

New Resources May 2015

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ADULTS 226 Breen, Mike. **Kairos: Continuous Breakthrough.** Pawleys Island, S.C: 3DM
BREEN Publishing, 2009.

Summary: Are you longing to see your congregations, colleagues and friends come closer to Jesus, to have a faith that transforms every aspect of their lives? 'Jesus said, The time has come...the Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news! (Mark 1:15) We maintain balance in our spiritual lives by a process of constantly moving forward - using both 'pedals' of repentance and faith. But how do we get started? In Continuous Breakthrough, Mike Breen shows us how Jesus taught his disciples to learn from their experiences, to recognize the 'kairos' that remind us of the nearness of God's Kingdom. Once we learn to recognize these momentous events in our life, we can begin the process of repentance and faith, so that continuous breakthrough becomes a permanent and dynamic part of our discipleship walk. --Amazon

ADULTS 230 Breen, Mike. **Leading Kingdom Movements.** Myrtle Beach, S.C: Zondervan
BREEN Publishing House, 2013.

Summary: From the beginning, God has been in the business of movements. Starting them. Multiplying them. Changing the world through them. And in Jesus, we see this come together in practice. HOW. How do you start a Kingdom movement that can change the world. But in Jesus, through his life and taking his teachings seriously, we see how we can lead a Kingdom movement. In this book, Mike explores the key components of how to lead a Kingdom movement. Starting with Jesus, then through the lens of Paul and stories an principles seen in his own life, he offers a humble way forward in creating, growing and multiplying a Kingdom movement. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- Part 1: The Age of Earthquakes -- Chapter 1: In the Rubble of the Earthquake -- Part 2: My Story -- Chapter 2: The Breaking -- Chapter 3: The Spirit -- Chapter 4: Grace and Faith -- Chapter 5: The Multiplication Years -- Chapter 6: The Two Towers Fall -- Part 3: The Journey Within -- Chapter 7: Paul - A Man with a Mission -- Chapter 8: Paul - Message -- Chapter 9: Paul - Method -- Chapter 10: Paul - Miraculous + Movement -- Chapter 11: Navigating the Spiritual Terrain -- Part 4: The Mechanics of a Movement -- Chapter 12: Orbital Patterns, Higgs Boson, and Molasses -- Chapter 13: Red-hot centers -- Part 5: The Conclusion -- Chapter 14: To Ephesus and Beyond

ADULTS 230.041 Breen, Mike. **Covenant and Kingdom: The DNA of the Bible.** Pawleys
BREEN Island, S.C: Zondervan Publishing House, 2010.

Summary: For many, Scripture falls into much the same category as Shakespeare: valued and enjoyed, but seldom understood. It is not, however, out of reach. The ability to identify the main themes of any passage is a skill you can learn, even as you seek to apply its truth to your own life. Covenant and Kingdom: The DNA of the Bible guides you on a Scriptural quest for knowledge and understanding. Stories and verse from the Old and New Testaments are woven together and cross-referenced, until the connections are clear and indisputable, like DNA from the Bible. Although the great Biblical themes of Covenant and Kingdom find their fullest expression in Jesus, Covenant goes all the way back to the beginning, when the only thing required was to maintain the "oneness" that God had created. After the Fall, the way was blocked; yet, God built a bridge, in Covenant, back to us. In Jesus, that Covenant was fulfilled, as on the cross, he offered himself as the

