

# New Resources March 2016

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ADULTS 230 Migliore, Daniel L. **Faith Seeking Understanding : An Introduction to**  
MIGLIORE **Christian Theology** . Grand Rapids, Mich. : W.B. Eerdmans, 2004.

ADULTS Collins, Kenneth J. **John Wesley : A Theological Journey** . Nashville, TN :  
230.7092 Abingdon Press, 2003.

COLLINS **Summary:** John Wesley remains a seminal figure, not only for "the people called Methodist, " but also within the larger Protestant tradition. Understanding his theology is a requirement for understanding the development of the Western Christian tradition in the modern period. In recent years much work has been done to grasp the intricacies of Wesley's theology. However, most of this work has been thematic in organization, studying Wesley's thought according to a topical or systematic outline. The weakness of this approach, argues Kenneth J. Collins, is that it fails to demonstrate the evolution and changes of Wesley's theology. What is called for is a historical presentation--one that examines the development of Wesley's theology across the span of his long and eventful theological career. Collins thus provides a chronological presentation of the development of Wesley's theology. Drawing on an extensive examination of the primary sources, and demonstrating an intimate knowledge of the different contexts and social locations in which Wesley's theology took place, John Wesley: A Theological Journey will be necessary reading for anyone wishing to understand the broad scope of the Methodist leader's theological development and contribution. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Keating, Thomas. **The Better Part : Stages of Contemplative Living** . New  
248.34 York : Continuum, 2000.  
KEATING

ADULTS Lucado, Max. **Cure for the Common Life : Living in Your Sweet Spot** .  
248.4 Nashville, Tenn. : W Publishing Group, 2005.

LUCADO **Summary:** Ever swung a baseball bat or paddled a Ping-Pong ball? If so, you know the oh-so-nice feel of the sweet spot. Life in the sweet spot rolls like the downhill side of a downwind bike ride. But you don't have to swing a bat or a club to know this. What engineers give sports equipment, God gave you. A zone, a region, a life precinct in which you were made to dwell. He tailored the curves of your life to fit an empty space in his jigsaw puzzle. And life makes sweet sense when you find your spot. But if you're like 70 percent of working adults, you haven't found it. You don't find meaning in your work, or you don't believe your talents are used. What can you do? You're suffering from the common life, and you desperately need a cure. Best-selling author Max Lucado has found it. In Cure for the Common Life, he offers practical tools for exploring and identifying your own uniqueness, motivation to put your strengths to work, and the perfect prescription for finding and living in your sweet spot for the rest of your life. --Thomas Nelson

### **Content Notes:**

- Your sweet spot (you have one!) -- Section I: Use your uniqueness -- Unpack your bag -- Read your life backward -- Study your s.t.o.r.y -- Don't consult your greed -- Section II: To make a big deal out of God -- Take big risks for God -- Come to the sweetest spot in the universe -- Applaud God, loud and often -- Join God's family of friends -- Tank your reputation -- Section III: Every day of your life -- Take your job and love it -- Pause on

purpose -- Trust little deeds -- Decode your kid's code -- Don't be too big to do something small -- Sweet spots : two people who found theirs.

ADULTS  
248.4 MOORE . Moore, James W. **Come on Home : Healing the Homesickness of the Soul**  
Nashville : Abingdon Press, 2012.

**Summary:** Drawing on Scripture and his own stories, Moore explores how to embrace the New Testament theme that happiness is the by-product of being in "right" relationships, of being "at home" with God and with others. More than once, Jesus reminds us that the Great Commandment is to love God and to love other people. And that is what Matthew 6:33 is all about: "But seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness and everything else will fall into place for you." This book contains a discussion guide. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Come on home to faith -- Come on home to God's greatest promise -- Come on home to commitment -- Come on home to the Christian lifestyle -- Come on home to the atmosphere of Christ -- Come on home to Christ's healing -- Come on home to servanthood -- Come on home to the spirit of gratitude -- Come on home to generosity -- Come on home to the good news of Christmas -- Come on home to the Easter perspective -- Come on home to childlikeness - - Come on home to Christ's understanding of success.

ADULTS  
248.4  
WARREN Warren, Richard. **What on Earth Am I Here For?: A Six-Session Video-Based Study for Groups or Individuals.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2012.

