

New Resources May 2020

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ADULTS
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HARPER

Harper, Steve. *Holy Love: A Biblical Theology for Human Sexuality*. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: The question about what the Bible says concerning human sexuality and marriage is no longer up for debate...at least for many conservatives. For progressives, the issues are not that simple. Author Steve Harper presents a fresh, rigorous, yet concise, theological examination of the Bible's teaching on human sexuality, showing that there are ways to interpret Scripture other than the conservative interpretation. *Holy Love* is for anyone interested in understanding the Bible's teaching on this fundamental component of human life, but is especially important for the church leaders and small groups who want to make the constructive case that biblical, Christian teaching is compatible with faithful, covenantal love and intimacy amidst all sexual orientations. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Prologue: And so it began -- The journey -- The hermeneutic -- The passages -- The life -- Epilogue: And so it continues.-- Appendix A: You Are Loved--Appendix B: A Word to Nonaffirming Christians

ADULTS
227.87
DESILVA

DeSilva, David Arthur. *Hebrews DVD: Grace and Gratitude*. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Connecting God's grace in our lives with the call to invest ourselves in God's mission. Perhaps there is no better time than now for us to study gratitude and grace. Author and New Testament scholar David deSilva traces these themes through the book of Hebrews, helping us to see the connection between God's grace in our lives and the gratitude we can express for our salvation when we answer the call to invest ourselves in God's mission in the world. In *Hebrews: Grace and Gratitude*, deSilva helps us discover a bold perspective on the meaning and significance of Jesus' death and resurrection in light of the Old Testament, allowing us to hear afresh God's call to a life of faithfulness. Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD and a comprehensive Leader Guide. The 6-session DVD features David deSilva 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. The Sermon's Setting and the Son's Glory (10:01) -- 2. Threshold Moments (10:35) -- 3. Responding Gracefully to Grace (10:57) -- 4. A Full, Perfect, and Sufficient Sacrifice (10:43) -- 5. Faithful Response in Action (10:44) -- 6. A Summons to Persevere in Gratitude (10:09)

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ADULTS
248.32
TYSON

Tyson, John R. ***Praying with the Wesleys: Foundations of Methodist Spirituality***. Nashville, TN, Foundry Books, 2019.

Summary: Prayerful living results in a grace-filled life. Richly illustrated with prayers, hymns, and reflective writings from John, Charles, and Susanna Wesley, this book looks at the roots, impact, and trajectories of early Methodist spirituality, hoping that this exploration will help us chart a new course for the "people called Methodist" as we sail the rough seas of our time. Every Christian knows that prayer is foundational. It is a way we communicate with God and grow into a deeper relationship with God. In prayer, at our "listening post," God speaks with us. In our Methodist tradition, we believe, as did the Wesleys, that prayer a means of grace. Given the importance of prayer for discipleship and leadership, it behooves us to regularly pray with discipline and intentional methods. In this book, we will examine how John, Charles, and Susanna Wesley prayed; what theological and practical concerns motivated them in their own prayer and Christian pilgrimage; and how we too can become more faithful witnesses for Christ. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.4
MORRIS

Morris, Michelle J. ***Gospel Discipleship Congregation Guide: 4 Pathways for Christian Discipleship.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: "Individuals, as well as congregations, bring their own unique sets of skills and gifts to the mission field. With Gospel Discipleship, they can learn how to engage in self-reflection which can then help them define a path to discipleship that fits their own context. The Participant Guide provides individuals with assessment tools to help them clarify their path and the Congregation Guide functions as a program leader guide and helps assess and define discipleship paths for a church as a whole. Both can provide your church the encouragement it needs to step into the mission field"-- --Provided by publisher.

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ADULTS
248.46
HEUERTZ

Heuertz, Christopher L. ***The Enneagram of Belonging: A Compassionate Journey of Self-Acceptance.*** Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan Thrive, 2020.

Summary: For the Enneagram enthusiast looking to deepen their transformation, *The Enneagram of Belonging* offers an enlightening, enriching path forward. Many have discovered the Enneagram to be a powerful tool for self-understanding, yet knowing ourselves doesn't necessarily mean we accept ourselves. Most of us tend to curate the personality of our type: leading with the traits we perceive as positive, and sidelining the traits that cause us shame. But what if it all belonged? Rather than furthering our own fragmentation, what if we dared to make peace with the whole of who we are with bold compassion? *The Enneagram of Belonging* is your guide to this essential journey. While most contemporary Enneagram books stop at the descriptions of the nine types, Enneagram teacher and *The Sacred Enneagram* bestselling author Chris Heuertz uncovers the missing link in our journey of living into our true self: radical self-compassion that can bring us back to belonging. Rather than get stuck on stereotypes or curated personality, Heuertz proposes we develop an honest relationship with our type, confronting our "inner dragons," practicing self-compassion, and thereby coming to fully belong to ourselves--and, ultimately, to love itself. In this in-depth examination of the Enneagram of Personality, you will discover: A fresh, compassionate way of understanding your childhood wound, which Heuertz reframes as your kidlife crisis; Your unique subtype and how this colors your dominant type, plus how to work with your Enneagram instinct; Practical insight to help you find freedom from your type's Passions and Fixations; Your personalized path back to belonging, as you come home to your true self . . . and much more. As a masterful mapmaker and trailblazer of grace, Heuertz casts a vision for how we can create a better world. The truth is how we treat ourselves is how we treat others, so let's start with compassion, and let this outflow into our relationships, communities, and world. --Cokesbury

