



Buffalo Covenant Church
Small Group Resource List
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Small group leaders are asked to select curriculum from this approved list. If you would prefer a different study, please submit the name and publisher of the book to Oliver Blosser for approval.

When you have selected your curriculum, let Oliver Blosser (mblosser@charter.net; 763-222-4345) or the church office know and we will order the materials for your group.

BIBLE BOOK STUDIES

Title: Daniel

Author: Warren Wiersbe

Publisher: David C. Cook

Number of Sessions: 11-12

Synopsis:

*As you study the book of Daniel, you'll meet Daniel's God, the Sovereign Lord who rules in the kingdom of men and who confidently announces things to come. In Daniel's life and ministry we see how true believers live in the light of biblical prophecy—how they relate to the Sovereign Lord and accomplish His good, acceptable, and perfect will. Each lesson includes discussion and reflection questions, notes from the commentary *Be Resolute*, *Real-Life Application Ideas*, and *helpful Notes for Small Groups*.*

Resources: Participant/Leader Study Guide

Participant Cost: \$7.00

Note: Warren Wiersbe has a commentary on every book of the Bible (the "Be" Series Commentaries) written for lay people to help them in their study of Biblical books. The cost is \$10.00 per volume and is excellent material for anyone who wants to dig deeper into the Biblical texts. The titles marked with an asterisk have been designed for use by small groups. All small group books are \$7.00.

The "Be" Series Of Bible Studies by Warren Wiersbe

Be Basic: Genesis 1-11

Be Obedient: Genesis 12-25

Be Authentic: Genesis 25-50

Be Delivered: Exodus

Be Holy: Leviticus

Be Counted: Numbers

Be Equipped: Deuteronomy

Be Strong: Joshua

Be Available: Judges

*Be Committed: Ruth & Esther

Be Successful: 1 Samuel

Be Restored: 2 Samuel & 1 Chronicles

Be Responsible: 1 Kings

Be Distinct: 2 Kings & 2 Chronicles

*Be Determined: Nehemiah

*Be Patient: Job

*Be Worshipful: Psalms Vol. 1 (The small group version combines both Psalms volumes)

*Be Exultant: Psalms Vol. 2 (The small group version combines both Psalms volumes)

Be Skillful: Proverbs

Be Satisfied: Ecclesiastes
 *Be Comforted: Isaiah
 Be Decisive: Jeremiah
 Be Reverent: Ezekiel
 *Be Resolute: Daniel
 Be Concerned: Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Zephaniah
 Be Heroic: Haggai, Zechariah, Ezra
 Be Amazed: Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Malachi
 *Be Loyal: Matthew
 Be Diligent: Mark
 Be Compassionate: Luke 1-13
 Be Courageous: Luke 14-24
 *Be Alive: John 1-12 (The small group version combines both John volumes)
 *Be Transformed: John 13-21 (The small group version combines both John volumes)
 *Be Dynamic: Acts 1-12 (The small group version combines both Acts volumes)
 *Be Daring: Acts 13-28 (The small group version combines both Acts volumes)
 *Be Right: Romans
 Be Wise: 1 Corinthians
 Be Encouraged: 2 Corinthians
 Be Free: Galatians
 *Be Rich: Ephesians
 *Be Joyful: Philippians
 *Be Complete: Colossians
 Be Ready: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
 *Be Faithful: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
 *Be Confident: Hebrews
 *Be Mature: James
 *Be Hopeful: 1 Peter
 Be Alert: 2 Peter, 2 & 3 John, Jude
 *Be Real: 1 John
 *Be Victorious: Revelation

Title: James (“Life Change” Series)

Publisher: NavPress

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

James doesn't allow his fellow believers to crawl along on their spiritual journey, blankies and pacifiers in tow. Instead, he tells us how and why we can grow up to become more like Christ. A new edition of the original, best-selling Bible studies, the TH1NK:LifeChange Series continues the tradition of its predecessor and offers the same promise to younger believers: a life-changing encounter with God. This study is designed for college age participants, but is easily adapted to adult groups. This in-depth look at the book of James will empower you to grow spiritually and go deeper into God's Word.

Resources: Participant's Guide

Participant Cost: \$8.00

Other Bible study books in this same series:

Mark
 Ruth and Esther
 John
 Ephesians
 Romans

Title: Romans: Grace, Truth and Redemption

Author: John MacArthur

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

Study God's Word with one of America's most beloved and trusted Bible teachers! Highlighting Paul's themes of grace, truth, and redemption, MacArthur's revised guide illuminates important doctrines of the faith. Twelve lessons, a new "Keys to the Text" section, and plenty of journaling space make this study ideal for small groups.

Resources: Participant Book

Participant Cost: \$8.00

Other Books in this same series:

1 Samuel

Ruth and Esther

Nehemiah

Daniel

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians & Philemon

Hebrews

James

1 & 2 Thessalonians

1 & 2 Timothy

1 & 2 Peter

1-3 John and Jude

Revelation

Title: Following God: First Steps For the New Christian

Author: Eddie Rasnake

Publisher: AMG

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

As a new or maturing Christian, you probably have many questions about your faith. In this book, Eddie Rasnake vividly recalls his early struggles and insecurities and wrote it in an effort to inform and encourage new believers. Designed as a twelve-week study course, you will find answers to the following questions: What is your position in Christ - as a Christian? How about your inheritance? What is spiritual growth and what is not spiritual growth? How should a Christian deal with sin? How important are Bible study, prayer, and meditation to the Christian walk? What should Christians do to cultivate the gifts, talents, and opportunities God gives each one of us?

Resources: Participant Book

Participant Cost: \$12.00

Other books in the "Following God Series:

Life Principles from the Old Testament (Genesis - Judges)
Life Principles from the Kings of the Old Testament
Life Principles from the Prophets of the Old Testament
Life Principles from the Women of the Bible Book One
Life Principles from the Women of the Bible Book Two
Life Principles from the New Testament Men of Faith
Life Principles for Worship from the Tabernacle
Living God's Will
Using Your Spiritual Gifts
How to Establish a Quiet Time
Through the Bible: Ephesians
Through the Bible: Romans

Title: The Art Of Living Well

Author: Kenneth Boa

Publisher: NAV Press

Number of Sessions: Five or Six

Synopsis:

Taken from Proverbs, this guide book focuses on wisdom that can impact how we live our lives. Time-tested truths are presented through historical background, Scriptures, personal experiences from the authors, and related activities.

