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ADULTS Robertson, Anne. ***What is the Bible? Leader's Guide***. Newton
220.07 Centre, MA, Massachusetts Bible Society, 2014.
ROBERTSON

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what the first people were like, and which of them were heroes or failures. They tried to make sense of the world around them and tried to sort out who the gods were and what those gods wanted from them. More than ten thousand years later, one set of those stories has come down to us in the form of the Old Testament. It is the story of the Jewish people and their distinctive God, giving us a glimpse through story, song, history, and law of the rocky, raucous, faithful, fumbling beginnings of one of the oldest religions on earth. This second course in Exploring the Bible: The Dickinson Series will help you better understand the Old Testament in the context of the world in which it was written. Use it as designed in small-group study or work with it on your own. Either way, you will come to a new appreciation for this amazing collection of ancient texts and the faith that they represent.
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ADULTS Gonzalez, Justo L. ***Tres Meses en la Escuela de Juan: Estudios***
226.50071 ***Sobre el Evangelio de Juan.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1998.
GONZÁLEZ

Summary: Each of these volumes consists of thirteen detailed Bible studies. These Bible studies can be used for evening Bible study, for home study meetings, for faith communities, for retreats, and for personal Bible study. This book can even be used as a daily Bible study. Written in Spanish, the language is simple with a profound message for readers. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
230.7
CAMPBELL

Campbell, Ted. ***Doctrina Metodista: Los Fundamentos***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2012.

Summary: En este libro conciso y sencillo, Ted Campbell nos da un breve resumen de las doctrinas más importantes que la familia de denominaciones wesleyanas comparten. Escrito con un lenguaje conciso y directo, Campbell estructura el material en categorías sistemáticas: la doctrina de la revelación, la doctrina de Dios, la doctrina de Cristo, la doctrina del Espíritu, la doctrina de la humanidad, la doctrina del "camino de la salvación" (conversión/justificación/santificación), la doctrina de la iglesia y los medios de gracia y la doctrina de lo por venir. John Wesley distinguished between essential doctrines on which agreement or consensus is critical and opinions about theology or church practices on which disagreement must be allowed. Though today few people join churches based on doctrinal commitments, once a person has joined a church it becomes important to know the historic teachings of that church's tradition. In *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*, Ted Campbell outlines historical doctrinal consensus in American Episcopal Methodist Churches in a comparative and ecumenical dialogue with the doctrinal inheritance of other major families of Christian tradition. In this way, the book shows both what Methodist churches historically teach in common with ecumenical Christianity and what is distinctive about the Methodist tradition in its various contemporary forms. Documents examined include The Twenty-Five Articles of Religion, The General Rules, Wesley's Standard Sermons and Explanatory Notes upon the New Testament, The Methodist Social Creed, and the Apostles' Creed. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
233.5
FUQUAY

Fuquay, Rob. ***Faithful and Inclusive: The Bible, Sexuality and the United Methodist Church***. Winfield, KS, The Richard and Julia Wilke Institute for Discipleship, 2019.

Summary: Faithful and Inclusive allows you to gain an understanding of how United Methodists can be both obedient to God's Word and fully welcoming to LGBTQ persons in the church. This six-session resource for Sunday schools and small groups has been designed for participants to develop their own perspectives on the Bible's passages related to homosexuality. Rev. Rob Fuquay, pastor of one of the largest United Methodist congregations in the country, creates a safe space to navigate through this thorny issue, relying on the biblical-interpretation approach of Methodism's founder, John Wesley. Each video session also features the faith journeys of members of the LGBTQ community and their families. Leader guide and closed captioning included. --Institute for Discipleship

Content Notes:

- Session 1: How United Methodists Interpret Scripture (27:00) -- Session 2: Old Testament Passages (35:53) -- Session 3: The Influence of Culture on How We Read the

Bible (30:37) -- Session 4: New Testament Passages
 (32:19) -- Session 5: The Jesus Ethic: What Did Christ Say?
 (34:26) -- Session 6: Where Does the United Methodist
 Church Go From Here? (28:38) -- Promo (2:16)

ADULTS
 241.5 CBE

Christians for Biblical Equality Resource Library. Minneapolis, MN,
 CBE International, 2019.