ultimate blood sacrifice. The Bible is about God, our Father, inviting us to know him in a very real and personal way. Covenant and Kingdom: The DNA of the Bible provides guidance to the path of understanding that it will take to develop, to the fullest, your own individual relationship with God. There is also a Covenant and Kingdom teaching series available. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- Introduction - Putting the Bible into the Hands of the People -- An Introduction to Covenant and Kingdom -- Old Testament -- Chapter 1: Creation -- Chapter 2: After the Fall -- Chapter 3: Abraham - Man of Covenant -- Bloodthirsty Passages -- Chapter 4: Joseph - Called to Kingdom Rule -- Esther -- Chapter 5: Moses - Priest and Prince -- Ruth -- Chapter 6: David - Worshipper and Warrior -- The Prophets -- The Journey So Far - Summary of Covenant and Kingdom in the Old Testament -- Chapter 7: Connecting the Old and New Testaments -- New Testament -- Chapter 8: Jesus - Son of God and Son of Man -- Chapter 9: Jesus' Baptism -- Covenant Parables -- Chapter 10: Tempted in the Desert -- Kingdom Parables -- Chapter 11: Jesus' Ministry Begins -- Healing -- Chapter 12: Retreat and Revelation -- Discipleship -- Chapter 13: Journey to Jerusalem and the Cross -- Chapter 14: The Story of Jesus Continues - What Happened Next? -- Chapter 15: The Story of Jesus Continues - The Message Spreads -- Chapter 16: The Story Nears its Fulfillment -- The Journey So Far - Summary of Covenant and Kingdom in the New Testament -- Chapter 17: Tools for Interpretation -- Conclusion

ADULTS
231.044
BYASSEE

Byassee, Jason. **Trinity : The God We Don't Know** . Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2015.

Summary: Most people assume they know what they mean when they use the word "God." They mean a powerful old guy in the sky ready to obliterate us if we do wrong but basically benevolent, if a little senile. The Christian doctrine of the Trinity shows us God is vastly more interesting. God is actually fleshed among us in Jesus, poured out on us in the Holy Spirit's intoxication of the church. God is three divine persons in perfect harmony and beauty—and God invites us into that unimaginable intimacy. We don't know this God, but we should. Trinity uses scripture, the Early Church tradition, and some modern theology to argue that God is a mystery whom we can't understand but who can shape our misunderstanding to allow for faithful living and holy love of God and neighbor. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- The God we don't talk about -- The son we don't know: how can we say Jesus is divine? -- The spirit we don't know: generous gift-give -- The triune God we don't know: appropriations and mutual indwelling: which person is working?

ADULTS 232
SWEET

Sweet, Leonard I. **Jesus Manifesto : Restoring the Supremacy and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ** . Nashville, Tenn. : Thomas Nelson, 2010.

Summary: Expanding on the authors' 2009 online manifesto, this insistent, impassioned essay condemns as pharisaic those preachers who forgo a Christ-centered theology in favor of a cute, singular slogan or mission. The authors urge churches to focus on the man who embodies the entire religion. To do so, readers must learn the subtle distinction between following Christ and realizing Christ already lives within them. --from publisher description

Content Notes:

- Contents -- Introduction: "Who do you say that I am?" -- The occupation of all things -- A bottle in the ocean -- If God wrote your biography -- A violin called messiah -- A ditch on either side -- His face or your face? -- A collision of two empires -- The forgotten tree -- A house of figs -- Who is this lord of yours? -- Afterword: a personal letter from your lord.

ADULTS
232.908
STROBEL

Strobel, Lee. **The Case for Christ DVD: [Investigating the Evidence for Jesus]**. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2013.

Summary: Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? Skeptics dismiss the Jesus of the Gospels by claiming there is no evidence in the case for Christ. Lee Strobel disagrees. The former legal journalist and one-time atheist knows how to ask tough questions. His own search for truth about Jesus led him to faith in Christ. Now Strobel invites you and your group to investigate the truth about Jesus that guided Strobel from atheism to faith in Christ. In this revised six-session, video-based study, you will journey along with Strobel on a quest for the truth about Jesus. Rejecting easy answers, you will sift through fascinating historical evidence as you weigh compelling expert testimony. In the end, you may very well see Jesus in a new way—and even, like Strobel, find your life transformed. This DVD can be used for personal reflection or for group discussion with the accompanying participant's guide. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- 1. The Investigation of a Lifetime (14:30) -- 2. Eyewitness Evidence (17:00) -- 3. Evidence Outside the Bible (10:00) -- 4. Analyzing Jesus (15:00) -- 5. Evidence for the Resurrection (12:30) -- 6. Reaching Your Verdict (15:00)

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Content Notes:

- Session 1. The Investigation of a Lifetime -- Session 2. Eyewitness Evidence -- Session 3. Evidence Outside the Bible -- Session 4. Analyzing Jesus -- Session 5. Evidence for the Resurrection -- Session 6. Reaching Your Verdict -- Small Group Leader Helps

ADULTS
248.4 BREEN

Breen, Mike. **Oikonomics: How to Invest in Life's Five Capitals the Way Jesus Did**. Pawleys Island, S.C: Zondervan Publishing House, 2014.