Resources: Study Guide

Participant Cost: \$10

Title: Esther: For Such A Time As This

Publisher: Zola Levitt Ministries

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

The Book of Esther is one of the Jewish people's favorites. In this eight-program television series, Dr. Jeffrey Seif explains its details, and points out that, like Esther herself, we Believers may be alive for such a time as this.

Resources: DVD series to be used with your Bible in a study of Esther.

Participant Cost: \$0.00

Title: Deepening Life Together: Romans

Publisher: Baker Books

Number of Sessions: Seven

Synopsis:

Paul boldly told believers "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world." But how does that work on the day-to-day level? What does the Christian life look like when it is lived out both individually and on communities of faith? Deepening Life Together helps answer these and many more. Each 10-15 minutes session guides you deeper into the Scriptures, with provocative insights from renowned scholars at leading Christian institutions. This DVD-based series will improve your worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and mission

Resources: Participant's Guide, DVD with Leader Guide

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: Deepening Life Together: Acts

Publisher: Baker Books

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

Deepening Life Together is a great way for believers to rediscover the joy of God's Word while growing closer with fellow Christians at the same time. Used most effectively with the companion DVDs, this Bible study will help guide you through the book of Acts and help you to track your spiritual growth along the way. Includes eight sessions and an appendix with leader's notes, spiritual health assessment plans, FAQ's and other useful tools.

Resources: Participant's Guide, DVD with Leader Guide

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: Deepening Life Together: Ephesians

Publisher: Baker Books

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

As you study Paul's letter to the Ephesians, you will unpack principles from God's Word that reveal God's divine purpose and plan of bringing redemption to his people and the outworking of that purpose in the life of the believer, and you will connect with your loving, faithful God and other believers. 6 guided group sessions include prayer, video teaching, Bible reading and questions, personal application and accountability, worship, memory verses, daily reflections between meetings, optional questions for deeper study and definitions. Leader notes, group forms and assessments to track spiritual growth, and frequently asked questions are also provided.

Resources: Participant's Guide, DVD with Leader Guide

Participant Cost: \$6.00

BIBLE BACKGROUND STUDIES

Title: Jesus, Man, Messiah or More

Publisher: Day Of Discovery

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

The question of who Jesus is remains as crucial today as it did almost 2,000 years ago. How can you know the true identity of the historical Jesus? Travel to Israel with host Mart De Haan. Explore the land and hear from scholars of the Institute for Biblical Research and discover who this Man—this Jesus—really is.

Resources: Participant's Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: Jewish Roots: The Heritage Of The Christian Faith

Publisher: Day Of Discovery

Number of Sessions: Nine

Synopsis:

Gain a deeper understanding of the common factors that connect the Jewish and Christian faiths in Jewish Roots. Take an amazing journey to Jerusalem with host Mart De Haan, Pastor Meno Kalisher, Avner Boskey, and Professor Michael Rydelnik. Discover what lies beneath the surface, as they engage in an intriguing discussion that reveals Judaism as the ground work for Christianity.

Resources: Participant's Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: Lands Of The Bible: Galilee

Publisher: Day Of Discovery

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

With breathtaking cinematography, Land of the Bible: Galilee sweeps you and your small group into the land where Jesus ministered. Journey with Mart De Haan and Jimmy DeYoung to places you've read of in the Bible: Mount Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and more. This study offers more than insights into the geography, culture, and biblical significance of Galilee. You'll also obtain insights that will shape your walk with God today.

Resources: Participant's Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: Lands Of The Bible: Jordan & Judea

Publisher: Day Of Discovery

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

Petra, city of stone. Qumran, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Masada, site of Herod's mountain fortress. With world-class videography, Land of the Bible: Jordan and Judea takes you and your small group on a virtual tour of a land filled with places rich in history and biblical significance. Mart De Haan and Jimmy DeYoung are your guides on a journey that will captivate your imagination and build your faith.

Resources: Participant's Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: A Fragile Stone: Peter, Jesus' Friend

Publisher: Day Of Discovery

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

Through the power of video and music, the new DayLight Bible Studies series makes the world and characters of the Bible come breathtakingly alive. Filmed in Israel by Day of Discovery, A Fragile Stone lets you see through the eyes of Peter the apostle as he walks with Jesus along the Sea of Galilee. Gain insights into God's Word that will fire your imagination and invigorate your faith as you experience, in a whole new way, the wonder and cost of becoming a fisher of men. Michael Card is your tour guide in eight small-group DVD.

Resources: Participant's Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: John's Gospel: Wisdom from Ephesus

Publisher: Day Of Discovery

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

Take your imagination to another level as Michael Card tells the amazing story of John's gospel. Travel along the western coast of Turkey into the city of Ephesus. See where the apostle John lived and shared words of wisdom. Explore stunning archaeological sites and gain a deeper understanding of the life and times of the longest-living disciple of Jesus.

Resources: Participant's Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: That You May Be Certain: The Gospel of Luke

Publisher: Day Of Discovery

Number of Sessions: Four

Synopsis:

The gospel of Luke gives one of the most detailed accounts of the life of Christ ever written. Although he never witnessed the work and ministry of Jesus first-hand, Luke's recording of His life is one of the most detailed accounts among the New Testament gospels. In this DVD, author and teacher Michael Card travels to Rome, Galilee, and Jerusalem to explore the lands and the life of Christ. Paying special attention to Jesus' interactions with the people surrounding Him, see how Luke portrays a very personal side of Jesus and His heart for the lost and broken. You'll also gain insight into the life of Luke as an author, physician, and evangelist.

Resources: Four DVD sessions, each approximately 30 minutes. No Discussion Guide.

Participant Cost: \$0.00

Title: Romans: The Letter That Changed The World

Publisher: Day Of Discovery

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

Brilliant. Counter-cultural. History-shaping. With blazing clarity, Paul's letter to the early churches in Rome revealed both the transforming light of the gospel and the darkness of the surrounding world. Now, in 12 interactive, DVD-based small group sessions, Romans: The Letter That Changed the World takes you to a land of the Bible much bigger than you've imagined-to the vast sweep of the ancient Roman Empire and the cradle of the newborn church. With Mart De Haan and Jimmy DeYoung, wander the ruins of Scythopolis. Marvel at the imposing arches of the aqueduct. Explore a stone dungeon in the capitol city of Rome. And discover just how radical a message Paul's letter to the Romans really was- why it has inspired both hope and conflict through the centuries and why today it continues to challenge our culture and change hearts and lives.

