

New Resources November 2014

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ADULTS 200.973 **Religious Diversity in America.** Huntsville, Tex: Educational Video
EDUCATIONAL Network, ©2004.

Summary: In America there are a variety of cultures that are defined by many different religions. Discover the elements of Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism. Take this opportunity to learn about these beliefs and the systems that guide them. Students will learn about belief systems including pluralism, polytheism, monotheism and exclusivism. Students will learn general concepts that may be applied to religion as a whole. --Educational Video Network

ADULTS 205.698 **Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics.** Waco, Tex: The
BAYLOR Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2014.

Summary: The role of anger in the Christian life seems problematic. Our contributors help us discern when is it a necessary spur to recognize and confront evil, and when it becomes a capital vice, or "deadly sin," we must avoid. "A person who cannot get angry is seriously defective," Bob Roberts explains. But he warns that inappropriate anger can become habitual, and then things get ugly: "When anger gets deep and pervasive in a life it really does kill love and everything lovely." To counter this, Ryan West explores the Christian tradition for practical guidance, including the anger antidotes of watchfulness, practicing virtue, and prayer. In the Gospels, "the way Jesus handles his anger provides a model for Christians today," Steven Voorwinde writes. So, why were early Christians so reluctant to say God (or Christ) is ever angry? Michael McCarthy notes, "They were deeply sensitive to the destructive consequences of human anger, and feared it would be the context in which believers came to understand divine wrath." Dan Johnson and Adam Pelser explore why "we reserve our severest wrath for those we love most." Julie Exline asks, "Can we be angry at God and still love God?" And Nathan Corbitt introduces prophetic artists who are helping their communities deal with abuse, torture, and trafficking, and the anger it causes. The study guides and lesson plans integrate Bible study, prayer, and worship to help us understand the role of anger in the Christian life. The guides can be used in a series or individually. You may download and reproduce them for personal or group use. --Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University

Content Notes:

- "Anger in the Christian Life," by Robert C. Roberts -- "Getting Rid of Inappropriate Anger," by Ryan West -- "Jesus and Anger: Does He Practice What He Preaches?" by Stephen Voorwinde -- "Divine Wrath and Human Anger," by Michael C. McCarthy, S. J. -- "When Love Turns to Anger," by Daniel M. Johnson and Adam C. Pelser -- "Getting Angry at God," by Julie J. Exline

ADULTS 220.07 **What's in the Bible About the Holy Spirit, Church, & Life Together?:**
ABINGDON **Leader eTools.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, ©2008.

Summary: This Leader eTool accompanies the study books: What's in the Bible About the Holy Spirit?, What's in the Bible About Church?, What's in the Bible About Life Together? The study series, What's in the Bible and Why Should I Care? offers opportunities for you to explore these questions and others by opening the Bible, reading it, prayerfully reflecting on what the Bible readings say, and applying the readings to daily life. In this unique and engaging Bible study, you will read the Bible for answers to the

question, What's in the Bible? and reflect upon what you read in order to discover answers to the question, Why Should I Care? You will find the following resources on the Leader eTool: Leader Guides for each of the three study books, PowerPoint presentations for each study book, Instructions for Praying the Bible, Suggestions for organizing and leading a group, Poster, flyer, and postcard copy for publicity and registration. -- Cokesbury

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ADULTS 220.07
BAYLOR

Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics. Waco, Tex: The Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2014.

Summary: The deep wellspring of Christian moral reflection is Scripture. Our contributors explore Christian practices that help us read the Bible in a way that allows it to question our presuppositions and transform our discipleship. Since the Bible's "mysterious climax in the Father's sending of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit places us in a coherent drama," Daniel Treier and Stephen Pardue explain, "we read for neither information nor inspiration alone, but fellowship" with the Triune God. Todd Billings surveys a developing school of theological interpretation of Scripture. Stephen Chapman challenges some ways of reading the Bible that leave us in control and reduce it to a commodity. To read Scripture afresh, Andrew Selby adds some pre-modern scripture commentaries to our reading list. "Patristic and medieval biblical interpreters can help us relearn reading Scripture within the story of salvation," he explains. Kathy Maxwell commends the performance of biblical stories, because this "gives Scripture freedom to work in the lives of the hearers in refreshing and unexpected ways." Christine McSpadden offers advice for preaching and hearing the so-called "difficult" biblical passages. The study guides and lesson plans integrate Bible study, prayer, and worship explore the nature of church membership and its implications for the Christian moral life. The guides can be used in a series or individually. You may download and reproduce them for personal or group use. --Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University

Content Notes:

- "A Trinitarian Way of Reading Scripture," by Daniel J. Treier and Stephen T. Pardue -- "The Journey of Reading Scripture" by J. Todd Billings -- "Studying the Word of God," by Stephen B. Chapman -- "Reading the Beatitudes like a Christian," by Andrew Selby -- "Preaching Scripture Faithfully," by Christine T. McSpadden

ADULTS 220.07
WOOD

Wood, Cindi. **Anonymous: Discovering the Somebody You Are to God.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Women, 2014.