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Heuertz, Christopher L. ***The Enneagram of Belonging Workbook: Mapping Your Unique Path to Self-Acceptance***. Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan Thrive, 2020.

Summary: Imagine who you might become if you could make peace with the whole of who you are, rather than over-identifying with the "best" of your type or rejecting the "worst" of its expressions. If self-awareness is the first step of the journey, self-acceptance is the next, and practicing compassion toward oneself becomes essential. In this interactive companion to *The Enneagram of Belonging*, Enneagram teacher and bestselling author Chris Heuertz offers a fresh take on the Enneagram of Personality toward true transformation. Through guided space for self-reflection, practical prompts, and illuminating insights, *The Enneagram of Belonging Workbook* will help you: Break free from the stereotypes and surface treatment of your type toward a deeper understanding of identity; Understand how your "kidlife crisis" has shaped your personality structure; Make peace with the whole of who you are through radical self-acceptance; Confront your "inner dragons" gently, with compassion, toward lasting change; Chart your personalized path back to belonging, as you come home to your true self. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.85
WILLIMON

Willimon, William H. ***Aging: Growing Old in Church***. Grand Rapids, Baker Academic, a division of Baker Publishing Group, 2020.

Summary: "A seasoned pastor and church leader reflects on aging as a spiritual journey and offers practical advice on helping others with the challenges of retirement, aging, caring for the aging, and finding faith in the last quarter of life"-- --Provided by publisher.

Content Notes:

- Aging with Scripture -- The Storm of Aging -- Retiring with God -- Successful Aging -- With God in the Last Quarter of Life -- Growing Old in Church -- Ending in God.

ADULTS 248.86 Brueggemann, Walter. ***Virus as a Summons to Faith: Biblical Reflections in a Time of Loss, Grief, and Uncertainty.*** Eugene, Oregon, Cascade Books, 2020.

Summary: Why bother with the interpretive categories of biblical faith when in fact our energy and interest are focused on more immediate matters? The answer is simple and obvious. We linger because, in the midst of our immediate preoccupation with our felt jeopardy and our hope for relief, our imagination does indeed range beyond the immediate to larger, deeper wonderments. Our free-ranging imagination is not finally or fully contained in the immediacy of our stress, anxiety, and jeopardy. Beyond these demanding immediacies, we have a deep sense that our life is not fully contained in the cause-and-effect reasoning of the Enlightenment that seeks to explain and control. There is more than that and other than that to our life in God's world! --Publisher

ADULTS 248.86 DeVega, Magrey R. ***Hope for Hard Times Leader Guide: Lessons on Faith from Elijah and Elisha.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Open your eyes, and open your hands to find hope from God in hard times There is hope for you in hard times. Your story of hurt, heartache, and hopelessness has been heard, and God has a message for you: don't give up, don't lose hope. God is with you and will give you everything you need. It's the same message God gave to Elijah when he was so alone he hid in a cave. And it's the same message he gave to Elisha when he was surrounded by his enemies. In Hope for Hard Times you'll discover how these two great, biblical prophets trusted God to find a way for them. Read these stories, pray, and listen as you receive encouragement and guidance for whatever you are facing today. Components for this 4-session study include the book and a Leader Guide. The Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the four-week study including session plans, activities, and discussion questions, as well as multiple format options. -- Cokesbury

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POWE

Powe, Jr., F. Douglas. ***The Adept Church: Navigating Between a Rock and a Hard Place***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: "Your church is in decline and some tough decisions need to be made. But members of your congregation are too close to the situation to see what's happening. How do you get them to take an honest "look in the mirror" to understand the current situation? What's more, how should they respond once they've assessed the situation? The Adept Church helps congregations develop realistic road maps for navigating between a rock and a hard place with a clear process for defining reality—a process based on strategic decisions concerning where the church needs to go and not where it is currently. A theologically grounded, yet practical guide for church leaders seeking to save their churches"-- --Provided by publisher.