Resources: Participant's Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: The Dawning: Christianity In The Roman Empire

Publisher: Day Of Discovery

Number of Sessions: Five

Synopsis:

For more than 300 years, Christians living during the rule of the Roman Empire endured persecution as a result of their faith. How, in the midst of such brutal opposition, did this growing group of believers emerge and ultimately bring Caesar to his knees? Take a closer look at the struggles faced by early Christians and their driving force to endure, as Dr. Joseph Stowell, President of Cornerstone University, takes you on an amazing journey to modern-day Rome. You'll also visit Pompeii, Herculaneum, Ephesus, and other significant locations that reveal the formation of the Christian faith in the Roman Empire from a social, economic, and political perspective. Gain insights into the similarities between the oppression of Christians then and now. Discover how you can stand firm in your own faith through the early believers' example of community, compassion, and endurance.

Resources: Five DVD session, each approximately 30 minutes. No Discussion Guide.

Participant Cost: \$0.00

Title: Deeper Connections: The Life Of Jesus

Author: Matt Williams

Publisher: Zondervan

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

With The Life of Jesus DVD and participant's guide, you will explore the main events in Jesus' life to understand what made him extraordinary and to learn how to draw on his transforming power. Taught and written by Bible professors, this unique DVD study series with participant's guides explores the historical background of the Bible, its text, and its application for your life today.

Resources: DVD, Participant Guide

Participant Cost: \$8.00

Other books in this series:

Deeper Connections: The Parables of Jesus

Deeper Connections: The Forgiveness of Jesus

Deeper Connections: The Miracles of Jesus

Deeper Connections: The Prayers of Jesus

Deeper Connections: The Last Days of Jesus

THEME STUDIES: Personal Spiritual Growth

Title: The Christian Adventure, 10 Basic Steps Toward Maturity – Step 1

Author: Bill Bright

Publisher: New Life Resources

Number of Sessions: Seven

Synopsis:

Step 1: The Christian Adventure is part of the Ten Basic Steps series by Bill Bright, designed to provide you with a sure foundation for your faith, and to help you share your faith joyfully with others. If you have been living in spiritual defeat, full of ups and downs, Step 1 will show you how to enjoy the adventure of a full, abundant, purposeful and fruitful life in Christ. In this study you will discover:

The Key to the indwelling life of Christ

What it means to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Master

How to be more consistent in your walk with God

How to apply the principles of spiritual growth to your daily life

How to have a powerful, fruitful ministry.

Resources: Leader Guide, Participant Guide

Participant Cost: \$5.00

Other Books in this series:

Step 2: Steps Toward Christian Maturity

Step 3: The Christian and the Holy Spirit

Step 4: The Christian and Prayer

Step 5: The Christian and the Bible

Step 6: The Christian and Obedience

Step 7: The Christian and Witnessing

Step 8: The Christian and Giving

Step 9: Exploring the Old Testament

Step 10: Exploring the New Testament

Title: The Purple Book: Biblical Foundations for Building Strong Disciples

Author: Rice Broocks and Steve Murrell

Publisher: Zondervan

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

An engaging discipleship tool designed to establish the foundations of Christian faith.

Resources: Participant Guide

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: First Steps for the New Christian

Author: Eddie Rasnake

Publisher: AMG

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

As a new or maturing Christian, you probably have many questions about your faith. You will find answers to the following questions: What is your position in Christ - as a Christian? How about your inheritance? What is spiritual growth and what is not spiritual growth? How should a Christian deal with sin? How important are Bible study, prayer, and meditation to the Christian walk? What should Christians do to cultivate the gifts, talents, and opportunities God gives each one of us?

Resources: Participant Guide, Leader's Guide

Participant Cost: \$10.00

Title: The Essentials of Effective Prayer

Author: Kay Arthur

Publisher: Random House

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

Through a detailed examination of the Lord's Prayer and other examples of prayer throughout the Bible, you'll discover a model for talking with God. You'll also learn key principles of prayer and gain a deeper understanding of how prayer can draw you close to His heart.

Resources: Participant Guide

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past

Author: Kay Arthur

Publisher: Random House

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past is 6-week small-group study for people who are interested in learning for themselves more about what the Bible says on various subjects, but who have only limited time to meet together. This liberating study deals with the difficult questions of forgiveness, including How can I forgive when the pain is so great? Does forgiving mean I have to forget the past? and What if I choose not to forgive? With the leader's notes and Bible passages included right in the book, each self-contained study is a powerful resource for personal growth and small-group discussion.

Resources: Participant Guide

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: The Prodigal God: Recovering The Heart Of The Christian Faith

Author: Tim Keller

Publisher: Penguin Putnam Inc.

Number of Sessions: Seven

Synopsis:

Using his characteristic intellectual approach to faith issues, Keller uncovers an unexpected message in the familiar---and often misunderstood---New Testament parable of the prodigal son. Seekers and believers alike will see Christianity in a whole new way when they learn how Christ's followers are supposed to love, so they can join him in heaven

Resources: Book, Leader Guide, Participant Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$8.00

Title: A Life God Rewards

Author: Bruce Wilkinson

Publisher: Global Vision

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

Sessions include: The Unbreakable Connection in Your Life, The Six Events of your Forever Life, The Day God Will Reward You, The Two Keys to Your Eternal Future, The Seven Main Works God Rewards, The Eternal Reward of Rulership, The Eternal Reward of Treasure, and The Motivation for Eternal Rewards. Each Session is approximately 29 minutes in length

Resources: Leader Guide, Participant Guide (only available as an ebook), DVD

Participant Cost: \$8.00

Title: The Journey Study Series #1: Searching For Hope

Author: Billy Graham

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

Based on the culmination of a lifetime of experience in ministry, Billy Graham guides the reader through a study guide series that explores the joys, triumphs, and conflicts that you will encounter along the journey of your spiritual life.