Summary: CBE International (Christians for Biblical Equality) advances the gospel by equipping Christians to use their God-given talents in leadership and service regardless of gender, ethnicity, or class. The Resource Library contains over 1,000 free resources from more than 400 contributors. It's likely the planet's most comprehensive library on the Bible and gender, searchable and categorized by 35 different topics, such as Abuse, Christian Relationships, Gender Justice, and Marriage and Family. --CBE International

ADULTS
 242.33
 CANTRELL

Cantrell, Wil. ***From Heaven to Earth: Christmas For New Believers, Old Believers, and Nonbelievers.*** Knoxville, Tennessee, Market Square Books, 2019.

Summary: On the day after Christmas, do you ever find yourself asking: Is there more to Christmas than that? Is Christmas supposed to be about something more than good food, good friends, good music, and good times with family? From Heaven To Earth invites you to discover afresh the truth behind all our beloved Christmas traditions. In this study, authors Wil Cantrell and Paul Seay invite readers to consider the foundational questions about the Christmas story: Did it really happen? And what does it truly mean? By taking seriously the witness of scripture, the questions of skeptics, and the faith of billions of Christians across thousands of year, Cantrell and Seay provide an engaging guide in which readers will experience an in-depth look into what we know about the world of Mary and Joseph from the Biblical record and other historical documents as well as a challenge to consider the difference Jesus' birth makes for our lives today. Perfectly suited for individuals and groups, From Heaven To Earth offers eye-opening insights into familiar Biblical stories and an invitation to encounter the love of the God who came to from heaven to earth at Christmas. --Market Square Books

Content Notes:

- Preface -- Introduction -- 1. The Best Way to Send A Message -- 2. Why Do I Need a Savior? -- 3. Jesus' Family Tree -- 4. Jesus is Jewish? -- 5. John the Baptist: Preparing for Christmas -- 6. A Virgin Birth? Seriously? -- 7. Mary and Joseph: The First Disciples -- 8. Shepherds at the Manger: Unlikely Preachers -- 9. Wise Men & Refugees: The Odd Company Jesus Keeps -- 10. Angels All Around -- Conclusion -- Acknowledgments

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Cantrell, Wil. ***From Heaven to Earth DVD: Christmas For New Believers, Old Believers, and Nonbelievers.*** Knoxville, Tennessee, Market Square Books, 2019.

Summary: Want to help your small group or Sunday School class discover the truth behind all our Christmas traditions? This DVD contains engaging discussion starter videos featuring Wil Cantrell and Paul Seay, authors of *From Heaven To Earth: Christmas For New Believers, Old Believers, and Nonbelievers*. The DVD videos are based on the 5 sessions outlined in the *From Heaven To Earth: Study Guide For Leaders*. The discussion starter videos offer an ideal introduction for each session to help participants engage the Christmas story with their minds and hearts. --Market Square Books

Content Notes:

- Session 1: Receiving the Message (10:13) -- Session 2: Genealogy and Heritage (8:25) -- Session 3: Preparation (9:35) -- Session 4: Disciples and Preachers (8:25) -- Session 5: Witnesses (9:41)

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- To the Leader --Session 1: Receiving the Message -- The Best Way to Send A Message (Ch. 1) -- Why Do I Need a Savior? (Ch. 2) -- Session 2: Genealogy and Heritage -- Jesus' Family Tree (Ch. 3) -- Jesus is Jewish? (Ch. 4) -- Session 3: Preparation -- John the Baptist (Ch. 5) -- A Virgin Birth? Seriously? (Ch. 6) -- Session 4: Disciples and Preachers -- Mary and Joseph (Ch. 7) -- Shepherds at the Manger (Ch. 8) -- Session 5: Witnesses -- Wise Men & Refugees (Ch. 9) -- Angels All Around (Ch. 10) -- Leader Resources.

DeVega, Magrey R. ***Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience.*** Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2019.

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DEVEGA

Summary: Make your Wesleyan heritage a part of your Christmas. In John Wesley's famous sermon, "The Almost Christian," he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly. In *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*, author and pastor Magrey deVega leads a group of authors in exploring how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. Additional components for a four-week study include a DVD and a comprehensive Leader Guide, as well as Nativity hymns by Charles Wesley, litanies for lighting the Advent wreath, and prayers that can be incorporated into both worship and small group settings. A daily devotional and a Youth Study Book are also available. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. An Altogether Peace / by Magrey R. deVega -- 2. An Altogether Hope / by Ingrid McIntyre -- 3. An Altogether Love / by April Casperson -- 4. An Altogether Joy / by Matt Rawle -- Epilogue: An Altogether Commitment: Wesleyan Covenant Renewal -- A Service of Covenant Renewal -- Notes

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Content Notes:

- 1. Altogether Peace (13:23) -- 2. Altogether Hope (11:55) -- 3. Altogether Love (11:15) -- 4. Altogether Joy (13:06)

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Altogether Peace -- 2. Altogether Hope -- 3. Altogether Love -- 4. Altogether Joy -- 5. (Optional) A Service of Covenant Renewal

ADULTS
242.332
PAVLOVITZ

Pavlovitz, John. ***Low: An Honest Advent Devotional***. Saint Louis, Missouri, Chalice Press, 2019.