Summary: At one time or another, every woman has felt overlooked, unimportant, and bruised by the world. But there's good news. While the opinion of others may drag us down, the God who created us has an entirely different opinion of who we are. That's because we are His creations, and everything He created is good! Women today are searching for ways to make a difference in their daily lives. Whether they are working women, stay-at-home moms, or women moving into their retirement years, they all want to be a somebody who makes a positive impact in the world around them. The Bible is filled with "anonymous" women who made a significant impact in God's story. Anonymous helps

women discover their uniqueness and significance to Christ by exploring some of the "anonymous" women of the Bible. Though we do not know their names, they all were known and loved by God. Each week of this six-session study begins with an overview of the anonymous woman's story, including background material with relevance to the cultural lifestyles and surroundings of the day. The daily lessons explore her story and the ways that all women can relate to her. Contemporary "anonymous" stories and quotes from everyday women are sprinkled throughout, reinforcing the very personal relevance of this powerful study. Together women will explore and grow in their relationship with Christ as they find their significance in the heart of God. The Leader Kit includes the following components: Participant Book, Leader Guide, DVD, and a Preview Book. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Week 1: Shades of Anonymous (25:00) -- Week 2: The Woman Who Anointed Jesus (25:00) -- Week 3: The Woman with the Issue of Blood (25:00) -- Week 4: The Woman at the Well (25:00) -- Week 5: The Woman Who Committed Adultery (25:00) -- Week 6: Rhythm of Grace (25:00)

ADULTS 222.11
MOORE

Moore, Beth. **The Patriarchs: [Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob]**. Nashville, Tenn: LifeWay, 2005.

Summary: The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Audio CDs by Beth Moore contain the audio portion (11 CDs) of the teaching segments in this women's Bible study. The set comes in a CD-size zipper case and a PDF of the listening guide is included on the first CD. Great for extended groups, catch-up sessions, or leader/participant personal review. The Patriarchs is an in-depth Bible study of Genesis 12-50. Discover God's pursuit of a relationship with man, and marvel as His plan to bless all people unfolds. Full of twists and turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery this Bible study keeps participants captivated by the God who stars in it! Explore concepts such as blessing, covenant, and promise, and the bearing each has on a New Testament believer's life today. Group members will also study the Hebrew names of God introduced on the early pages of Scripture. --LifeWay

ADULTS 224.5
MOORE

Moore, Beth. **Daniel: [Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy]**. Nashville, Tenn: LifeWay, [2006].

Summary: Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy - Audio CDs by Beth Moore contain the audio portion (12 CDs) of the teaching segments in this women's Bible study. The set comes in a CD-size zipper case and a PDF of the listening guide is included on the first CD. Great for extended groups, catch-up sessions, or leader/participant personal review. Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy Bible study is a faith-building study of Bible prophecy and how individuals can live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers in Jesus Christ face many of the same trials. Join Beth Moore for an in-depth look at the life of Daniel. -- LifeWay

ADULTS 225.92
MOORE

Moore, Beth. **To Live Is Christ: [The Life and Ministry of Paul]**. Nashville, Tenn: LifeWay, 1997.

Summary: To Live Is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul - Audio CDs by Beth Moore contain the audio portion (10 CDs) of the teaching segments

in this Bible study for women. The set comes in a CD-size zipper case and a PDF of the listening guide is included on the first CD. Great for extended groups, catch-up sessions, or leader/participant personal review. To Live Is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul women's Bible study is an 10-week journey through the New Testament Book of Acts and the Letters of Paul and presents fascinating Bible truths to help members gain a new appreciation of servanthood and why Paul said "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Join Beth Moore in a journey to discover a greater appreciation for Paul's unflagging faith and undying devotion to servanthood. --LifeWay

ADULTS 232.1
CONNELLY

Connelly, Douglas. **The Messiah : The Texts Behind Handel's Masterpiece : 8 Studies for Individuals or Groups** . Downers Grove, IL : InterVarsity Press, 2014.