**Summary:** This DVD is designed to be used with the What on Earth Am I Here For? small group study guide, and takes participants on a journey of discovery to answer life's most fundamental question: What on earth am I here for? And here's a clue to the answer: It's not about you. You were created by God and for God, and until you understand that, life will never make sense. It is only in God that we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, and our destiny. Every other path leads to a dead end. This DVD consists of 6 video sessions taught by Pastor Rick Warren, each about 20-25 minutes long, designed to answer the most important question a small group or individual can ask: What on Earth Am I Here For? --Saddleback Resources

**Content Notes:**

- Session 1: You Matter to God -- Session 2: You Were Planned for God's Pleasure -- Session 3: You Were Planned for God's Family -- Session 4: You Were Created to Become Like Christ -- Session 5: You Were Shaped to Serve God -- Session 6: You Were Made for a Mission

ADULTS  
248.4071  
WARREN Warren, Richard. **40 Days of Community DVD: Better Together: What on earth are we here for?.** Lake Forest, Calif: Purpose Driven Publishing, 2006.

**Summary:** This DVD contains six DVD sessions, with each session including a "Helps for Hosts" where the host is given coaching tips for the upcoming session, plus a 25-minute lesson taught by Rick Warren. When coupled with the 40 Days of Community study guide devotional, your small group will learn what it means to truly fulfill God's purposes together and in their community. - -Saddleback Resources

**Content Notes:**

- Week 1: What Matters Most -- Week 2: Reaching Out Together -- Week 3: Belonging Together -- Week 4: Growing Together -- Week 5: Serving Together -- Week 6: Worshiping Together

ADULTS  
Warren, Richard. **40 Days of Community Study Guide: Better Together:**

248.4071  
WARREN

**What on earth are we here for?.** Lake Forest, Calif: Saddleback Church, 2008.

**Summary:** For six weeks Rick Warren will show you how we were never meant to live life alone and how our purposes are fulfilled together, in community. What on Earth are we here for? Based on the New Testament "one another's" will help your small group or ministry experience relational renewal. Each week you will discover how we can love, reach out, fellowship, grow, serve, and worship together. Cultivate deeper relationships with those around you as you discover how we are Better Together. In each 20-minute session you will learn a new purpose, its biblical support, how it applies to your life and how you can use it to benefit the Kingdom of God. This study guide is meant to be used with the 40 Days of Community teaching DVD and the 40 Days of Community Devotional and Journal. When used together the message of purpose will be reinforced in your life and you will discover new meaning and joy in God as you serve with your group. Included in your study guide are 10 new ideas for hosts, frequently asked questions, session guidelines for discussion leaders, small group prayer and praise report, small group calendar, answer key, memory verses and a daily reading plan. -- Saddleback Resources

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- Week 1: What Matters Most -- Week 2: Reaching Out Together -- Week 3: Belonging Together -- Week 4: Growing Together -- Week 5: Serving Together -- Week 6: Worshiping Together

ADULTS  
248.4876  
HARPER

Harper, Steve. **Five Marks of a Methodist DVD: The Fruit of a Living Faith.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

**Summary:** This small-group study is based on Steve Harper's book Five Marks of a Methodist. Six sessions provide extended reflection for adults on the five identifiers that Wesley sets forth in "The Character of a Methodist," which he published in 1742. In "The Character of a Methodist," Wesley clearly stated that he did not want to distinguish Methodism from any "real Christian of whatsoever denomination." At the same time, Wesley knew that if the Methodist movement was to be established and grow, it must rest upon the solid foundation of gospel characteristics. This study provides a focused strengthening of the world Wesleyan family, while written so that any Christian person or group could use it with blessing and benefit. The study consists of the book, Five Marks of a Methodist, a Participant Character Guide, a Leader Guide, and a DVD. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- 1. Character: The Marks of a Methodist (12:51) -- 2. A Methodist Loves God (9:23) -- 3. A Methodist Rejoices in God (12:08) -- 4. A Methodist Gives Thanks (12:13) -- 5. A Methodist Prays Constantly (13:38) -- 6. A Methodist Loves Others (14:46)

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**Content Notes:**

- How to Use This Leader Guide -- Episode 1. Character: The Marks of a Methodist -- Episode 2. The First Mark: A Methodist Loves God -- Episode 3. The Second Mark: A Methodist Rejoices in God -- Episode 4. The Third Mark: A Methodist Gives Thanks -- Episode 5. The Fourth Mark: A Methodist Prays Constantly -- Episode 6. The Fifth Mark: A Methodist Loves Others -- Appendix: Participant Character Guide: The First Mark: A Methodist Loves God -- The Second Mark: A Methodist Rejoices in God -- The Third Mark: A Methodist Gives Thanks -- The Fourth Mark: A Methodist Prays Constantly -- The Fifth Mark: A Methodist Loves Others

