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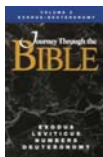
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ARDA



The Association of Religion Data Archives. University Park, PA, The Pennsylvania State University, 2021.

Summary: The Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA) strives to democratize access to the best data on religion. Founded as the American Religion Data Archive in 1997 and going online in 1998, the initial archive was targeted at researchers interested in American religion. The targeted audience and the data collection have both greatly expanded since 1998, now including American and international collections and developing features for educators, journalists, religious congregations, and researchers. Data included in the ARDA are submitted by the foremost religion scholars and research centers in the world. Currently housed in the Social Science Research Institute, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Department of Sociology at the Pennsylvania State University, the ARDA is funded by the Lilly Endowment, the John Templeton Foundation, Chapman University and the Pennsylvania State University. ARDA includes data on denominational groups including The United Methodist Church. --ARDA

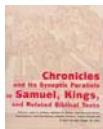
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COKESBURY



Journey Through the Bible: Exodus-Deuteronomy Student Book. Nashville, TN, Cokesbury, 1994.

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

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ENDRES



Chronicles and Its Synoptic Parallels in Samuel, Kings, and Related Biblical

Texts. Collegeville, Minn, Liturgical Press, 1998.

Summary: The importance of synoptic parallels for study of the Hebrew Bible and the emergence in recent decades of fresh energy for studying the book of Chronicles has inspired scholars across North America to take a new view of the historical books of the Old Testament (Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles). *Chronicles and Its Synoptic Parallels in Samuel, Kings, and Related Biblical Texts* provides a synoptic view of these historical books, facilitating for students the study of them in relation to each other and to other selected parallel texts in the Hebrew Bible. The author of *Chronicles* used much of Samuel and Kings in presenting his version of Israel's "history." With this book, readers can easily see how the Chronicler refashioned many texts in Samuel- Kings and incorporated details and passages from other biblical books such as the Psalms and Isaiah. *Chronicles and Its Synoptic Parallels in Samuel, Kings, and Related Biblical Texts* demonstrates that the Chronicler was a student and interpreter of sacred texts as well as a historian for his era. Since many biblical translations of these Old Testament books have not focused on the issue of parallels, *Chronicles and Its Synoptic Parallels in Samuel, Kings, and Related Biblical Texts* features a fresh translation based on the principle

of synoptic parallels. This version respects the literary order and integrity of each text, even when that means foresaking the chronology. For students of Samuel-Kings (and the rest of the deuteronomistic history) this book provides an important key to understanding that history in the early Jewish era in which Chronicles was written. It also assists those whose interests in these books are religious and theological as well as literary and historical. *Chronicles and Its Synoptic Parallels in Samuel, Kings, and Related Biblical Texts* provides Chronicles as the lead text in part one and Samuel-Kings as the lead text in part two. The text is in a parallel format so that readers can easily follow the text from Samuel-Kings, from Chronicles, and from other parallel texts. An introduction explains the value of synoptic parallel study of these books; reviews other tools available and describes their particular tendencies; provides the editors' translation principles; summarizes the content; and shows how these synoptic parallels can be used in a variety of different approaches to biblical study (literary, historical, compositional, theological). A chart of synoptic relationship is also included. --Liturgical Press

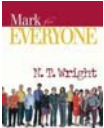
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WILLIAMSON



Williamson, Lamar. **Mark**. Louisville, Ky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

Summary: In this volume, Lamar Williamson's commentary provides teachers, preachers, and all serious students of the Bible with an interpretation that takes serious hermeneutical responsibility for the contemporary meaning and significance of Mark's text. *Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching* is a distinctive resource for those who interpret the Bible in the church. Planned and written specifically for teaching and preaching needs, this critically acclaimed biblical commentary is a major contribution to scholarship and ministry. --Westminster John Knox Press

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WRIGHT



Wright, N. T. **Mark for Everyone**. Louisville, KY, Westminster John Knox Press, 2004.