Summary: Perfect for Advent or Lent, this study guide explores some of the key passages in the Old Testament about the Messiah and their completion in the life and saving work of Jesus. These passages have had a profound effect on the imagination and worship of Christians for two thousand years, leading George Frederic Handel to write one of the greatest expressions of worship and adoration—his oratorio, the Messiah. We hear parts of it sung every year during the Christmas season, but what many listeners fail to realize is that the entire text of Handel's Messiah is drawn from Scripture—and many of the Old Testament passages that shaped Israel's hope for their Redeemer are included in that text. This guide leads you through Scripture passages used in Handel's work that highlight who Jesus is and what he came to do. It might change the way you listen to the Messiah. Even more, it might change the way you live. -- InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Getting the Most Out of The Messiah -- 1. His Name Is Wonderful, Messiah's Character, Isaiah 9:6-7 -- 2. The Virgin Will Be with Child, Messiah's Birth, Isaiah 7:1-16; Matthew 1:18-25 -- 3. The Lame Will Walk, Messiah's Miracles, Isaiah 35:3-6; Matthew 11:1-6 -- 4. Why Have You Forsaken Me? Messiah's Death, Psalm 22:1-21 -- 5. Pierced for Our Transgressions, Messiah's Sacrifice, Isaiah 53:1-10 -- 6. The Path of Life, Messiah's Resurrection, Psalm 16:7-11; Acts 2:22-32 -- 7. Lift Up Your Heads, Messiah's Exaltation, Psalm 24 -- 8. The Clouds of Heaven, Messiah's Return, Daniel 7:9-14; Revelation 19:1-16 -- Leader's Notes

ADULTS 232.91
BETAFILM

Mary of Nazareth. [Place of publication not identified]: Betafilm GmbH, 2013.

Summary: Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in High Definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling and inspired portrayal of Mary. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his passion and death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection. Includes many Special Features – Interview with Alissa Jung; "Backstage" film segment; Film Photos Slide Show; Interview with Fr. Don Calloway; Music Video with song "Pieta"; 24 page Collector's Booklet & Study Guide; and more. --Vision Video

ADULTS 248.4
CRISSMAN

Crissman, Beth. **Longing to Belong Facilitator's Guide: Learning to Relate as the Body of Christ.** Muncie, Ind: Prayer Point Press, ©2004.

Summary: Life is all about the relationship, and in every relationship, there is conflict. Conflict is natural, inevitable, and actually essential to refine who we are, whose we are, and what we are to be about. In fact, conflict does not harm us, but how we respond to conflict can. Longing to Belong equips us to navigate through the inevitable "storms" in all of our relationships at home, at work, and even at church. Used in hundreds of churches and thousands of homes around the world, this study contains both the theological and practical tools needed to strengthen your life and ministries together. --Plowpoint, Inc.

Content Notes:

- Introduction: Study Overview -- Introductory Session: Longing of Believers -- Session One: Made to Belong -- Session Two: Nature of Belonging -- Session Three: Choosing to Belong -- Session Four: Beyond the Boundaries of Belonging -- Session Five: The Struggle to Belong -- Session Six: Responding to Our Struggle -- Session Seven: Skills of Belonging -- Session Eight: The Nature of the Vine -- Session Nine: Healthy Good-Byes

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Content Notes:

- Introductory Session: Longing of Believers (9:13) -- Session One: Made to Belong (11:14) -- Session Two: Nature of Belonging (7:29) -- Session Three: Choosing to Belong (10:41) -- Session Four: Beyond the Boundaries of Belonging (8:30) -- Session Five: The Struggle to Belong (8:15) -- Session Six: Responding to Our Struggle (13:58) -- Session Seven: Skills of Belonging (17:26) -- Session Eight: The Nature of the Vine (9:39) -- Session Nine: Healthy Good-Byes (9:00)

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of Belonging -- Session Five: The Struggle to Belong -- Session Six: Responding to Our Struggle -- Session Seven: Skills of Belonging -- Session Eight: The Nature of the Vine -- Session Nine: Healthy Good-Byes -- Bibliography

ADULTS 248.4
GUNDERSON

Gunderson, Gary. **Leading Causes of Life Study Guide: Study Guide for Small Groups.**

Summary: PowerPoint presentations and a PDF study guide for use with the book, Leading Causes of Life.

Content Notes:

- Session 1: Introduction -- Session 2: Connection -- Session 3: Coherence -- Session 4: Agency -- Session 5: Blessing & Hope -- Session 6: Summary -- Study Guide

ADULTS 248.4
MOORE

Moore, Beth. **Believing God: [Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith].** Nashville, Tenn: LifeWay, 2004.

Summary: Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith Audio CDs by Beth Moore contain the audio portion (10 CDs) of the teaching segments of this Bible study. The set comes in a CD-size zipper case and a PDF of the listening guide is included on the first CD. Great for extended groups, catch-up sessions, or leader/participant personal review. Believing God is a women's Bible study is based on Isaiah 43:10 and explores what it means not only "to believe in God" but "to believe Him." The bride of Jesus Christ in our generation is nearly paralyzed by unbelief. God is calling His bride to a fresh and lavish anointing of faith. Through studying the lives of Abraham, Moses, and others as examples of persons who believed God, Beth encourages women to deepen their own trust in God and receive a fresh word from Him. --LifeWay

ADULTS 248.4
ORTBERG

Ortberg, John. **God is Closer Than You Think: Resource CD-ROM.** Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2004.

