an accountability partner at least once a week. Each week's session follows the same rhythm by revisiting these themes: Awake, Aware, Alive, Abide, and Arise. Through participation in The Awakened Life, high school students can wake up to abundant life; become aware of their worth and belonging; come alive to their senses, thoughts, and emotions; abide in the love and grace of God; and arise to live a life as connected, whole people. -- Cokesbury

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248.83
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Bollinger, Sarah E. *The Awakened Life for High School Students Student Guide: Finding Stillness in an Anxious World*. Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2020.

Summary: One out of five teens lives with depression, anxiety, or another mental illness. Some come to believe that worry, isolation, and fear are all life has to offer. Yet God created us for lives full of joy, well-being, and connection. The Awakened Life for High School Students is an eight-week small-group guide that empowers teens to awaken to a more abundant life through practices that build resiliency, teach psychosocial skills, and foster emotional and spiritual well-being. It is designed to be led by those who provide spiritual and emotional care to students but who are not professional counselors or therapists. Over the course of this study, students will learn how to connect with their own minds and bodies, expand their understanding of the importance of connection to others, develop connections to nature, and then combine all of these practices to build a resilient, joyful, and awakened life. The curriculum walks participants through 8 weeks of practices and reflections. Each weekly session lasts for about an hour and includes a mindfulness or spiritual practice to explore as a group. Many of these practices involve prayer and meditation techniques, coupled with discussion and journaling. Students will be encouraged to do each week's spiritual practice at home, to reflect on the experience in a journal, and to check in with an accountability partner at least once a week. Each week's session follows the same rhythm by revisiting these themes: Awake, Aware, Alive, Abide, and Arise. Through participation in The Awakened Life, high school students can wake up to abundant life; become aware of their worth and belonging; come alive to their senses, thoughts, and emotions; abide in the love and grace of God; and arise to live a life as connected, whole people. -- Cokesbury