Summary: Tom Wright's eye-opening comments on the Gospel of Mark and what it might mean for us are combined, passage-by-passage, with his fresh translation of the Bible text. Making use of his true scholar's understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Wright captures the urgency and excitement of Mark's Gospel in a way few writers have. Tom Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament, and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of the book. The series is suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions. --Westminster John Knox Press

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HARMAN



Harman, Christine. **For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts**. Nashville, Discipleship Resources, 2021.

Summary: *For the Common Good* reminds us that the Holy Spirit gives each Christian one or more spiritual gifts to be used for the common good. It guides readers to discover their own particular gifts and learn to use their gifts to serve others. Examining key passages in Paul's writings, author Christine Harman leads readers through a personal spiritual gift assessment. She names 25 distinct spiritual gifts—such as discernment, hospitality, compassion, evangelism, or music—and helps people explore scripture references on each one. After identifying their particular gifts, clergy and laypeople will learn how to apply them for the good of their church, community, and the world. This book is ideal for both group study and

self-discovery. The book also includes suggestions for how to build a ministry team based on the gifts of each individual. This book is the text for a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course on spiritual gifts. It also can be used for a small-group study. --Upper Room

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GCORR



Implicit Bias Small Group Facilitator's Package: What We Don't Think We Think.

Washington, D.C, The General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church, 2021.

Summary: Have you taken the Implicit Bias online course? A facilitator's package is available to serve as a supplement to the self-directed online course. This premium resource includes a facilitator's guide, a PowerPoint slide deck, and five videos. This is a digital-only resource, and, upon purchase, you will be able to download the full digital package. --The General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church

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GCORR



For the Transformation of Us: A Study of Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural (CRCC)

Ministry For Clergy II. Washington, D.C, The General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church, 2021.

Summary: This resource has been designed for pastors in CRCC ministry and those exploring the call to such ministry. There are five sessions, each with theological reflections on cross-racial and cross-cultural ministry, vignettes about the writer's personal experiences in ministry, and questions to guide reflection and conversation. --The General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church

ADULTS
248.4 ROSS



Ross, Roger. ***Come Back Participant Guide: Returning to the Life You Were Made***

For. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: You've experienced a setback. Now, through study, prayer, and practice, develop your comeback strategy! We all experience setbacks. Loss, failure, and even tragedy are part of life. But when these start to define us, it's time to regroup. Roger Ross teaches the essentials for rising up and out of bad circumstances in *Come Back: Returning to the Life You Were Made For*. This engaging book tells turnaround stories from sports, history, and everyday life, tracing Jesus's parable of the prodigal son to reveal five crucial stages for every comeback. Each stage is paired with an ancient spiritual practice designed to help everyday people turn some part of their life around. This Participant Guide is your personal study tool and workbook. It's designed to help you process the lessons of *Come Back: Returning to the Life You Were Made For*. The study leads you to analyze your own situation more deeply, and shows you how to incorporate the spiritual practices into your daily life. The study is particularly effective in a group setting. Participants need both this Guide and the main book. It's not too late. It's time for your comeback. --Cokesbury

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248.4 ROSS

Ross, Roger. ***Come Back: Returning to the Life You Were Made For.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: "Are there places in your life you need to come back from? Maybe it's around family brokenness or a friend's betrayal. It could be classmate drama or a family divorce. Perhaps money problems or health issues have caused a loss.



Whatever the case, it feels like life has been against you. *Come Back: Returning to the Life You Were Made For* offers five elements that are crucial to renewal. Each element is paired with an ancient practice that has helped people for thousands of years in countless cultures navigate the tricky waters of transformation. These five practices are designed for everyday people. It's not too late and you're not too far gone. You were made for a turnaround. You don't need a spiritual pedigree to start the journey. Here's what you do need: A heart-felt desire to see your life change and an openness to the process. That's it. The rest will be revealed along the way"--
--Provided by publisher.