Summary: The God is Closer Than You Think CD-ROM contains a variety of materials to help you launch a church-wide campaign for God is Closer Than You Think in your church. --Container

Content Notes:

- Video Message from John Ortberg -- Campaign Overview -- Promotional Tools -- Sermon Tools -- Bonus Sample Sermon

ADULTS 248.4
WARREN

Warren, Richard. **The Purpose Driven Life: What On Earth Am I Here For?.**

Summary: This new, expanded edition of The Purpose Driven Life, created for a new generation of reader, includes: Video introductions by Rick Warren to chapters 1-40. An audio Bible study at the end of each chapter, with over 30 additional hours of teaching by Rick Warren. Two new bonus chapters on the most common barriers to living a purpose driven life. Access to an online community where you can discuss your journey to purpose, get feedback, and receive support. Living out the purpose you were created for moves you beyond mere survival and success to a life of significance---the life you were meant to live. On your journey you'll find the answers to 3 of life's most important questions: The Question of Existence: Why am I alive? The Question of Significance: Does my life matter? The Question of Purpose: What on earth am I here for? -- Zondervan

ADULTS 248.4

Weece, Jon. **Jesus Prom Study Guide: Life Gets Fun When You Love**

WEECE

People Like God Does. Nashville, Tenn: Nelson Books, ©2014.

Summary: Jesus loved verbs. He loved action words such as live, come, rest, learn, hear, give, go and even die. So wouldn't it make sense that the people who claim to follow Jesus would love the same words that Jesus loved? Unfortunately, somewhere along the way someone tried to make the word "Christian" an adjective. So now people speak of "Christian" books and "Christian" music and "Christian" schools. When people use the word "Christian" as an adjective instead of a noun, it loses its meaning. Maybe this explains why so many churches have lost their purpose. In Jesus Prom, Jon Weece explains how our goal as Christians is to become increasingly more like Jesus. Jesus loved people, which means we should love people. We don't "kind of" love people—we love them the way Jesus loves us. We impersonate his every move. If imitation is the greatest form of flattery, Jesus should be flattered by the actions of his Church. This study guide includes discussion questions, video notes, and in-between studies and is designed for use with Jesus Prom: A DVD Study. --Thomas Nelson

ADULTS 248.4
WEECE

Weece, Jon. **Jesus Prom: Life Gets Fun When You Love People Like God Does.** Nashville, Tenn: Thomas Nelson, Inc, 2014.

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Content Notes:

- 1. Love (26:00) -- 2. Be (19:00) -- 3. See (19:00) -- 4. Dance (17:00) -- 5. Give (16:00) -- 6. Remember (16:00)

ADULTS 248.4
WILLARD

Willard, Dallas. **Living in Christ's Presence : Final Words on Heaven and the Kingdom of God .** Downers Grove, Illinois : IVP Books, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, [2014].

Summary: In these pages, Dallas Willard explores what it means to live well now in light of God's kingdom. He reflects on the power of the Trinity in our lives, the meaning of knowledge, the importance of spiritual disciplines and much more. Dallas Willard offers poignant thoughts about what it will be like to transition into the very presence of Christ in heaven. This book is adapted from the talks given at the February 2013 Dallas Willard Center "Knowing Christ Today" conference in Santa Barbara, California. Each chapter is followed with an illuminating dialogue between Dallas Willard and John Ortberg. The book closes with the theme of offering a blessing to one another. These reflections form an apt conclusion to Dallas Willard's public ministry. It is a gift of grace. A conversation guide written by Gary W. Moon is included. Also available is the companion Living in Christ's Presence DVD. --IVP Books

Content Notes:

- How to live well: eternal life begins now -- Who are the experts on life transformation? -- How to step into the kingdom and live there -- Experiential knowledge of the trinity -- Understanding the person: including the invisible parts -- The importance of Christian disciplines -- Blessing.

ADULTS 248.4
WILLARD

Willard, Dallas. **Living in Christ's Presence: Final Words on Heaven and the Kingdom of God.** Downers Grove, Illinois: formatio, ©2013.

Summary: "Eternal Life Begins Now." This is the title of Dallas Willard's opening message at the February 2013 Dallas Willard Center "Knowing Christ Today" conference in Santa Barbara, California. The series of seven talks explores what it means to live well now in light of God's kingdom. In this seven-hour, two-disc video presentation, Willard reflects on the state of the university, the meaning of knowledge, the importance of spiritual disciplines and more. Three of the sessions are taught by John Ortberg, who also serves as a conversation partner with Willard after each session. In the final session they explore what it means for us to offer a blessing to one another. You will also find a rich gift of grace in these timely videos of Dallas Willard's final lectures. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- One: How to Live Well: Eternal Life Begins Now, Dallas Willard ; Conversation: Dallas Willard and John Ortberg -- Two: Who Are the Experts on Life Transformation? John Ortberg ; Audience Q and A with John Ortberg -- Three: How to Step into the Kingdom and Live There, Dallas Willard ; Conversation: Dallas Willard and John Ortberg -- Four: Experiential Knowledge of the Trinity, John Ortberg ; Conversation: Dallas Willard and John Ortberg -- Five: Understanding the Person: Including the Invisible Parts, Dallas Willard ; Conversation: Dallas Willard and John Ortberg -- Six: The Importance of Christian Disciplines, John Ortberg ; Conversation: Dallas Willard and John Ortberg -- Seven: Blessing, Dallas Willard