Summary: What in the world does Oikonomics mean? Oikos is an old word that means household. It referred to a specific network of relationships that functioned as an extended family with a specific purpose. It would have included biological relatives as well as friends, servants, and business associates. Everyone lived with oikos in the ancient world. We are re-learning how to live like this, with Jesus at the center. This is how the ancient world was transformed - the good news of Jesus multiplying from oikos to oikos, along the lines of relationship as the gospel was shared in the everyday tasks of life. And of course 'nomics' refers to economics, which has to do with how we invest, exchange, and grow the various kinds of capital that we possess.

So Oikonomics is about the economy of our oikos, the way our household invests its time, energy, and money. --back cover

Content Notes:

- Chapter 1: Can You Have It All? -- Chapter 2: Jesus the Prosperity Theologian -- Chapter 3: The Economics of Jesus -- Chapter 4: The Five Capitals Outlined -- Chapter 5: Keeping Things in Order -- Chapter 6: Investing for a Return -- Chapter 7: Practical Stories of Investment and Growth -- Chapter 8: How You Can Start Investing Today -- Epilogue: Investing in Others/Making Disciples

ADULTS
248.4
ORTBERG

Ortberg, John. **All the Places to Go . . . How Will You Know?: God has placed before you an open door. What will you do?**. Carol Stream, Ill: Tyndale, 2015.

Summary: Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to "Stay." He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it—into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the life we will lead and the person we will become. In fact, to fail to embrace the open door is to miss the work God has made for us to do. In *All the Places to Go . . . How Will You Know?*, bestselling author John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await. So go ahead—walk through that door. You just might do something that lasts for eternity. --Tyndale

ADULTS
248.6
HARNISH

Harnish, James A. **Earn. Save. Give. DVD: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

Summary: John Wesley believed money was important as a way of expressing and living out Christian faith. To Wesley, the task was simple: earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can. In this essential little book, pastor and author James A. Harnish presents Wesley's concepts and beliefs in plain, useful language, suitable for individuals to grapple with and groups to discuss and act upon. The four chapters of this book form the basis for a four-week churchwide stewardship program, along with the DVD, Devotional Readings for Home, Leader Guide, Youth Study Book, Children's Leader Guide, and the Program Guide on flash drive. This four-session DVD presents Wesley's principles on money so groups can discuss and act on them as part of the churchwide stewardship program. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. We Don't Need More Money; We Need Wisdom (10:09) -- 2. Earn All You Can (11:37) -- 3. Save All You Can (11:29) -- 4. Give All You Can (10:39)

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Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. We Don't Need More Money; We Need Wisdom -- 2. Earn All You Can -- 3. Save All You Can -- 4. Give All You Can -- Appendix: Just Do It! Plan for Saving All I Can -- Notes

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Content Notes:

- Introduction: If You Could Ask for Anything -- 1. We Don't Need More Money; We Need Wisdom -- 2. Earn All You Can -- 3. Save All You Can -- 4. Give All You Can -- Notes

ADULTS
248.6
STANLEY

Stanley, Andy. **How to Be Rich DVD: It's Not What You Have, It's What You Do With What You Have .** Grand Rapids, Michigan : Zondervan, 2013.

Summary: Author and pastor Andy Stanley is convinced that most of us are richer than we believe. But we might think, rich is the other guy. Rich is having more than we currently have. If that's the case, we can be rich and not know or feel it. We can be rich and not act like it. And that is a problem. In this four-session small group study, Andy encourages us to not just BE rich, but he helps us learn to be GOOD at it! --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- 1. Congratulations (13:54) -- 2. Side Effects (19:28) -- 3. Dollar Cost Living (25:33) -- 4. Diversify (23:18)

ADULTS
248.6
STANLEY

Stanley, Andy. **How to Be Rich : It's Not What You Have, It's What You Do With What You Have .** Grand Rapids, Michigan : Zondervan, 2013.