Resources: Leader's Guide, Participant Guide

Participant Cost: \$2.00

Other books available in this series:

#2 - *Living As A Christian*

#3 - *Leaving a Legacy*

#4 - *Dealing With Doubt*

#5 - *Confronting the Enemies Within*

#6 - *Embracing the Good News*

#7 - *Building A Christ-Centered Home*

#8 - *Learning to Pray*

Title: Growing Strong in God's Family (Navigator's 2:7 Series)

Publisher: NavPress

Number of Sessions: Ten to Twelve

Synopsis:

This first book in the new 2:7 Series is designed to help you build a strong foundation for your Christian life through enriching Bible study, Scripture memory, and group interaction. With its biblical and practical approach to discipleship, this workbook will yield long-term, life-changing results, such as: a

closer relationship with God, a keener sense of priorities, renewed concern for non-Christian friends and a growing camaraderie within your study group. Each of the 2:7 Series courses lasts about 2 1/2 months. They usually require about one hour of homework preparation each week, and the class sessions are from one to two hours long. The 2:7 Series is excellent training from the Navigators.

Resources: Workbook

Participant Cost: \$12.00

Other books available in this series:

Deepening Your Roots

Bearing Fruit

Title: Growing in Christ

Publisher: NavPress

Number of Sessions: Thirteen

Synopsis:

You know Christ, but you're not sure how to grow in Christ. These classic Navigator Studies are your best guide! Lessons on Assurance includes five studies on the key promises God gives to you as a Christian. Lessons on Christian Living includes eight studies on major Scriptural principles for your spiritual growth. Great for new believers!

Resources: Participant/Leader Guide

Participant Cost: \$5.00

Title: Thirty Discipleship Exercises: The Pathway to Christian Maturity

Publisher: Billy Graham Association

Number of Sessions: 30

Synopsis:

Let the Holy Spirit be your teacher as you read and meditate on key words in Scripture! Designed by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, this unique word study will help you focus on smaller portions of the Bible so you can better understand the big picture of God's plan. Topics include lordship, prayer, forgiveness, and love. This booklet can also be supplemented by Ruth's Scripture Treasures Scripture Memorizations cards.

Resources: Study Guide

Participant Cost: \$4.00

Title: Crazy Love – Overwhelmed By A Relentless God

Author: Francis Chan

Publisher: David C. Cook

Number of Sessions: Ten

Synopsis:

Sharing from his own life struggles and sacrifices, author Francis Chan issues a call for selfless, Christ-like living. It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response?

Resources: Book, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$9.00

Title: Forgotten God – Reversing Our Tragic Neglect Of The Holy Spirit

Author: Francis Chan

Publisher: David C. Cook

Number of Sessions: Seven

Synopsis:

Today's church admires the gift of the Holy Spirit, but have we neglected to open it? Chan tears away the wrapping paper and the ribbons to uncover the source of the believing community's true power for witness and service. He issues a compelling invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Spirit of the living God.

Resources: Book, Workbook, DVD

Participant Cost: \$21.00

Title: 30 Life Principles

Author: Charles F. Stanley

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Number of Sessions: Five

Synopsis:

Dr. Charles Stanley has faithfully highlighted the 30 Life Principles that have guided his life, empowered his ministry, and helped him to grow in his knowledge, service, and love of God. Using references from the New American Standard Bible, this 30 Life Principles Study Guide has been designed to help you apply these timeless truths to your life and enjoy life at its very best. Good for personal devotions or group studies, each section walks you through Scripture and shows you how to live the Spirit-filled, victorious life you were created for.

Resources: Book

Participant Cost: \$10

Title: Lord, Teach Me To Pray In 28 Days

Author: Kay Arthur

Publisher: Harvest House

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

Participants of little or great prayer experience will discover practical insights to help them know how to pray, what to pray, and what to expect when they pray. Arthur sheds light on the instructions Jesus gave to His disciples for the perfect pattern of meaningful prayer and demonstrates how the Lord's Prayer covers worship, praise, intercession, and petition and ushers an individual into the presence of God. This look at biblical prayer is refreshingly simple and exceedingly powerful—and it can transform the way anyone lives and prays.

Resources: Book, with discussion questions

Participant Cost: \$10

Title: Learning the Bible in 24 Hours

Author: Chuck Missler

Publisher: Koinonia

Number of Sessions: Twenty-four

Synopsis:

Using sound scientific facts, historical analysis, and biblical narrative, Dr. Chuck Missler weaves together a rich tapestry of information, providing an accurate understanding of Scripture's relation to itself, to us, and to the world at large. Examine the heroic tales of Exodus, the lasting wisdom of Proverbs, or even the enigmatic imagery of Revelation with the simple, scripturally sound insights and fresh perspective. Whether you want to explore some of the less-discussed nuances of Scripture or you need a comprehensive refresher course on the Bible's themes and stories, this book is a great guide. In just twenty-four hours you can have a rock-solid foundation for a lifetime of spiritual enrichment. The

workbook will help you to understand and retain the information.

Resources: Participant/Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$12

Title: How To Study The Bible

Author: John MacArthur

Publisher: Moody

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

The Bible is the Word of life. As such, studying the Bible is crucial to the life and growth of every believer. In this revised work, John MacArthur examines various Scripture passages in the Old and New Testament to answer both the "why" and the "how" questions of Bible study.

Resources: Book, Audio CD

Participant Cost: \$6

Title: Acts 29

Author: Chris Kovac

Publisher: NAV Press

Number of Sessions: Eight to Ten

Synopsis:

More than 90 percent of churchgoers today don't feel equipped in evangelism. Are you one of them? Acts 29 is a workbook that teaches you how to effectively communicate the gospel. With a topical Bible study, memorization tools, and discussion questions, it removes intimidation and awkwardness, allowing you to reach out while respecting others.

Resources: Leader Book, Participant Guide, Small Group DVD

Participant Cost: \$13

Title: The Way of the Master Basic Training Course

Author: Kirk Cameron, Ray Comfort

Publisher: Genesis

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

Based on the award-winning TV series "The Way of the Master," this eight-session course will teach you to overcome your fears by using a proven, powerfully effective way to make the gospel make sense to those you care about. Learn to bypass the intellect (the place of argument) and speak directly to the conscience (the place of knowledge of right and wrong) - the way Jesus did. Ideal for groups of all sizes; weekly homework assignments will gradually coax you out of your comfort zone to begin sharing your faith confidently and biblically.