ADULTS 248.476
SORG

Sorg, Kelli Summers. **Living Into the Mystery.** Bloomington, Ind: WestBow Press, ©2014.

Summary: "Living into the Mystery" combines the wit and wisdom of life experience and spiritual adventures in a series of letters that answer questions about faith and doubt, creativity, commitment, and community. Letter-writing is a lost art. Collected here are the letters of a compassionate pastor to the people who ask her questions in the strangest of places -- from airplanes to barnyards. --Back Cover

Content Notes:

- Preface -- A word about words -- Chapter 1: The Basics of Following Jesus -- Chapter 2: Connecting Grace -- Chapter 3: Committed Grace -- Chapter 4: Creative Grace -- Chapter 5: A name with which to neither curse nor conjure -- Chapter 6: Who is Jesus and how do we follow? -- Chapter 7: The Holy Spirit -- Chapter 8: s. I. n. -- Chapter 9: The Sanctuary of Prayer -- Chapter 10: Beloved Community - Other People -- Chapter 11: Conflict, Chaos, and New Creation -- Chapter 12: The Beloved Community at Worship -- Chapter 13: Spiritual Disciplines and God Alone - - Chapter 14: The Art of Theological Reflection -- Chapter 15: Vocation/Location and Impact -- Chapter 16: Forgiveness -- Chapter 17: Decision, Disappointments - Through -- Postscript -- Bibliography

ADULTS 248.845
REAMES

Reames, Cheryl. **Parenting.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, ©1994.

Summary: Helps parents find support in sharing ideas for parenting their children. Helps them develop parenting principles and skills. --Back Cover

Content Notes:

- Chapter 1: Self-Image and Self-Esteem -- Chapter 2: Discipline -- Chapter 3: Stresses -- Chapter 4: Dealing with Conflicts -- Chapter 5: Faith and the Family -- Chapter 6: Letting Go

ADULTS 248.86
MILLER

Miller, Glen E. **Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well : A Doctor Explains How to Make Death a Natural Part of Life** . Harrisonburg, Virginia. : Herald Press, [2014].

Summary: Author Dr. Glen Miller, a retired physician, had his own wake-up call when he suffered a heart attack and determined to help himself and his patients go "gently into that good night." Dr. Miller emphasizes that good preparation for the inevitable—by individuals and their families—will ease this transitional time of high stress and high emotion. The book brings a unique perspective related to the author's professional career and personal medical history—doctor of internal medicine who cared for dying patients, healthcare administrator who understands how the healthcare system works, and Christian who thinks that dying can be a natural part of life. All of this is in the context of the author's own healthcare narrative and his personal search for a good death. With compassion honed by serving overseas among poor and despairing people and the practical ideas gleaned from his medical practice, Dr. Miller provides rich guidance to aging persons to live more fully and to proactively plan for a good death. Discussion questions are included. --Herald Press

Content Notes:

- The wake-up call -- Good deaths and bad deaths -- The way we die has changed -- Dying regrets or loving memories? -- Practical ways to prepare for a good death -- Leaning forward as death approaches -- Defining beliefs and their application to end-of-life decisions -- Comfort at the time of dying through religious practices -- A good death.

ADULTS 250.92
KILLIAN

Killian, Charles D. **Climbing Mayodan Mountain: The People Who Could**. Madison, N.C: Empire Publishing, Inc, ©2006.

Summary: Climbing Mayodan Mountain is a narrative journey of parish life in a small town. Dr. Killian, in his musings and ramblings, tells the story of people who dared to rise up out of the rubble of despair and defeat. In reading the anecdotes and sketches of life and faith in the shadow of Mayodan Mountain, you might discover something of your own journey, too. --Back Cover

ADULTS 253
BARNA

Barna, George. **The Habits of Highly Effective Churches** . Ventura, Calif. : Issachar Resources, ©1998.

ADULTS 253
BREEN

Breen, Mike. **Building a Discipling Culture : How to Release a missional Movement By Discipling People Like Jesus Did**. Pawleys Island, S.C: 3 Dimension Ministries, 2011.