Summary: You probably don't feel rich. Rich is the other guy. Rich is having more than you currently have. But you can be rich and not feel it. And that's the problem. Andy Stanley is convinced that most of us are richer than we think. We just aren't very good at it. It's one thing to BE rich. Andy wants us to be GOOD at it! Four session study guide included. --Zondervan

ADULTS 250
BREEN

Breen, Mike. **Family on Mission: Integrating Discipleship into the Fabric of Our Everyday Lives.** Pawleys Island, S.C: 3 Dimension Ministries, 2014.

Summary: When God wanted to act on his promise to save the world, he started with a family and gave them a mission. He spoke to Abram and his household and they became a family on mission. We see Jesus operating in the same way, gathering an extended-family-like group of disciples around himself before embarking on his mission. Jesus needed a family on mission. Within the Trinity, the unity of God is expressed in a diversity of persons, which means that at the very heart of God's nature is a family on mission. And thus God's preferred mode of operation has always been family on mission. Without that texture, discipleship becomes programmatic and mechanical, not really producing people with the character and competency of Jesus. The good news is that today, Jesus our Brother and King is wanting to empower

us to live as covenant families caught up in kingdom mission. It seems that the Holy Spirit is moving us away from the destructive dichotomy and Family OR mission, where we can only do one or the other, away from the band-aid fix of Family AND mission, where we keep them separate and manage boundaries and margins, toward the integrated life of family ON mission, where we wholeheartedly embrace being part of a covenant community AND with those people, play our part in God's kingdom mission. This book is about our journey in leading a family on mission, as well as looking deeply at how Jesus built his family on mission in the Gospels, as well as practical strategies for growing as a family on mission, imitating Jesus as his disciples. --3DM

ADULTS 253
BREEN

Breen, Mike. **Huddle Leader Guide: A Path for Your First Year of Leading Huddle.** Pawleys Island, S.C: 3 Dimension Ministries, 2012.

Summary: It can feel daunting know where to start with leading a Huddle. There are so many different things you can do, so many places you could take the people you're investing in. You've been in a Huddle...but leading one is something else altogether! The Huddle Leader Guide provides a flexible, freedom in a framework that takes you through the first year of your Huddle. It is the perfect resource to walk alongside of Building a Discipling Culture as you take this journey. --3DM

Content Notes:

- Part 1: Before you Begin: Purpose of this Leader Guide -- How to use the Leader Guide -- What is a Huddle? -- Spiritual Formation Process -- Trusting the Process -- Content + Context -- Value of the Tools -- Huddle is not Discipleship -- Calibrating Invitation + Challenge -- Before your Huddle begins -- Framework and Freedom -- Sample Huddle outline -- Part 2: Year 1 Framework: Interval 1: Invitation + Challenge -- Interval 2: Spiritual breakthrough -- Interval 3: Scripture defining reality -- Interval 4: Rhythms of Life -- Interval 5: Balanced and deepening relationships -- Interval 6: Multiplying missional disciples -- Interval 7: Personal calling -- Interval 8: Prayer -- Interval 9: Communal spiritual health -- Interval 10: Relational mission -- Part 3: After Year 1 + Appendix: What does Huddle look like after the first year? -- Huddle on mission suggested ideas -- Character/Skills questions

ADULTS 261
SWEET

Sweet, Leonard I. **SoulTsunami: Sink or Swim in New Millennium Culture : 10 Life Rings for You and Your Church.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 1999.

Summary: Road rage, animal rights, cyberporn, crystal healing, doctor-assisted suicide — everywhere we look, the signs all tell us we're living in a post-Christian culture. Or are we? Leonard Sweet -- cultural historian, preacher, futurist, creatologist, and preeminent thinker -- firmly believes we live today in a pre-Christian society, fraught with challenges, dangers, critical choices, and above all, tremendous potential for the church. The outcome will depend on our response to today's flood of religious pluralism that threatens to sweep us away. What will we do? Deny the reality of the incoming surge? "Hunker in the bunker," hermetically sealing ourselves in an increasingly out-of-touch church counterculture? Or will we boldly hoist our sails, and -- looking to God for guidance and strength -- move with confidence and purpose over the waves. SoulTsunami is a fascinating, even mind-numbing look at the implications of our changing world for the church in the 21st century. With uncanny wisdom and trademark wit, Leonard Sweet explores ten key "futuribles" (precision guesses that fall short of predictions), expanding on and relating topics ranging from the reentry of theism and spiritual longing in contemporary society, to the impact of modern technology,