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248.4876  
HARPER

Harper, Steve. **Five Marks of a Methodist Participant Character Guide: The Fruit of a Living Faith.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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**Content Notes:**

- Introduction -- The First Mark: A Methodist Loves God -- The Second Mark: A Methodist Rejoices in God -- The Third Mark: A Methodist Gives Thanks -- The Fourth Mark: A Methodist Prays Constantly -- The Fifth Mark: A Methodist Loves Others

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**Content Notes:**

- Character -- 1. A Methodist Loves God -- 2. A Methodist Rejoices in God -- 3. A Methodist Gives Thanks -- 4. A Methodist Prays Constantly -- 5. A Methodist Loves Others -- On Your Marks -- Notes

ADULTS  
248.843  
ROOSE

Roose, Barbara L. **Beautiful Already: Reclaiming God's Perspective on Beauty.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

**Summary:** You look at a mirror and what do you see? Wide hips. Too many

wrinkles. A crooked nose. But is that what God sees in your reflection? What is God's perspective on beauty? Beautiful Already is a six-week Bible study designed to help liberate women from the ugly struggle with beauty. By letting go of beliefs that affect your self-image and self-esteem, you'll be free to move toward God's viewpoint of your heart, mind, body, and soul...free from the trap of comparison and self-ridicule. Plus you'll learn how to encourage and support other women who are overcome with unrealistic expectations. Six DVD teaching segments and a Leader Guide with discussion points and questions, activities, prayers, and more complement the Participant Book. The Leader Kit includes the following components: Participant Book, Leader Guide, and DVD. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- 1. All Aboard the Struggle Bus (28:36) -- 2. Defining Divine Beauty (24:31) -
- 3. Celebrating What We See (23:07) -- 4. Gentle and Quiet Beauty (28:07) --
- 5. Winning Our Ugly Struggle (19:59) -- 6. Discovering Your Beauty Balance (27:12)

ADULTS  
248.86  
HARWELL

Harwell, Amy. **Ready to Live, Prepared to Die : A Provocative Guide to the Rest of Your Life** . Wheaton, Ill. : H. Shaw Publishers, 1995.

**Summary:** When Amy Harwell found out she had rapidly progressing cancer, she began a journey of discovery and faith that led her to a new understanding: Once we are well-prepared to die, we are really freed to live. With a hopefulness that never loses touch with reality, Harwell accompanies her readers through the mundane tasks involving health-care directives, legal documents, and funeral arrangement, and on to the profound opportunities of saying good-bye to those we love. Each step of the journey offers possibilities to grow and discover God anew. And Amy, a seasoned traveler, includes notes from her own passage, useful questions, and a checklist for others on the road. --Waterbrook Press

ADULTS  
248.86  
RENFROE

Renfroe, Rob. **A Way Through the Wilderness DVD: Growing in Faith When Life is Hard**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, [2015].

**Summary:** At one time or another, everyone has a wilderness experience, a time when life is barren and difficult and we feel alone and desperate, not knowing where to turn. Whether it's the loss of a loved one, a financial or health crisis, divorce, or some other painful experience, we see no end in sight and wonder how we can make it through another day. In the Scriptures we see that often God's people went through a wilderness experience, and these experiences changed them in profound ways. The truth is that it's impossible to go through the wilderness without being changed. There's a way through the wilderness that can leave us broken and bitter and far away from God. But there's another way through—God's way—that leaves us with a deeper faith and draws us closer to God than we ever imagined. With sensitivity and warmth, Rob Renfroe explores the wilderness experience—what it is, how we get there, why God allows it, and how we can get through it God's way so that we learn the lessons that can be learned only in the desolate seasons of life when we are totally dependent on God. The DVD contains six video segments of approximately 10-14 minutes each for use during the group sessions. All video sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- 1. No Way Around the Wilderness (10:06) -- 2. Entering the Wilderness (9:22) -- 3. Walking with Others in the Wilderness (13:47) -- 4. Walking with God in the Wilderness (11:11) -- 5. Avoiding Wrong Turns in the Wilderness (12:00) -- 6. Coming Out of the Wilderness (10:00)