Resources: Participant/Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$5.00

Title: How To Reach Your Full Potential For God

Author: Charles F. Stanley

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Number of Sessions: Seven

Synopsis:

In How to Reach Your Full Potential for God Study Guide, readers dive deep into Bible passages and personal discovery to grasp the big hope and purpose God envisioned when he created them. In How to Reach Your Full Potential for God, readers connect with the powerful and inspiring message that God has a grand vision for them, one He designed when he uniquely created them. They learn that regardless

of setbacks, failures, and frustrations, there is a better path based in God's Word, one that's full of hope and purpose.

Resources: Book, Study Guide

Participant Cost: \$14

Title: Get Out Of That Pit: Straight Talk About God's Deliverance

Author: Beth Moore

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Number of Sessions: Ten

Synopsis:

Are you buried in spirit-deadening anger, heartbreaking desperation, or mind-numbing confusion? Moore understands because she's been there. In this personal book inspired by Psalm 40, she shares the lessons she learned as a former "pit-dweller" and encourages you to lift your eyes, voice, and hands to the only Power who can help! Includes chapter-by-chapter study guide for personal use or small group usage.

Resources: Participant/Leader Study Guide

Participant Cost: \$10.00

Title: My Heart's Desire

Author: David Jeremiah

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Number of Sessions: Approximately Twelve

Synopsis:

For many of us, the wide-eyed astonishment we once experienced in God's presence has all but vanished. But God wants much more for us. In My Heart's Desire, pastor and best-selling author Dr. David Jeremiah shares how you can gain an exuberant passion for God that never goes away. Using Scripture as his anchor, Dr. Jeremiah invites you to discover a fresh understanding of worship, exploring what it means to encounter God every day with a heart filled with marvel and praise. "When you make worship a continuous part of your life," he says, "you'll be more devoted to God and better connected to family and friends. You'll be more focused in your work. The crippling cynicism will melt away, and you'll be energized by the power of living faith." It is then that you will satisfy your heart's desire to live every moment in the wonder of worship.

Resources: Book

Note: There is no Leader Guide or Discussion Guide. Leaders would need to read assigned chapters and develop five or six good discussion questions for each session.

Participant Cost: \$10.00

Title: Seeking Him: Experiencing the Joy of Personal Revival

Author: Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Tim Grissom

Publisher: Moody Publishers

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

Experience the joy that comes with personal revival! Did you know that revival means a complete transformation of your heart that impacts your home, church, and the world? In Seeking Him, Nancy Leigh DeMoss shows you the way toward freedom and the genuine holiness that comes from humility, repentance, and forgiveness. Each week of this 12-week interactive study has five days of individual study to be done at home, followed by group questions and testimonies. There's also a "Making It Personal" section for you to delve into more questions and exercises. Paperback.

Resources: Participant's/Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$13.00

Title: Freedom In Christ

Author: Neil Anderson

Publisher: Gospel Light

Number of Sessions: Thirteen

Synopsis:

For new and mature disciples alike, becoming Christlike is a lifelong endeavor. Neil Anderson's transformative 13-session Bible study teaches essential truths about the Christian life—the good news, our new identity, reshaping our worldview, renewing our mind, forgiveness, and more—and guides believers along their faith walk.

Resources: Leader Guide, Book, Study Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$8.00

Title: Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World

Author: David Jeremiah

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Number of Sessions: Six or Twelve

Synopsis:

In light of modern, chaotic events, how can we continue to live a life of commitment and confidence? Looking through the lens of the verses that speak of Christ's return Dr. Jeremiah points us to the habits we must establish that will form a pattern for living with certain hope in our uncertain times. They include how to stay: Centered in Christ, Committed to the Word, Compassionate toward others, Connected to the church, Consistent in your walk, Calm in your heart, Certain of His coming, Confident in your faith.

Resources: Book, Leader's Guide, Participant's Guide, Small Group DVD, Audio CD

Participant Cost: \$10 - \$17

Title: Extraordinary: The Life You're Meant to Live

Author: John Bevere

Publisher: Messenger International

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

All of us were meant for more, extraordinarily created and intended for a life that is anything but ordinary. In this curriculum, John Bevere presents a compelling and deeply inspiring case straight from Scripture that will position you to step into the unknown and embrace the divine empowerment. These twelve sessions are the road-map to your journey of transformation. The power to live an exceptional life is not defined by your family, education, or occupation; it's a disposition of the heart. You are marked for a life that far surpasses the usual definitions of success of fulfillment—begin becoming extraordinary today.

Resources: Book, Participant Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$12.00 (May want to also purchase the book for \$10.00)

THEME STUDIES: Doctrine/Theology

Title: God in 60 Seconds

Author: John Ankerberg and Dillon Burroughs

Publisher: Harvest House

Number of Sessions: Eight to Twelve

Synopsis:

When it comes to providing helpful resources on understanding the Christian faith, few people have the wealth of experience possessed by author and researcher John Ankerberg. In God in 60 Seconds, he and coauthor Dillon Burroughs boil down more than 100 issues that affect people's beliefs about God.

Resources: Book

Note: There is no leader guide or discussion questions. Leader would need to read the book and decide on 4-5 good discussion questions for each session.

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: The Alpha Course

Author: Nicky Gumbel

Publisher: Alpha

Number of Sessions: Fifteen

Synopsis:

Seekers have a lot of questions but aren't always comfortable in church, with its unfamiliar rituals. Now updated, Nicky Gumbel's 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith gives them the opportunity to explore Christianity in a non-threatening environment. And the leadership materials make it easy to run---no theology degree required!

Resources: Participant Manual, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$4.00

Title: The Cross of Christ

Author: John Stott

Publisher: Intervarsity

Number of Sessions: Thirteen

Synopsis:

A compelling and comprehensive treatment of the centrality of the cross. Examining the apparent and underlying reasons for Christ's death, Stott defends the substitutionary view of the atonement and explores Christ's achievement through his crucifixion. He also discusses the implications of the cross for Christian worship, self-understanding, life, and hope. Includes a study guide.