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BARTLETT



Feasting on the Word. Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

Summary: With this lectionary commentary series, Westminster John Knox offers the most extensive resource for preaching on the market today. Now complete, the twelve volumes of the series cover all the Sundays in the three-year lectionary cycle, along with movable occasions, such as Christmas Day, Epiphany, Holy Week, and All Saints' Day. For each lectionary text, preachers will find four brief essays—one each on the theological, pastoral, exegetical, and homiletical challenges of the text. This gives preachers sixteen different approaches to the proclamation of the Word on any given occasion. The editors and contributors to this series are world-class scholars, pastors, and writers representing a variety of denominations and traditions. And while the twelve volumes of the series follow the pattern of the Revised Common Lectionary, each volume contains an index of biblical passages so that nonlectionary preachers, as well as teachers and students, may make use of its contents. --Westminster John Knox Press

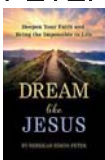
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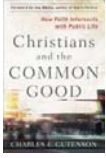
Simon-Peter, Rebekah. ***Dream Like Jesus: Deepen Your Faith and Bring the***

Impossible to Life. Knoxville, Tennessee, Market Square Publishing, LLC, 2019.

Summary: God didn't create us to sit around waiting to die so we can leave planet Earth and go to Heaven. God created in each of us a unique God-dream for getting more heaven into planet Earth. We need to, in Rebekah Simon-Peter's words, "Dream like Jesus." This book invites you to take the next step. Come know Jesus, and yourself, in a whole new way. It's time to meet your own power. To discover your own birthright. To claim your own blessing. It's time to dream like Jesus. And time to share that dream with the people you love, teach, and lead. Just as God spoke the creation into being, so, too, do we declare new realities. To be made in

the image of God means we speak our world into being. At the very least, we determine our experience of it. Drawing on her family roots of both Jewish and Christian faith, she challenges the Church to dream again, to recapture the vision of making the Kingdom of God a reality. --Market Square Books

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GUTENSON



Gutenson, Charles E. ***Christians and the Common Good: How Faith Intersects with Public Life.*** Grand Rapids, Mich, Brazos Press, 2011.

Summary: "Christians across the spectrum have soured on religious involvement in politics, tempted either to withdraw or to secularize their public engagement. Yet the kingdom of God is clearly concerned with justice and communal well-being. How can Christians be active in public life without getting mired down in political polarization and controversy? For too long, the question of faith in public life has centered on what the Bible says about government. Charles Gutenson, a theologian respected by both evangelical and mainline Christians, argues that we should ask how God intends for us to live together before considering particular public policies and governmental institutions. By concentrating on the nature of God, we can move past presuppositions regarding the role of government and form a reasonable framework for engaging in healthy discussions about how best to serve the common good. This lucidly written book will appeal to readers interested in ethics, theology, and politics and includes a foreword by bestselling author Jim Wallis" -- Publisher description.

Content Notes:

- Faith and politics -- Reading Scripture -- The God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jesus -- Biblical vignettes -- Human governance and the kingdom agenda -- Public policy and the kingdom agenda

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261.83
HAGAN



Hagan, Elizabeth. ***Brave Church: Tackling Tough Topics Together.*** Nashville, TN, Upper Room Books, 2020.

Summary: "Brave Church seeks to help readers create "brave spaces" in congregations and faith communities so that sharing stories and intentional listening can occur. This seven-week study will present the following topics: miscarriage/infertility, domestic violence, mental illness, racism, and sexuality. Each chapter will follow a similar pattern: opening quote or prayer, instructive prose, encouragement from a leader who is wrestling with the topic in his or her community and creating a safe space for conversation, and discussion questions. The reader will gain confidence in understanding why churches can be (and are called to be) the place for difficult conversations. Readers will gain tools for listening with openness, empathy, and respect to those who have different opinions and life experiences"-- --Provided by publisher.

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BENSON



Benson, Robert. ***That We May Perfectly Love Thee: Preparing Our Hearts for Holy Communion.*** Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2011.