ADULTS

Renfroe, Rob. **A Way Through the Wilderness Leader Guide: Growing in**

248.86  
RENFROE

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**Content Notes:**

- A Note to Group Leaders -- Leader Helps -- Optional Activities for Enhancing the Study -- Session 1. No Way Around the Wilderness -- Session 2. Entering the Wilderness -- Session 3. Walking with Others in the Wilderness -- Session 4. Walking with God in the Wilderness -- Session 5. Avoiding Wrong Turns in the Wilderness -- Session 6. Coming Out of the Wilderness

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**Content Notes:**

- Introduction -- 1. No Way Around the Wilderness -- 2. Entering the Wilderness -- 3. Walking with Others in the Wilderness -- 4. Walking with God in the Wilderness -- 5. Avoiding Wrong Turns in the Wilderness -- 6. Coming Out of the Wilderness -- Notes

ADULTS 251  
STAUFFER

Stauffer, Clay. **Preaching Politics : Proclaiming Jesus in an Age of Money, Power, and Partisanship** . St. Louis : Chalice Press, 2016.

**Summary:** Clay Stauffer addresses the challenges that preachers face when serving a politically diverse congregation in Preaching Politics. Money,

materialism, and their effects on modern-day faith and spirituality are viewed through the teachings of Jesus, as well as the work of Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton and Duke ethicist Stanley Hauerwas. --Chalice Press

ADULTS  
253.082  
EDWARDS

Edwards, Sue. **New Doors in Ministry to Women : A Fresh Model for Transforming Your Church, Campus, or Mission Field** . Grand Rapids, MI : Kregel, 2002.

**Summary:** Women thirst for intimacy and long for meaningful activity. They often come into churches looking for truth, relevance, and relationships--three things that a healthy women's ministry can provide if it is centered around genuine study of the Word of God, the place where successful transformation begins. The authors offer a new model--the Transformation Model--for women's ministry that adapts to and addresses the needs of women unique to the postmodern church. The model helps churches define their purpose in women's ministry, refine their focus, and minister to women at all stages of life. Since the heart of the model is Bible study, the Transformation Model works equally well in the church, on campuses, and on the mission field. The book provides practical suggestions for implementing this model in a variety of venues, and includes topics such as how to evaluate women's needs, choose a team of leaders, select or write a Bible study, run a board meeting, and survive conflict. Throughout the book are profiles of women who have led the way in applying the Transformation Model in their settings. These "Pioneer Profiles" include women who serve in the church, on school campuses, and around the world. Many of them are still in the trenches of ministry, and their experiences lend an immediate authenticity to life-changing women's ministries. --Kregel Publications

ADULTS  
254.8  
CALLAHAN

Callahan, Kennon L. **Effective Church Finances : Fund Raising and Budgeting for Church Leaders** . [San Francisco] : HarperSanFrancisco, 1992.

ADULTS  
254.8  
MILLARD

Millard, M. Kent. **The Gratitude Path : Leading Your Church to Generosity** . Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2015.

**Summary:** Do stewardship plans have to be complex, confusing, and overwhelming to implement? No. In contrast to outdated, budget-centric stewardship models, The Gratitude Path offers you a fresh alternative: the Gratitude Campaign—a Christ-centered approach that promotes spiritual health for both donors and the church. This biblically based, no-nonsense resource will enable you to help people count their blessings and give to God out of gratitude. The five-session study includes discussion questions, samples, and a step-by-step outline for conducting a Gratitude Campaign in a church of any size or denomination. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- The gratitude path -- "Just to say thanks" -- Give thanks in all circumstances -- Give and it will be given to you -- God loves a cheerful giver -- Expect a miracle -- Leading a gratitude campaign.