Summary: Much ink and many pages have been devoted to all of the missional issues facing the Western church today. As our culture becomes more post-Christian with each passing day, we are all realizing that what has worked in the past is no longer working, that we are far less effective for the Kingdom than we were even 10 years ago. But we would suggest it isn't because we don't know what the Great Commission states or the imperatives of the Gospel, or that our church services just aren't getting it done. Its because we are in the midst of a discipleship crisis in the Western church. The people sitting in our pews are rarely becoming like the people we read about in Scripture. They may come to a worship

service, join a small group or even tithe, but their lives just don't seem to look like Jesus life. The truth of the matter is that we don't have a missional problem or leadership problem in the Western church. We have a discipleship problem. If we make disciples like Jesus made them, we'll never have a problem finding leaders or seeing new people coming to faith. The central issue is that we have no idea how to make disciples who can do the things that Jesus did for the reasons Jesus did them. Building a Discipling Culture is the product of more than 25 years of hands-on discipleship practice in a post-Christian context that has turned into a worldwide discipling movement, dealing specifically with how to make the types of missional disciples Jesus spoke of. We all want to make disciples. Most of us are unsure how to do it. Dallas Willard put it this way: Every church needs to be able to answer two questions. One, do we have a plan for making disciples? Two, does our plan work? For most of our church communities, we have a plan, but the plan isn't working. If you find yourself in this situation, this book is for you. --3DM

ADULTS 254.5
BAYLOR

Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics. Waco, Tex: The Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2014.

Summary: Our modern individualist mindset makes it difficult for us to live into the biblical image of the Church as the body of Christ. In this issue our contributors explore the nature of our membership in Christ's body and its implications for the moral life. Michelle Lee-Barnewall studies the rich Pauline metaphor of membership in its first-century context to show how our life together should be rooted in mutual belonging, love, and obedience. Lindsey Brigham and Wayne Martindale explain why C. S. Lewis affirmed that "the Church...alone can sustain the sort of membership in which human life is fulfilled." Commending contemporary novelist Wendell Berry's reflections on membership, Brent Latham writes, "Berry reminds us that membership comes to us as gift and chooses us by grace, eliciting and enabling our grateful choosing and giving as response." Sometimes it is not easy to care for and encourage one another as members in Christ's body. We owe one another "mutual correction, which is the practice of giving and accepting counsel, admonishment, and rebuke as a form of spiritual rescue," Darin Davis writes. Patricia Snell Herzog surveys the variety of attitudes toward church membership among emerging adults. The study guides and lesson plans integrate Bible study, prayer, and worship explore the nature of church membership and its implications for the Christian moral life. The guides can be used in a series or individually. You may download and reproduce them for personal or group use. -- Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University

Content Notes:

- "Whose Body? Which Membership?" by Michelle Lee-Barnewall -- "Not Marching, but Dancing," by Lindsey Brigham and Wayne Martindale -- "Membered and Remembered," by Brent Laytham -- "Mutual Correction," by Darin H. Davis -- "Are Emerging Adults 'Spiritual but Not Religious'?" by Patricia Snell Herzog

ADULTS 259.13
LEE

Lee, Cameron. **Preparing Couples for Love and Marriage : A Pastor's Resource** . Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, [2013].

Summary: Pre-marriage guidance in a flexible four-session framework to help couples begin a successful marriage. While no one can smooth away all the rough spots in the marital road ahead, couples can be coached to pay attention to warning signs, see the bumps before they hit them, and deal more skillfully with inevitable conflicts. The good news is that you don't need any formal background in counseling, because the kind of work

we're talking about isn't counseling—it's coaching couples to respond positively to the differences between them. It's not about having all the answers; but helping couples manage difficulties before they become serious threats to the marriage. For more tips, ideas, resources, and advice, go to preparingcouples.com. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 259.429 **Addiction and Recovery: A Resource Manual For Clergy and Other**
NACOA **Congregational Leaders.** Rockville, Md: National Association for Children
of Alcoholics, 2009.

ADULTS 262.076 **Chuck Knows Church.** [Nashville, Tenn.]: GBOD, [201?].
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ADULTS 262.076 Harper, Steve. **For the Sake of the Bride: Restoring the Church to Her**
HARPER **Intended Beauty.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, ©2014.

Summary: The gown of the Bride of Christ is being shredded by sibling rivalry within the Christian community. The Church's life is weakened and its witness compromised. This is nowhere more evident than the issue of homosexuality. Dr. Steve Harper laments this sad state of affairs and offers a way of love through the dilemma. His pastoral spirit and practical counsel offer guidance and hope for the future. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Foreword -- Introduction -- 1. Let us pray -- 2. The weeping Trinity -- 3. No more sides -- 4. A third way -- 5. The way of love -- 6. It's in the book -- 7. The Father's love -- 8. The Son's photograph -- 9. The Spirit's witness and work -- 10. Paul weighs in -- 11. The witness of tradition -- 12. A clue in my own tradition -- 13. Intermission -- 14. Gathering at the round table -- 15. Questions at the table -- 16. Into the future -- 17. The power of love -- About the author

ADULTS 263.91 **The Gospel of It's Wonderful Life Bible Study.** [Nashville, Tenn.]: The
ENTERTAINMENT Entertainment Ministry, [2014].