Resources: Study Edition of the Book

Participant Cost: \$9.00

Title: Tim LaHaye's Left Behind Prophecy

Author: Tim LaHaye

Publisher: Total Content

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

Tim LaHaye's Prophecy Institute presents this engaging home video collection that provides an in-depth examination of Biblical prophecy. Featuring the world's finest theologians and Biblical scholars, Tim LaHaye, Ed Hindson and Thomas Ice, the complete collection offers insight into what the Bible reveals about the future.

Resources: DVD series, no participants or leader's guide available

Participant Cost: \$0.00

Title: Experiencing the Resurrection

Author: Henry Blackaby

Publisher: Multnomah Publishers

Number of Sessions: Thirteen

Synopsis:

Not Just a One-Time Historical Event If you stop at the cross, you might as well have never started. Only when accompanied by the resurrection can the cross offer you total freedom and complete victory in Christ. Because when God raised Jesus from the dead, He also made it possible for Christ's life to reign in you. Explore the glorious dimensions of His resurrection through this powerful book and study guide steeped in the Blackaby distinctive of constant encouragement and fresh ways to experience God. Just as Jesus endured the cross "for the joy that was set before Him" (Hebrews 12:2), so also will you find a new approach for facing your trials. Begin to catch breathless glimpses of the living Lord at work in and through your life. The resurrection will become not a one-time, historical event, but a daily celebration manifested in your life!

Resources: Book, Participant Guide

Participant Cost: \$2.00

Title: Captured by Grace

Author: David Jeremiah

Publisher: Worthy Publishers

Number of Sessions: Seven

Synopsis:

Believing Grace is one thing, living it is another. A 7-week group Bible study with inspirational video presentations featuring David Jeremiah will help you discover how grace behaves in day-to-day life. You will learn what grace looks like when it's lived out at home, at work, in marriage, with children and friends, during economic crises, and especially in the church. Grace surrounds you on all sides, and can change all aspects of life.

Resources: Book, Leader Guide, DVD, Participant Guide

Participant Cost: \$5.00

Title: The Miracle of Life Change

Author: Chip Ingram

Publisher: Living on the Edge

Number of Sessions: Ten

Synopsis:

Prepare to experience transformation! Just as a butterfly emerges from its chrysalis, Chip Ingram helps you break free of destructive patterns to become the person you long to be! Unpacking Ephesians 4, his 10-session study will show you how to overcome barriers to change, deal with sin, rely on God to bring out your best, and more.

Resources: Leader Guide, DVD, Participant Guide

Participant Cost: \$7.00

THEME STUDIES: Apologetics

Title: More Than A Carpenter

Author: Josh McDowell

Publisher: Tyndale House

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

Updated for a new generation of seekers with revised material and a new chapter, this bestseller introduces the real Jesus---a carpenter, a religious leader, and the Son of God. The author reveals how he searched for meaning, truth, and relevance---finding the answers in Jesus Christ. Discover how you can find him, too! Excellent for people curious about the evidence for Christianity and the claims of Christ.

Resources: Book

Note: There is no leader guide or discussion questions. Leader would need to read the book and decide on 4-5 good discussion questions for each session.

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: Surprised by Faith

Author: Don Bierle

Publisher: Faith Search International

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

Dr. Don Bierle shares his personal discovery of faith. A former skeptic, the author explains the evidence and reasons which satisfied his questions and led him to faith. Updated to include recent discoveries and photographs. A convenient, affordable and effective way to share the evidence for faith, this attractive book expands on the FaithSearch event and complements it by providing documentation and discussion questions.

Resources: Book with Discussion Questions for each chapter

Participant Cost: \$10.00

Title: Growing Faith

Author: Don Bierle

Publisher: FaithSearch

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

This is an ideal tool for discipling new Christians. The Growing Faith discipleship manual contains eight easy-to-follow lessons that help a person get firmly rooted in the truth. Each lesson leads the user through selected readings and key Scripture passages that help the believer understand what God has done and will do in their life.

Resources: Book, Leader Guide

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Title: The Facts On The Bible ("Facts On" Series)

Author: John Ankerberg, John Weldon and Dillon Burroughs

Publisher: Harvest House

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

How can we know the Bible is reliable? Drawing from history, archaeology, science, and logic, this updated resource examines the biblical text's accuracy; exposes critical fallacies; shows how fulfilled prophecy is the result of divine inspiration; and affirms the uniqueness of the Scriptures.

Resources: Book (Note: no Study Guide or Leader Guide)

Participant Cost: \$5

Title: The Case For A Creator

Author: Lee Strobel

Publisher: Zondervan

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

Has science finally discovered God? In this compelling 6-session DVD curriculum, Lee Strobel and Garry Poole explore cosmology, cellular biology, astronomy, evolution, physics, and DNA research to reveal the incredible complexity of the universe---which is best explained by the existence of a Creator!

Resources: Book, Participant's Guide, Leader's Guide, Small Group DVD, Audio Tape

Participant Cost: \$8 - \$13

Other Books in the series

The Case for Faith

The Case for Christ

The Case for the Real Jesus

The Case for the Resurrection

Title: Why Trust The Bible ("Bible Basics" Series)

Author: Timothy Paul Jones

Publisher: Rose Publishing

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

Is the Bible an ancient document that has been tampered with? Has it been edited many times over the centuries and now is filled with errors? How can we know what the Bible really said when the originals no longer exist? "The Bible can be trusted," says author Dr. Timothy Paul Jones. The good news is that the Bible is reliable, even though it was hand copied and there are variations between texts. This book explains the variations and why they don't affect the trustworthiness of the Scriptures. Dr. Jones' interest in this topic began many years ago when he came across these arguments in seminary. At first his faith was badly shaken and he wondered if he still believed. But as he dug deeper, he found answers. Dr. Jones shows the errors in critics' logic and facts —and does it in an easy-to-understand style with charts, diagrams, and explanations.

Resources: Book, Downloadable Leader's Guide, PowerPoint

Participant Cost: \$15

Title: Christianity, Cults & Religions ("Bible Basics" Series)

Author: Paul Carden

Publisher: Rose Publishing

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

As the title implies, this volume addresses Christianity in relation to cults, the occult and other religions. Comparisons of the other belief systems are set beside Christianity to illustrate the differences between them. In-depth examinations of Islam, Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses are included, as these belief systems are very relevant to Christians today, and a final chapter demonstrates how one can witness to cult.