ADULTS  
259.3  
JOHNSTON

**Forward Together : A New Vision for Senior Adult Ministry** . Nashville, Tenn. : LifeWay Press, 1998.

**Summary:** This comprehensive resource looks at how the age wave will affect the church and challenges you to recognize senior adults as the key to leadership and ministry needs. --LifeWay

ADULTS

Myers, Ched. **Ambassadors of Reconciliation Vol. I: New Testament**

261.8 MYERS **Reflections on Restorative Justice and Peacemaking.** Maryknoll, N.Y. : Orbis Books, 2009.

**Summary:** St. Paul called on followers of Christ to be "ambassadors of reconciliation" in a world of violence and oppression. In reflections on this and other New Testaments texts, Ched Myers and Elaine Enns offer a lens for re-reading the entire biblical tradition as a resource for the cause of "restorative justice" and peacemaking. The term "restorative justice" refers to a social movement that seeks to repair interpersonal, communal, and social injuries without recourse to violence or retribution. From its origins in the criminal justice arena restorative justice has been applied in schools, homes, as well as workplaces. But examples such as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa also show its application on a national level. In *Ambassadors of Reconciliation I* Ched Myers and Elaine Enns offer solid biblical and theological resources for this vital and growing movement. Their complementary volume, *Ambassadors of Reconciliation II* focuses on stories of the principles of restorative justice in action around the world. --Orbis Books

ADULTS  
261.8 MYERS Myers, Ched. **Ambassadors of Reconciliation Vol. II: Diverse Christian Practices of Restorative Justice and Peacemaking.** Maryknoll, N.Y. : Orbis Books, 2009.

**Summary:** The second of two volumes exploring a theology and practice of faith-rooted justice and peacemaking. *Ambassadors of Reconciliation I* provided the foundation for this work, explicating the New Testaments roots of what we today call restorative justice--a practice that seeks to resolve social conflict without resorting to violence. In *Ambassadors of Reconciliation II* Elaine Enns and Ched Myers analyze the contemporary terrain of restorative justice and peacemaking in North America and profiles the exemplary work of nine individuals who live out the scriptural vision in real-life contexts of profound violence and injustice. Among the stories: A convicted drunk driver who dedicates his life to saving lives; the mother of a murder victim who becomes a leading opponent of the death penalty; Christian peacemakers who have risked their lives in Iraq; and Native American leaders who have adopted nonviolent methods to overcome ancient wrongs. --Orbis Books

ADULTS  
264.0702  
ABINGDON **The Faith We Sing : Worship Planner.** Nashville : Abingdon Press, 2000.  
**Summary:** In recent years, new music and worship styles have enriched the worship styles have enriched the worship experience, from contemporary worship and praise music to world music. New hymnody offers modern images and refreshing tunes that tell the old, old story. Now churches can continue to sing the hymns they treasure and add newer music to their worship life! All editions come with Cross & Flame emblem on the cover except for the "Cross Only" version of the Pew Edition. No music is included in this edition. It is a companion book to the hymnal designed to be used in worship planning. --Cokesbury

ADULTS  
264.23  
ESLINGER **Upper Room Worshipbook : Music and Liturgies for Spiritual Formation**  
. Nashville : Upper Room Books, 2006.

**Summary:** Where denominational hymnals feature beloved, traditional hymns, the Upper Room Worshipbook is a wellspring for newer or previously unpublished ecumenical selections. A rich source of versatile liturgies, psalm settings and prayer songs, this new edition of Upper Room Worshipbook is ideal for use at retreats, with choirs, and by individuals who want to enrich their personal devotional practices. The fresh collection is an essential resource for congregations who are experimenting with classical worship forms such as Evensong or Taizé. Each section contains suggestions for using

music and for introducing liturgies into the worship experience of a community. The book features inclusive language and a music index. --Cokesbury

ADULTS  
267.43  
HUIZENGA

Huizenga, Betty. **Apples of Gold : A Six-Week Nurturing Program for Women** . Colorado Springs, Colo. : Faithful Woman, 2000.

**Summary:** An Apples of Gold class is more than a Bible study. As you meet weekly, mature women mentor younger women through topical bible studies based on Titus 2:3-5, cooking demonstrations and the sharing of a meal, and encouragement to be the woman God has called you to be. --Back Cover

ADULTS 270  
GONZALEZ

Gonzalez, Justo L. **The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation** . San Francisco : Harper & Row, 1984.

ADULTS 270  
GONZALEZ

Gonzalez, Justo L. **The Reformation to the Present Day** . San Francisco : Harper & Row, 1984.

ADULTS  
287.092  
WOOD

Wood, Laurence W. **The Meaning of Pentecost in Early Methodism : Rediscovering John Fletcher as Wesley's Vindicator and Designated Successor** . Lanham, Md. : Scarecrow Press, 2002.