Summary: Why is it important to prepare your heart for Holy Communion? Holy Communion (also known as the Lord's Supper, service of Word and Table, or Eucharist) is an act of worship that Christians are called to offer to God, Robert Benson believes. "[The observance of Communion] is a critical part of our life together," he notes. "It seems critically important that we approach this act of praise and thanksgiving with some measure of reverence." Benson invites us to take a

fresh look at this central practice of Christian worship. Speaking from the perspective of a fellow worshiper, he traces the history of the Lord's Supper from its Jewish roots and the time of the early church. He sheds light on the meaning of Holy Communion for individuals, congregations, and the church throughout the world. Benson's poetic writing conveys devotion and passion. His down-to-earth style will inspire you to reflect on the mystery of Jesus' sacrifice for all people, and how you are called "not just to think about Jesus but also to remember him" each time you partake of the bread and cup. *That We May Perfectly Love Thee* includes a guide for small groups, as well as a model for a personal retreat. --Upper Room

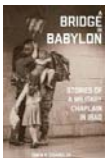
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STAMM



Stamm, Mark Wesley. ***Extending the Table: A Guide for a Ministry of Home Communion Serving***. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, 2009.

Summary: "Who is missing?" Mark Stamm asserts that this a a question the church should ask every time its members gather around the Lord's Table. He reminds readers that "participation in the Lord's Supper is not a ritual that we perform as isolated individuals, rather we do it with the whole church in mind, even those who cannot attend." In *Extending the Table*, Stamm discusses historical, theological, and pastoral questions surrounding the subject of home communion serving to support participants in understanding and appreciating the significance of this ministry. While Stamm consistently presents information that reminds readers of the importance of "extending the table," he also addressed questions and concerns that arise in serious discussions of celebrating this sacrament outside church walls. Ultimately, Stamm suggest a model for home communion ministry that takes into account scriptural teachings, historical understanding, and spiritual needs. --Cokesbury

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CHANDLER



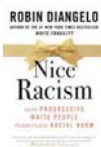
Chandler, Owen R. ***A Bridge in Babylon: Stories of a Military Chaplain in Iraq***. Saint Louis, Missouri, Chalice Press, 2021.

Summary: Army chaplain Owen Chandler takes us to the battlefields of Iraq in this gripping spiritual memoir of war, love, family, church and God. As an Arizona Army National Reservist, Rev. Chandler was deployed to Iraq as chaplain of the 336th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, leaving behind his wife, three young children, and a congregation for more than a year. In this honest and eloquent memoir, Chandler shares his story of serving as an "embedded presence of hope" in Iraq through personal letters, journal entries, scriptures and photos exchanged with family back home. Expanding far beyond the military chaplain caricature of M*A*S*H's Father Francis Mulcahy, Chandler reflects on the brutal realities of war, his fellow soldiers, and the families waiting for them all to come home. He shares the struggle to hold onto faith and hope in the midst of battlefields, opening readers' hearts to the challenges of military chaplaincy and the plight of veterans shattered by their experiences. *A Bridge to Babylon* inspires readers and provide tools to create bridges to our veterans, especially Reserve soldiers with shockingly high rates of suicide and substance abuse. --Chalice Press

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305.8
DIANGELO

DiAngelo, Robin J. ***Nice Racism: How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm***. Boston, Beacon Press, 2021.

Summary: Building on the groundwork laid in the New York Times bestseller *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo explores how a culture of niceness inadvertently promotes racism. In *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo explained how racism is a system into which all white people are socialized and challenged the belief that racism is a