Resources: Book, Downloadable Leader's Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$12

THEME STUDIES: Spiritual Warfare

Title: The Invisible War

Author: Chip Ingram

Publisher: Baker Books

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

In a culture where witches are no fairy tale, Chip Ingram reminds Christians of the battle being waged against them! Using Ephesians 6 as his foundation for these eight sessions, the host of Living on the Edge reveals what believers need to know to prayerfully defend themselves—and their families—against Satan's daily spiritual warfare.

Resources: Book, Study Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$7.00

Title: The Armor of God

Author: David Skeba

Publisher: Destiny Image

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

There is a mighty spiritual war raging all around. You may have sensed it, felt it, and are probably in the midst of it! This in-depth study of the spiritual armor described in Ephesians 6 is your guide to living victoriously during these end times on planet Earth—the realm of Satan's domain. You can live victoriously as the champion God intended.

Resources: Book, DVD

Participant Cost: \$22.00

Title: Victory Over The Darkness

Author: Neil Anderson

Publisher: Gospel Light

Number of Sessions: Eight to Ten

Synopsis:

When we begin our Christian walk we are overwhelmed with joy, but it does not take long before the darkness of intellectual doubt, emotional confusion and physical pain threaten to separate us from our Savior. Neil Anderson explains that our identity in Christ, the power of Scripture and the love of the Christian community will help us to experience Victory Over the Darkness. Let this gifted pastor and counselor teach you how to "live as children of light" (Eph. 5:8).

Resources: Book, Study Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$10.00 - 18.00

Title: Twisting The Truth

Author: Andy Stanley

Publisher: Zondervan

Number of Sessions: Five

Synopsis:

Our postmodern society is expert at distorting the truth. How can we learn to discern in a culture of deception? Andy Stanley exposes four destructive lies about authority, pain, sex, and sin. His straightforward insights will help you exchange the falsehoods of our day for the life-changing truths of Scripture.

Resources: Book, Study Guide, Leader's Guide, Small Group DVD

Participant Cost: \$22

Title: The Bondage Breaker

Author: Neil Anderson

Publisher: Harvest House

Number of Sessions: Fourteen

Synopsis:

Anderson's bestselling book The Bondage Breaker leads you away from the shadows and shackles in your life and toward the freedom that comes when you:

realize you have the right to be free

confront the power of Satan

fight the temptation to do it your way

trade deception for grace

affirm your identity in Christ

Anderson ultimately helps you break negative thought patterns, control irrational feelings, and break out of the bondage of sinful behavior. If you're struggling, discover how to embrace the promise of Jesus to win the spiritual battles confronting you.

Resources: Book, Study Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$10.00 - \$18.00

THEME STUDIES: Biblical Themes

Title: Fire On The Mountain ("That The World May Know" Series)

Author: Ray Vanderlaan

Publisher: Zondervan

Number of Sessions: Five

Synopsis:

When the Israelites left Egypt, they were finally free. Free from persecution, free from oppression, and free to worship their own God. But with that freedom comes a new challenge—learning how to live together the way God intends. Discover how God teaches the Israelites what it means to be part of a community that loves him and the lessons we can begin to live out in our lives today.

Resources: Participant's Guide, Small Group DVD

Participant Cost: \$8

Other books available in this series ("That The World May Know"):

- #1: The Promised Land
- #2: The Prophets and Kings of Israel
- #3: The Life and Ministry of the Messiah
- #4: The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah
- #5: The Early Church
- #6: In The Dust of the Rabbi
- #7: Walk as Jesus Walked
- #8: God Heard Their Cry (the Persecuted Church)
- #9: Fire on the Mountain (the Wilderness Wanderings)
- #10: With All Your Heart (into the Promised Land)
- #11: Path to the Cross
- #12: Walking with God in the Desert

Title: Jesus (“Bible Basics” Series)

Publisher: Rose Publishing

Number of Sessions: Seven

Synopsis:

Who is Jesus and how is He different from all other religious leaders in the world? The Rose Bible Basics: Jesus full-color book provides you with a solid introduction to the life of Jesus, His teachings, and the significance of His death and resurrection. Each chapter of this book will help you discover the life-changing impact of Jesus of Nazareth.

Resources: Book, Downloadable Leader’s Guide

Participant Cost: \$11

Other Books in the “Bible Basics” Series from Rose Publishing:

The Bible At A Glance

This is an introduction to basic Bible knowledge and contains topics, such as Bible Overview (summarizes each book of the Bible in 100 words or less), Bible Time Line (compares Bible history and world history side by side), How to Study the Bible, Then & Now Bible Maps, Where to Find Favorite Bible Verses, Bible Promises, Following Jesus (basics of the Christian life including forgiveness, prayer, tithing, salvation, and more), and Bible Translations Comparison chart.

Names of God and Other Bible Studies

The names of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are explained with references and applications. The armor of God explains its historical background, and application for today. The Trinity offers explanation of this key doctrine and answers common misunderstandings surrounding the topic. The Lord’s prayer and the beatitudes sections give explanation and application for all believers. Written in accessible language with wonderful graphics.

Title: One Minute After You Die

Author: Erwin W. Lutzer

Publisher: Moody

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

Someone you know is about to pass away. Will they enter delight? or horror? Many people spend more time planning for a vacation than preparing for eternity. Perhaps it doesn't seem real that we will still exist---fully conscious and alive---beyond the grave. But it's true, and it calls for careful consideration. In this updated edition of One Minute After You Die, Erwin Lutzer urges you to study what the Bible says on this critical subject. Topics include:

Can near-death experiences teach us anything about life after death?

What does the Bible say about purgatory?

What will heaven be like?

Is it realistic to believe in hell?

How can we prepare for our own final moment?

Resources: Book, Participant Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$13.00

Title: Heaven

Author: Randy Alcorn

Publisher: Tyndale

Number of Sessions: Seven to Twelve

Synopsis:

As the years pass and we watch more and more of our family, friends and mentors pass away, it is only natural to ask questions about heaven. However, our understanding of heaven is often limited to a few half-forgotten Sunday school lessons and the insubstantial images provided by popular movies and T.V.