Summary: Amidst the bright lights and wrappings of a sentimentally saturated Christmas season, we tend to forget about the gritty, messy reality of the Advent story as it was experienced 2,000 years ago. In this honest Advent devotional, best-selling progressive Christian author John Pavlovitz reminds us that God came to meet us in the low places of our lives -- and that Jesus continues to come low this Advent season. When we plant our feet firmly in the dirt of everyday life, we see Jesus meeting us in the low places: when we live humbly, when we seek forgiveness, in our grief and suffering, when we act on behalf of someone else, when we pray. As we walk the road of Advent, Jesus reminds us the invitation is not to escape this world to an elevated Heaven somewhere else, but to bring Heaven down. "God with us" is Jesus, getting low. Each devotional includes a scripture and Advent reflection on Jesus meeting us on the ground. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.3
JOHNSON

Johnson, Matthew E. ***Worship***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Your daily walk with Christ starts here. "While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promise for this life now and the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:8 CEB) Christians crave a deeper, more intimate relationship with God. The spiritual disciplines are historical practices that can guide us in our daily walk, bringing us closer to Christ. The Holy Living series brings a fresh perspective on the spiritual disciplines, enabling us to apply their practices to our current lives. Practicing these spiritual disciplines opens us to God's transforming love. So often we equate the spiritual practice of worship with the hour-long worship service we attend each week (or each month). But what happens when we no longer consider worship something we do, but a way we live? When we break the concept of worship outside the walls of a sanctuary, we find new energy for living a "Godward" life, a life of turning toward God for guidance moment by moment, day by day. Such a life is fuel for genuine worship. Living a Godward life opens us up to God's transforming love and enables us to engage in practices of worship in locations and situations we never dreamed of before. This is one of series of eight books. Each book in this series introduces a spiritual practice, suggests way of living the practice daily, and provides opportunities to grow personally and in a faith community with others who engage with the practice. Each book consists of an introduction and four chapters and includes questions for personal reflection and

group discussion. Other disciplines studied: Celebration, Confession, Discernment, Neighboring, Prayer, Simplicity, and Study. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.32
BUCKLEY

Buckley, Ray. **Prayer**. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

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ADULTS
248.4
ACEVEDO

Acevedo, Jorge. **Neighboring**. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Your daily walk with Christ starts here. "While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promise for this life now and the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:8 CEB) Christians crave a deeper, more intimate relationship with God. The spiritual disciplines are historical practices that can guide us in our daily walk, bringing us closer to Christ. The Holy Living series brings a fresh perspective on the spiritual disciplines, enabling us to apply their practices to our current lives. Practicing these spiritual disciplines opens us to God's transforming love. Both the Old and New Testaments call the people of God to love God completely as well as to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Jesus told his followers these were the greatest commandments. What if by "neighbor," Jesus literally meant the precious people who live in your neighborhoods? What if by "neighbor," Jesus meant all of your neighbors, regardless of age, socioeconomic status, or any other potentially divisive designation? This book first defines what is meant by the spiritual practice of

"neighboring" and then looks at ways we can live into neighboring as a spiritual practice in our own lives and in the lives of our churches and communities. This is one of series of eight books. Each book in this series introduces a spiritual practice, suggests way of living the practice daily, and provides opportunities to grow personally and in a faith community with others who engage with the practice. Each book consists of an introduction and four chapters and includes questions for personal reflection and group discussion. Other disciplines studied: Celebration, Confession, Discernment, Prayer, Simplicity, Study, and Worship. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.4 GOFF

Goff, Bob. ***Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People***. Nashville, Tennessee, Nelson Books, 2018.