Summary: The Gospel of It's a Wonderful Life Bible Study follows the story of George Bailey as you study the biblical principles of goodness, godliness, prayers, and miracles. In this bible study--which features a DVD, Leader Guide, and Study Guides--author Stephen Skelton leads you through four video illustrations and four written lessons. --Back Cover

Content Notes:

- Lesson 1: Goodness (17:09) -- Lesson 2: Godliness (11:42) -- Lesson 3: Prayers (10:01) -- Lesson 4: Miracles (9:29)

ADULTS 263.915 **The Christmas Collection.**
GOSPEL **Summary:** Silent Night: Story of the Christmas Carol (1953) 13 min., color. Beautifully told true story of how Franz Gruber created the iconic

1818 Christmas carol. Christmas is Magic (1953) 24 min. Robert Hutton plays a war vet with amnesia who is taken in by widow Frances Rafferty and her son on Christmas Eve. Star of Bethlehem (1956) 12 min., color. Story of the Nativity beautifully narrated from the Gospels and told using the silhouette animation style of Lotte Reiniger. The film opens with the Holy Family traveling to Bethlehem and closes with the Wise Men bearing rich gifts, while a host of angels descend from the heavens. Three Young Kings (1956) 28 min. Episode of "DuPont Theater." In Latin America three young boys follow a village tradition of carrying Christmas gifts to the mission church children in the costumes of the Three Wise Men. When they ride through the poor section of town, the boys decide to give the presents to the ragged children instead, causing a crisis in conscience in the community over the true meaning of giving. Star of Bethlehem (1954) 26 min. Produced, directed by and starring James Mason, with the participation of his wife, daughter Portland and other child actors. Mason and his wife first read sections from the bible that lead up to the birth of Jesus. He visits his daughter in bed and their discussion leads into an enactment of the Nativity starring a cast of children. Jerry Mathers plays Joseph. A heartfelt, inventive and personal religious project by a Hollywood star at the height of his fame. Starlight Night (1939) 30 min. Opulent British docu-drama about the creation of the famous Christmas carol centers on a stern father estranged from his daughter. --Vision Video

Content Notes:

- Silent Night: Story of the Christmas Carol (1953, Coronet Films, 11 min.) -- Christmas is Magic (1953, Your Jeweler's Showcase, 24 min.) -- The Star of Bethlehem (1956, Cathedral Films, 12 min.) -- Three Young Kings (1956, DuPont Cavalcade Theatre, 28 min.) -- Star of Bethlehem (1954, Portland Productions, 26 min.) -- Starlight Night (1939, J.H. Hoffberg Production, 30 min.)

ADULTS 263.915 Skelton, Stephen. **Finding God in It's a Wonderful Life: An Interview with Jimmy Stewart.** [Nashville, Tenn.]: The Entertainment Ministry, SKELTON [2014].

Summary: This Christmas, find God in "It's a Wonderful Life"--through an inspiring interview with the film's leading man Jimmy Stewart, as well as the faith-filled statements of director Frank Capra and leading lady Donna Reed--and discover how this cherished Christmas classic was guided by the Christian religion. --Back Cover

ADULTS 266 HEIFER

Animal Crackers: A Global Education Resource for Your Congregation. Little Rock, Ark: Heifer International, 2003.

Summary: Animal Crackers is an educational resource to help children, youth and adults see themselves as part of the global family and gain a deeper appreciation of the ways in which Heifer helps people, animals and plants live in harmony as God's good creation. This program includes a number of fundraising ideas to support the work of Heifer International as we work alongside families and communities to improve their income, nutrition and standard of living. The lesson plans and activities can be used to complement and provide educational content for Sunday School lessons, weekday programs, Vacation Bible School or small group ministries. Animal Collector Cards show and describe the role of a Heifer animal, tree or irrigation pump. Enhance your spiritual studies while allowing your students to raise money for a struggling family. --Heifer International

ADULTS 266.076 **Nothing But Nets.** [Nashville, Tenn.]: United Methodist Communications,

UMCOM

©2007.

Summary: A 7-minute video on the Nothing But Nets campaign that aligns the United Methodist Church with other organizations to fight malaria. Put this DVD-ROM in your computer to access the Message Points with promotional materials, sermon starters, and curriculum.

ADULTS
277.3083
BARBER

Barber, William J. **Forward Together : A Moral Message for the Nation.** St. Louis, Missouri : Chalice Press, 2014.