to the global renaissance, to models for the church to reach people caught in the cultural maelstrom. Here are eye-opening perspectives on the church from within and from without — from its surrounding society. Lively, well-written, and provocative, SoulTsunami is a clarion call for Christians to remove their tunnel-vision glasses and take a good look at the swelling postmodern flood. It also is a voice of encouragement, affirming the church in its role as God's lifeboat. And it is a passionate, prophetic guide, pointing the way to reach a world swept out to sea. --Zondervan

ADULTS 262
CHURCH
MUTUAL

Wrongful Termination. Harassment. Discrimination: Avoiding Employment Law Pitfalls. Merrill, Wis: Church Mutual Insurance Company, 2007.

Summary: Two noted attorneys cover four areas of employment management — all to help you avoid expensive, time-consuming legal actions. --Church Mutual Insurance Company

ADULTS
262.2 HEATH

Heath, Elaine A. **Missional, Monastic, Mainline : A Guide to Starting Missional Micro-Communities in Historically Mainline Traditions .** Eugene, Oregon : Cascade Books, [2014].

Summary: "Here is the long-awaited volume that provides both the theoretical foundations and practical guidance for developing new monastic and missional communities in contexts that are theologically progressive, racially and economically diverse, and multicultural. This book contains the wisdom and perspectives of people who live and serve in missional, new monastic communities in United Methodist and other mainline traditions, and it describes new forms of theological education that are emerging to resource a new generation of Christian leaders. Heath and Duggins challenge Methodists, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and other Christians to reach into their own robust, mainline heritage for resources to develop small, intentional communities that practice a rigorous life of prayer, hospitality, and justice"--Page 4 of cover.

ADULTS
263.94
BAYLOR

Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics. Waco, Tex: The Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2015.

Summary: On Pentecost Sunday we recall the gift of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples and rejoice in the Spirit's continuing comfort, guidance, and intercession for us. Since the crowd at Pentecost were devout Jews resettled in Jerusalem, Aaron Kuecker assumes they shared a language. Hearing Christ's spirit-filled disciples speak to them in their birth-languages was the subversion of shared language and culture as a necessary basis for common identity. Bill Shiell explains how Peter reinterpreted the feast of Pentecost and the marvelous events as fulfilling Joel's prophecy for old and young, male and female, and slaves. Alicia Myers reminds us the disciples and their churches were imperfect and unfinished by the inclusive standards established that day. Brandon Dahm draws attention to "the ordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit - the ones that grace the Messiah: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, piety, courage, and fear of the Lord - for they are part of something equally marvelous: our being drawn into friendship with God." Exploring the mysterious role of the Spirit in praying for us, whether we are aware of it or not, Timothy Wiarda writes, "God knows our hearts and is intimately acquainted with our groaning. And that should cause us to love and praise him." Heidi Hornik compares how four artists over ten centuries portrayed the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Carmen Butcher explores the importance of the Spirit in Hildegard of Bingen's thought as expressed in her prose, poetry, and illuminations. --Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor

University

Content Notes:

- "The Spirit's Gift and Witness: Communities of Reconciled Difference," / Aaron J. Kuecker -- "Dreams, Visions, and Prophecies," / Alicia D. Myers -- "Friendship with the Holy Spirit," / Brandon Dahm -- "When the Holy Spirit Intercedes," / Timothy J. Wiarda -- "'Supreme and Fiery Force,'" / Carmen Acevedo Butcher

ADULTS 268 Seymour, Jack L. **Teaching Biblical Faith : Leading Small Group Bible**
SEYMOUR **Studies** . Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2015.

Summary: Biblical faith is a lens for viewing life, and Jack Seymour refreshingly illustrates how the reading of scripture is a resource for ongoing theological reflection connecting experience, vocation, daily life, and faith. Teaching has concrete consequences affecting the very ways people of faith view the world and make decisions for living. It matters; it makes a difference in how people think and act. Written in an accessible style, the book provides a manageable way to inspire conversation about the many ways the Bible can be taught, the purposes and outcomes of each approach, and how biblical wisdom shapes personal and corporate decision-making. Useful strategies for leading group Bible study help congregations respond faithfully to the Biblical witness and cultivate a whole congregation approach to Bible study. -- Cokesbury

ADULTS **The Church of the Perfect Storm** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, 2008.