Summary: What happens when we give away love like we're made of it? In his entertaining and inspiring follow-up to the New York Times bestselling phenomenon *Love Does*, Bob Goff takes readers on a journey into the secret of living without fear, constraint, or worry. The path toward the liberated existence we all long for is found in a truth as simple to say as it is hard to do: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits. Driven by Bob's trademark storytelling, *Everybody, Always* reveals the lessons Bob learned--often the hard way--about what it means to love without inhibition, insecurity, or restriction. From finding the right friends to discovering the upside of failure, *Everybody, Always* points the way to embodying love by doing the unexpected, the intimidating, the seemingly impossible. Whether losing his shoes while skydiving solo or befriending a Ugandan witch doctor, Bob steps into life with a no-limits embrace of others that is as infectious as it is extraordinarily ordinary. *Everybody, Always* reveals how we can do the same. --Thomas Nelson

ADULTS
248.46
ESTOCK

Estock, Beth Ann. ***Discernment***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Your daily walk with Christ starts here. "While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promise for this life now and the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:8 CEB) Christians crave a deeper, more intimate relationship with God. The spiritual disciplines are historical practices that can guide us in our daily walk, bringing us closer to Christ. The Holy Living series brings a fresh perspective on the spiritual disciplines, enabling us to apply their practices to our current lives. Practicing these spiritual disciplines opens us to God's transforming love. Many believers are familiar with the fruits of the Spirit Paul wrote about in his letter to the Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Discernment is a contemplative practice that opens us to these gifts. It offers us the capacity to see more clearly and touch the depth of our holy existence here on earth. This book introduces us to this ancient practice and helps us discover how

practicing it can lead us to moments in which we sense meaning and purpose in our lives by desiring what God desires and embodying the love that is God. This is one of series of eight books. Each book in this series introduces a spiritual practice, suggests way of living the practice daily, and provides opportunities to grow personally and in a faith community with others who engage with the practice. Each book consists of an introduction and four chapters and includes questions for personal reflection and group discussion. Other disciplines studied: Celebration, Confession, Neighboring, Prayer, Simplicity, Study, and Worship. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
248.4876
HARPER

Harper, Steve. ***Cinco Marcas de un Metodista: El Fruto de una Fe Viva***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Five clear practices for anyone who identifies as a Christian. Cinco marcas de un metodista confirman nuestra identidad como seguidores genuinos y fructiferos de Cristo: 1. Un metodista ama a Dios 2. Un metodista se regocija en Dios 3. Un metodista da gracias 4. Un metodista ora sin cesar 5. Un metodista ama a su projimo Este breve libro, disenado para ser compartido con otras personas, ofrece una meditacion sobre cada una de estas caracteristicas. Con oracion, apliquelos en su peregrinaje con Jesus. Si usted es parte de la familia metodista o wesleyana de todo el mundo, estas cinco marcas le otorgaran un mayor conocimiento y aprecio de por que y como seguir a Jesus. Si usted se encuentra en otra parte del cuerpo de Cristo, puede emerger con una base solida y fuerte para mantener su fundamento espiritual. Las personas cristianas que sigan estas cinco marcas, tienen caracter. Cada capitulo termina con preguntas para reflexion o discusion. Now available in Spanish! Five marks confirm our identity as genuine and fruitful followers of Christ: 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 This brief book, suitable for sharing with others, provides a meditation on each of these characteristics. Prayerfully apply them to your journey with Jesus. If you are part of the worldwide Methodist or Wesleyan family, these five marks will grant a greater knowledge and appreciation for why and how you follow Jesus. If you are located in another part of the body of Christ, you can emerge with a solid foundation to keep your spiritual house standing strong. Christians marked by these five habits, when taken together have character. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection or discussion. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Carácter -- 1. Un metodista ama a Dios -- 2. Un metodista se regocija en Dios -- 3. Un metodista da gracias -- 4. Un metodista ora sin cesar -- 5. Un metodista ama a su prójimo -- En sus marcas -- Notas

ADULTS 253 ***The Congregational Resource Guide***. Indianapolis, IN, Center for
CENTER Congregation, 2019.

Summary: The Congregational Resource Guide (CRG) is an online tool designed to help leaders of all congregations find the right resources to address their challenges and opportunities. The CRG is a program of the Center for Congregations and is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. Since 1997, the Center has helped Indiana congregations address their needs through resource consulting, educational events and grants. Center staff and consultants have evaluated and picked the CRG resources and serve as CRG resource experts. In more than 16 years of resourcing congregations, the Center has learned that congregations have the best chance of flourishing when an outside resource is used in concert with the congregation's own assets and creativity to address a challenge or opportunity. It is our hope that the CRG will enhance the capacity of faith leaders to blend excellent resources with their own ingenuity. --Center for Congregations

ADULTS Carder, Kenneth L. ***Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia through***
259.41968 ***a Spiritual Lens***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.
CARDER