**Summary:** John Fletcher's theology of Pentecost is generally unknown today, and this book is the first comprehensive treatise on this subject. His writings were in large part responsible for shaping the theology of early American Methodism, especially his treatise on Christian Perfection, which highlighted a theology of Pentecostal sanctification. Wood recounts the decisive influence Fletcher had on early Methodism, and shows that his writings were able to "control the opinions of the largest and most effective body of evangelical clergymen of the earth." Fletcher's views on the Holy Spirit were also relevant in the ecumenical movement, specifically with reference to the World Council of Churches Commission on Faith and Order held in Lima, Peru, in 1982. This group recommended the introduction of a liturgy of the Spirit in Christian baptism. For students and scholars or general readers interested in Methodist history and theology. Also a resource for pastors--helpful in developing a theology of Pentecost that will preach in a relevant way in the contemporary world. --Scarecrow Press

ADULTS  
287.673  
NORWOOD

Norwood, Frederick Abbott. **The Story of American Methodism: A History of the United Methodists and Their Relations**. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1974.

**Summary:** A comprehensive one-volume history of American Methodism, tracing the development of a new church in a new nation from its beginnings with the Wesleys in England to the changes and challenges of later twentieth-century America. Black Methodism, the contributions of women, theological trends across 200 years--all emerge in clear detail. This book also includes the story of the Evangelical United Brethren Church as part of Methodism, as well as the cultural and religious pluralism of the country today. --Cokesbury

ADULTS  
297.72  
QURESHI

Qureshi, Nabeel. **Answering Jihad : A Better Way Forward** . Grand Rapids : Zondervan, 2016.

**Summary:** From New York Times bestselling author and former Muslim Nabeel Qureshi comes this personal, challenging, and respectful answer to the many questions surrounding jihad, the rise of ISIS, and Islamic terrorism. San Bernardino was the most lethal terror attack on American soil since 9/11, and it came on the heels of a coordinated assault on Paris. There is no question

that innocents were slaughtered in the name of Allah and in the way of jihad, but do the terrorists' actions actually reflect the religion of Islam? The answer to this question is more pressing than ever, as waves of Muslim refugees arrive in the West seeking shelter from the violent ideology of ISIS. Setting aside speculations and competing voices, what really is jihad? How are we to understand jihad in relation to our Muslim neighbors and friends? Why is there such a surge of Islamist terrorism in the world today, and how are we to respond? In *Answering Jihad*, bestselling author Nabeel Qureshi (*Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*) answers these questions from the perspective of a former Muslim who is deeply concerned for both his Muslim family and his American homeland. --Zondervan

ADULTS Rath, Tom. **Strengths Based Leadership : Great Leaders, Teams, and**  
303.34 RATH **Why People Follow** . New York : Gallup Press, 2008.

**Summary:** Nearly a decade ago, Gallup unveiled the results of a landmark 30-year research project that ignited a global conversation on the topic of strengths. More than 3 million people have since taken Gallup's StrengthsFinder assessment, which forms the core of several books on this topic, including the #1 international bestseller *StrengthsFinder 2.0*. In recent years, while continuing to learn more about strengths, Gallup scientists have also been examining decades of data on the topic of leadership. They studied more than 1 million work teams, conducted more than 20,000 in-depth interviews with leaders, and even interviewed more than 10,000 followers around the world to ask exactly why they followed the most important leader in their life. In *Strengths Based Leadership*, #1 New York Times bestselling author Tom Rath and renowned leadership consultant Barry Conchie reveal the results of this research. Based on their discoveries, the book identifies three keys to being a more effective leader: knowing your strengths and investing in others' strengths, getting people with the right strengths on your team, and understanding and meeting the four basic needs of those who look to you for leadership. As you read *Strengths Based Leadership*, you'll hear firsthand accounts from some of the most successful organizational leaders in recent history, from the founder of Teach For America to the president of The Ritz-Carlton, as they discuss how their unique strengths have driven their success. Filled with novel research and actionable ideas, *Strengths Based Leadership* will give you a new road map for leading people toward a better future. --Gallup Press

CHILDREN **The Way of the Child Training DVD.** Nashville, Tenn: Upper Room Books,  
268.432 2007.

UPPER **Summary:** Disc 1 includes the essential elements of leading a session while  
Disc 2 includes helpful tips on basic room setup, shared leadership, and numerous other practical topics. --Container

YOUTH Baird, Danette. **Core Study 1 Leader Guide: Dig In.** Nashville, Tenn:  
248.83 BAIRD Abingdon Press, 2016.

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