simple matter of good people versus bad. DiAngelo also made a provocative claim: white progressives cause the most daily harm to people of color. In *Nice Racism*, her follow-up work, she explains how they do so. Drawing on her background as a sociologist and over 25 years working as an anti-racist educator, she picks up where *White Fragility* left off and moves the conversation forward. Writing directly to white people as a white person, DiAngelo identifies many common white racial patterns and breaks down how well-intentioned white people unknowingly perpetuate racial harm. These patterns include: rushing to prove that we are “not racist”; downplaying white advantage; romanticizing Black, Indigenous and other peoples of color (BIPOC); pretending white segregation “just happens”; expecting BIPOC people to teach us about racism; carefulness; and feeling immobilized by shame. DiAngelo explains how spiritual white progressives seeking community by co-opting Indigenous and other groups’ rituals create separation, not connection. She challenges the ideology of individualism and explains why it is OK to generalize about white people, and she demonstrates how white people who experience other oppressions still benefit from systemic racism. Writing candidly about her own missteps and struggles, she models a path forward, encouraging white readers to continually face their complicity and embrace courage, lifelong commitment, and accountability. *Nice Racism* is an essential work for any white person who recognizes the existence of systemic racism and white supremacy and wants to take steps to align their values with their actual practice. BIPOC readers may also find the “insiders” perspective useful for navigating whiteness. Includes a study guide. --Beacon Press

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. What Is a Nice Racist? -- 2. Why It’s OK to Generalize About White People -- 3. There Is No Choir -- 4. What’s Wrong with Niceness? -- 5. The Moves of White Progressives -- 6. Spiritual, Not Religious -- 7. Let’s Talk About Shame -- 8. What About My Trauma? -- 9. We Aren’t Actually That Nice -- 10. How White People Who Experience Other Oppressions Can Still Be Racist, or “But I’m a Minority Myself!” -- 11. How Do You Make a White Progressive a Better Racist? -- 12. Niceness Is Not Courageous: How to Align Your Professed Values with Your Actual Practice -- Study Guide -- Acknowledgments -- Notes.

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305.8
UNGER



Unger, Sandra Mayes. ***Tribe: Why Do All Our Friends Look Just Like Us?***

Minneapolis, Fortress Press, 2020.

Summary: *Tribe* explores the issues of reciprocity in cross-race and cross-class relationships using stories, narrative, and sociological insights and perspectives derived from urban fieldwork and the author's own life. The volume examines the social and structural barriers to the formation of these kinds of relationships, as well as the transformations that can take place as these barriers are overcome. Stories, interviews, and empirically driven narratives are interwoven with theory from the fields of adult education, economics, sociology, ethics, theology, and history. After exploring the barriers to the formation of these relationships and the potential of adults for learning new ways of thinking and being, the book makes the case that there are communal and individual benefits to these relationships that far outweigh the difficulties in forming them. The book is set up to answer the questions "Why does it matter if all my friends look just like me?" and "How do I leave behind a siloed existence to live a fully transformational and socially aware life?" --Fortress Press

Content Notes:

- Front Cover -- Tribe -- Title Page -- Dedication -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction: Everyone Looked Just Like Me -- The Obstacles -- Tribal Patterns -- Tribal Land -- Tribal Customs -- Tribal Hostilities -- Tribal Religion -- Tribal Fortunes -- Tribal Freedom -- The Opportunities -- Tribal Bridging -- Tribal Learning -- Tribal Unity -- Recommended Reading List -- Index -- Back Cover

CHILDREN
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COKESBURY



One Room Sunday School Kit. Nashville, Cokesbury Kids, 2021.

Summary: One Room Sunday School is ideal for churches where children of various ages learn together as a group. Everything needed for Sunday school is included in one convenient kit for children ages 3-12. The One Room Sunday School Kit contains a Leader Guide, Reproducible Kids' Book, Resource Pack, CD-ROM, and a tote bag to carry everything in! The CD-ROM is a quarterly music CD-ROM with added PowerPoint slides, song sheets, and instrumental tracks. The Resource Pack contains colorful, easy-to-use posters to reinforce the Bible story, plus storytelling helps, an attendance chart, and more! The Reproducible Kids' Book (included in Kit) is 96 pages of activities tailored to each session throughout the quarter. From coloring pages to creative writing prompts, this resource will lead children to a deeper understanding of each Bible lesson. -- Cokesbury