270.83 **Summary:** An array of cultural forces is coming together to present the church with unprecedented challenge and unequalled opportunity. Such
SWEET "category 5" realities as postmodernism, postChristendom attacks on belief in God, and the threat of global warming have coalesced to make a "perfect storm" that will leave people uncertain of their place in the world, and all they have previously believed in. Like the disciples when Jesus calmed the storm, the church can cower and cry out for relief. Or, when everything is spinning and whirling in the wind, the church can go out to meet the storm, embrace the gale, . . . and pass out kites. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Outstorming Christianity's perfect storm -- Man overboard! -- In sync with Jesus and the first perfect stormers -- Seasoned sailors -- Exposing our murky motives -- Reorienting the church of the twenty-first century -- The perfect storm as paradigmatic theory -- Mid-storm equations for the emerging church -- The tides are turning -- The relationships of winds and waves -- Between spirit and culture -- Celestial storms : dreaming of novae -- Manual and chart notes for stormy seas.

ADULTS Phillips, Laura A. W. **Legacy of Faith : Rural Methodist Churches in North**
726.509756 **Carolina** . Charlotte, N.C. : Duke Endowment, 2010.

PHILLIPS **Summary:** James B. Duke grew up knowing the significance that churches held in rural communities. "My old daddy always said that if he amounted to anything in life it was due to the Methodist circuit riders who frequently visited his home and whose preaching and counsel brought out the best that was in him," he once said. "If I amount to anything in this world, I owe it to my daddy and the Methodist church." In the Indenture of Trust that created The Duke Endowment, James B. Duke set aside support for the building and maintenance of United Methodist churches in rural North Carolina. This lasting legacy still strengthens clergy and congregations today. A new book, "Legacy of Faith," celebrates those churches, their architecture, history and service. Commissioned by The Duke Endowment, the book is available in North Carolina at Cokesbury stores and at the Gothic Bookshop at Duke University.

With photographs by Tim Buchman and stories by Laura Phillips, the book is intended to show the diversity of communities in North Carolina and include various geographic regions. "Legacy of Faith" invites readers to enjoy these North Carolina treasures and the congregations that set out to build them. -- The Duke Endowment

CHILDREN
248.6
HARNISH

Harnish, James A. **Earn. Save. Give. Children's Leader Guide: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Searching for Wisdom -- 2. Earn All You Can -- 3. Save All You Can -- 4. Give All You Can -- 5. Bonus Activities

YOUTH 248.6
HARNISH

Harnish, James A. **Earn. Save. Give. Youth Study Book: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2015.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction: Get on the John Wesley Financial Plan -- 1. We Don't Need More Money; We Need Wisdom -- 2. Earn All You Can -- 3. Save All You Can -- 4. Give All You Can -- Notes

YOUTH
248.83
ARMSTRONG

Armstrong, Aaron. **Called Out! DVD: Kingdom Living for Missional Teens.** Minneapolis, Minn: Christians for Biblical Equality, 2015.

Summary: This is the video for the curriculum, Called Out! Kingdom Living for Missional Teens. It contains six 5-7 minute clips to introduce each chapter. God did not create people to just lounge around in a garden, nap in the sun, and pop grapes. We were made to be active agents in creation, God's ambassadors to the world! This theologically-rich curriculum traces the missional meta-narrative woven throughout Scripture, from creation and the call of Abraham to Christ's revolutionary kingdom and the Spirit-empowered church. Students will be equipped with practical ideas on how to live purposefully as part of the body of Christ, and challenged to go "all in," developing their gifts and pursuing God's calling on their life, regardless of

gender. Each session contains: A Bible reading; A narrative overview of the Bible reading, focusing on the session's theme; Discussion questions to facilitate conversation—no "yes or no" questions or fluffy fill-in-the-blanks; A hands-on group activity for tangible learning; Focus on God's missional call regardless of gender. --Christians for Biblical Equality