Summary: North Carolina's Moral Monday protests have drawn tens of thousands of protesters in what has been called the new Civil Rights Movement. Forward Together shares the theological foundation for the Moral Monday movement, serving as a proclamation of a new American movement seeking equal treatment and opportunity for all regardless of economic status, sexual preference, belief, race, geography, and any other discriminatory bases. The book will also serve as a model for other movements across the country and around the world using North Carolina as a case study, providing useful, practical tips about grassroots organizing and transformative leadership. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 287.6
GCCUIC

In Search of Unity: A Conversation with Recommendations for the Unity of The United Methodist Church. New York: General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns: The United Methodist Church, ©1998.

Summary: In 1997 and 1998, a group of 22 theologically diverse United Methodists met to discuss theological unity in The United Methodist Church under the leadership of the General Commission of Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. This report is the result of those meetings. The booklet also includes suggested guidelines for discourse, relevant sermons by John Wesley, and worship resources.

ADULTS 287.6
TOOLEY

Tooley, Mark David. **Taking Back the United Methodist Church .** Anderson, Ind. : Bristol House, 2008.

Summary: Mark Tooley asks questions-about biblical authority, the uniqueness of Jesus Christ, the mission of the church, sexual ethics and leadership accountability. And then he simply allows denominational progressives and elites to answer in their own words. --Bristol House

Content Notes:

- Beginnings -- The President's pastor -- Homosexual high tide at General Conference 1996 -- Heresy among the bishops? -- IRD's critics -- A Methodist in the White House -- A Methodist trust betrayed on Capitol Hill - - United Methodist support for terrorists and Fidel Castro? -- Rejecting evangelism at the Missions Board? -- Politics among the bishops -- General Conference 2000: turning point? -- Trouble in the seminaries? -- General Conference 2004: renewal or division? -- Transsexual ministers? -- Hope for the future.

ADULTS 296.49
MOORE

Moore, Beth. **A Woman's Heart: [God's Dwelling Place].** Nashville, Tenn: LifeWay, 2007.

Summary: A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place - Audio CDs by Beth Moore contain the audio portion (11 CDs) of the teaching segments in this 11-session, women's Bible study. The set comes in a CD-size zipper case and a PDF of the listening guide is included on the first CD. Great for extended groups, catch-up sessions, or leader/participant personal review. Explore the fascinating account of the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's

eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its variety of meanings for your walk with God today. Perhaps no Old Testament event so dramatically illustrates God's persistent desire to relate to His children as the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness. Through the tabernacle God initiated a deeper relationship with His Chosen People by bringing reconciliation and revealing His glory. And certainly, no Old Testament event so richly prefigures the coming of the true Tabernacle, Jesus Christ. You will be challenged to prepare your heart, like the holy of holies, to become a home for His love and glory — a dwelling place for the Most High God. --LifeWay

ADULTS 305.8
NACO

Dancing with a Brave Spirit: Telling the Truth About Native America 2001-2004. Nashville, Tenn: Native American Communications Office, United Methodist Communications, ©2001.

Summary: This expanded version includes three pieces: Dancing with a Brave Spirit (questions and answers about Native people), Connections on the Hoop (Native people and United Methodism), and Native America-- Making a Connection (a directory of organizations working with Native people).

YOUTH 248.4
ABINGDON

Veracity Video Vignettes: Life...Faith...Discuss. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Youth, 2007.

Summary: Five short films to engage the youth and adults to look deeper into the scripture to find truth. These video discussion starters reflect five theme words. The video vignettes may be used in group settings to get viewers to discuss the topics and as well as video sermon illustrations in worship. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. All Nations Will Come (3:36; music by Newsboys) -- 2. So Cool? (4:35; music by Jordan Stonehouse) -- 3. SWAT (4:56; music by Jordan Stonehouse) -- 4. Who Answered the Call? (4:36; music by Jordan Stonehouse) -- 5. Altar Ego (4:49; music by Jordan Stonehouse)

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- 1. Erik (3:54; music by Jordan Stonehouse) -- 2. Scarcity (2:35; music by Third Day) -- 3. Dear God (3:44; music by Rick Cua) -- 4. Unbreakable Joy (5:10; music by Charity Von) -- 5. If We Are the Body (3:43; music by Casting Crowns)

YOUTH 248.83
ARMSTRONG

Armstrong, Jenny Rae. **Called Out!: Kingdom Living for Missional Teens.** Minneapolis, Minn: Christians for Biblical Equality, ©2013.

Summary: A 6-week curriculum for middle school youth. 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

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Created "On Purpose" -- 2. Stomping on Serpents: The Kingdom Strikes Back! -- 3. The People of the Promise: Then and Now -- 4. The Unconventional King(dom) -- 5. Wind and Fire: An Unstoppable Combination -- 6. Being the Body: Rocking your Role and Living in Love -- About the Authors -- About Christians for Biblical Equality