Summary: Can Persons Who Forget God, Know God? Can one who forgets who Jesus is be a Christian disciple? Dementia. Just reading the word gives our heart a jolt. The disease strikes so many, including those whom we love dearly. It seems to "choose" its victims randomly, causing us anxiety...wondering if we may be next. Could such fears and personal feelings be behind why pastors and congregations tend to minister to and for those with the disease rather than with them. In *Ministry with the Forgotten*, Ken Carder reminds us that those with dementia maintain their identity and worth as beloved children of God. He confronts the deep personal and theological questions created by loving people with dementia and equips us with practical ways to nurture and incorporate them into the church's life and ministry. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Taylor, W. David O. ***Glimpses of the New Creation: Worship and***
261.57 ***the Formative Power of the Arts***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Wm.
TAYLOR B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 2019.

Summary: "This book explains how every choice of art in worship opens up and closes down possibilities for the formation of a human life, both individual and communal. The book guides readers toward art in worship that forms persons in the life of the triune God"-- --Provided by publisher.

Content Notes:

- The Meanings of Worship -- The Meanings of Art -- The Theological Meanings of Art in Worship -- Worship and the Musical Arts -- Worship and the Visual and Architectural

Arts -- Worship and the Poetic Arts -- Worship and the Narrative Arts -- Worship and the Theatre Arts -- Worship and the Kinetic Arts -- Mother Tongues and Adjectival Tongues -- The Worship Arts and the Mission of the Church.

ADULTS 268 Cascante, Fernando A. ***La Planificación Eficaz de la Educación***
CASCANTE ***Cristiana: Enfoque Bíblico y Pastoral del Ministerio Educativo de la Iglesia.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2010.

Summary: A practical Spanish-language guide for anyone involved in Christian education. Este libro constituye una herramienta indispensable para cualquier pastor y laico que se dedica a la tarea docente en la iglesia. El propósito de este libro es crear conciencia sobre la importancia de que pastores y pastoras, líderes, y educadores de la iglesia asuman un mayor compromiso con la planificación de la educación cristiana. El ministerio educativo es fundamental para la preservación y desarrollo de la iglesia, para su obediencia al mensaje de Jesús y para su testimonio en el mundo. Por eso, su planificación debe asumirse con toda responsabilidad y realizarse de la mejor manera posible. This book calls pastors, leaders and educators of the church to assume a greater commitment to Christian education planning. The education ministry is essential to the church's preservation and development, and it helps us to reach out to the world with the message of Jesus Christ. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Rodriguez, Daniel A. ***A Future for the Latino Church: Models for***
277.308308968 ***Multilingual, Multigenerational Hispanic Congregations.***
RODRIGUEZ Downers Grove, Ill, IVP Academic, 2011.

Summary: Daniel Rodriguez argues that effective Latino ministry and church planting are now centered in second-generation, English-dominant leadership and congregations. Through careful study of dozens of cutting-edge Latino churches across the country, Rodriguez describes how innovative congregations are ministering creatively to the next generations of Latinos. In-depth case studies reveal how gifted leaders are reaching beyond their own demographics to have lasting impact on their wider communities. The future of the Latino church is multilingual, multigenerational and multiethnic. Those who "live in the hyphen" between Latino and American can become all things to Latinos, sharing the gospel where language is no barrier.

Content Notes:

- Introduction : a moment of transition in the barrio -- Living in the hyphen -- Multigenerational Hispanic churches -- Multiethnic, predominately Hispanic churches -- Good news and good works in the barrio -- The local church as organic seminary -- The new Hispanic challenge -- Conclusion : a future for the Latino church.

YOUTH
242.332
DEVEGA

DeVega, Magrey R. ***Almost Christmas Youth Study Book: A Wesleyan Advent Experience***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2019.

Summary: Make your Wesleyan heritage a part of your Christmas. In John Wesley's famous sermon, "The Almost Christian," he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly. In *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*, author and pastor Magrey deVega leads a group of authors in exploring how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. Additional components for a four-week study include a DVD and a comprehensive Leader Guide, as well as Nativity hymns by Charles Wesley, litanies for lighting the Advent wreath, and prayers that can be incorporated into both worship and small group settings. A daily devotional and a Youth Study Book are also available. This Youth Study Book takes the ideas presented in the book and interprets them for young people grades 6-12. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction: Almost or Altogether -- 1. An Altogether Peace -- 2. An Altogether Hope -- 3. An Altogether Love -- 4. An Altogether Joy -- 5. (Optional) An Altogether Commitment