Fortunately, in Heaven Randy Alcorn provides us with a thoroughly researched and biblically definitive description of heaven. As Alcorn addresses our most serious questions about heaven, including the nature of judgment, and answers a few of our less serious questions as well, including the accessibility of cafe mochas the sweet by and by, we will develop a deeper understanding of our eternal destination and will find the courage to strive for heaven while we're living on earth.

Resources: Book, Participants Guide, Audio CD

Participant Cost: \$24

Title: 40-Day Bible Adventure

Author: Christopher Hudson

Publisher: Value Books

Number of Sessions: 40 days

Synopsis:

Learning scripture is easy and fun with the 40-Day Bible Adventure! This brand-new book is ideal for individuals or groups, promising greater understanding of the world's greatest Book. In 15 minutes a day, the 40-Day Bible Adventure will help you understand the storyline of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. There's helpful context for each book ("Setting Up the Story") and 3-5 questions to engage you in key passages. "Critical Observations" help explain the strange and mysterious elements of Bible stories, while "Take It Home" sidebars provide ideas for practical application. Give your Bible 40 days. . you'll appreciate it for the rest of your life!

Resources: Book (Not specifically designed for small groups, but a good resource)

Participant Cost: \$2.00

Title: Through The Bible In One Year

Author: Dr. Alan B. Stringfellow

Publisher: Hensley Publishing

Number of Sessions: 52

Synopsis:

Reading the entire Bible in one year may seem like a daunting prospect, but Stringfellow's study makes the journey easy and enjoyable. Using a progressive step-by-step format, 52 lessons help you analyze all 66 books of the Bible. You'll learn about major themes, key verses, central messages, and more.

Resources: Participants Guide

Participant Cost: \$14.00

Title: Great Characters Of The Bible

Author: Dr. Alan B. Stringfellow

Publisher: Hensley Publishing

Number of Sessions: 52

Synopsis:

Explore how God has worked through people in Scripture---and you'll learn that he moves in the same way today! Featuring an outlined fill-in-the-blank format, Pastor Stringfellow's 52-week biblical biography study shows you how God directs lives to bring about his ultimate will.

Resources: Participants Guide

Participant Cost: \$15.00

Title: Great Truths Of The Bible

Author: Dr. Alan B. Stringfellow

Publisher: Hensley Publishing

Number of Sessions: 52

Synopsis:

Have you ever felt God has something special planned for your life, but often find you fail to receive His greater blessings? Great Truths of the Bible contains 52 lessons covering 48 cardinal principles of the Christian faith which will prepare you to discover the magnificent power God has given you. Once you've completed this Bible study you will have equipped yourself with the very fundamentals of your faith. Great Truths of the Bible gives you the answers to truths regarding the Bible: The inspired Word of God, God the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, holy angels, Satan and his angels, sin, salvation, repentance, faith, regeneration, justification, redemption, atonement and grace, as well as prayer, the Christian life, the Church: the Body of Christ, the Antichrist and the false prophet and the second coming of Christ. It is when these truths become a living reality in your life that you truly learn how to change despair to hope, sadness to joy, fear to faith.

Resources: Participants Guide

Participant Cost: \$17.00

THEME STUDIES: Marriage, Family, and Finances

Title: Faith Begins At Home

Author: Mark Holmen

Publisher: Willow

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

In the past, faith was a central part of the family's home life, passed on from generation to generation. Today, the reality for many families is that faith is no more than one-hour, drop-off Christianity, if it is present at all. What does this mean for the faith of our children? How will they come to know Christ? And how does a family put Christ at the center of their busy lives? Mark Holmen knows that becoming a strong, healthy, joy-filled family that God intended begins with parents establishing their homes as the primary place where faith is nurtured. In this book, you will learn about the importance of your and your spouse's walk with the Lord; of using gifts and experiences of grandparents, elders and mentors in the family; and of the role church should play with families. Filled with a wealth of practical ideas, inspirational stories and biblical truth, you'll be inspired, motivated and equipped to help you and your family succeed.

Resources: Book with discussion questions

Participant Cost: \$10

Title: Your Child: Essentials of Discipline

Author: James Dobson

Publisher: Focus on the Family

Number of Sessions: Twelve

Synopsis:

Essentials of Discipline tackles the subject of discipline in a way that only Dr. James Dobson can. Based on his time-tested best sellers, you know the content has substance, but this video seminar also includes animation and man-on-the-street interviews. Lessons from Dr. Dobson have never been this fun!

Resources: Participant Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$7.00

Title: God's Design for Your Marriage, Handle With Care (Essentials in Marriage Series)

Author: Gary Chapman, Dave Ramsey, Kay Arthur, etc.

Publisher: Focus on the Family

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

In Essentials of Marriage: Handle with Care you'll discover Bible-based strategies for dealing with the biggest threats couples face. It starts with a lively DVD presentation from some of today's top experts. The adventure continues with the participants guide-just what you need to apply that practical wisdom to your marriage.

Resources: Participant Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$7.00

Other books available in this series:

Higher Love

Who Did You Really Marry

Title: Boundaries With Kids

Author: Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

Publisher: Zondervan

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

Help your kids take responsibility for their own actions and emotions---and bring order to an out-of-control household! In this 8-session program, Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend take you and your small group through the ins and outs of establishing loving limits and instilling character in your children---ones that will help them lead balanced, productive, and fulfilling adult lives.

Resources: Book, Workbook, Participant Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$7.00 - \$20.00

Title: Boundaries In Marriage

Author: Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

Publisher: Zondervan

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

Only when a husband and wife know and respect each other's needs, choices, and freedom can they give themselves freely and lovingly to one another. Boundaries in Marriage gives the couples in your group the tools they need. By applying the powerful biblical and relational principles presented in this DVD, couples can make a good marriage better and even save one that's headed for disaster. Exercises and activities in each of the eight sessions help partners connect principles with marriage-strengthening application. Boundaries in Marriage will pay huge dividends wherever couples desire to understand the friction points or serious hurts in their marriages-so they can move beyond them to a better relationship.

Resources: Book, Workbook, Participant Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$7.00 - \$20.00

Title: Shepherding a Child's Heart

Author: Tedd Tripp

Publisher: Shepherd Press

Number of Sessions: Thirteen

Synopsis:

Many parenting books are based on hit-or-miss theories steeped in secular thinking. This one draws from Pastor Tripp's seasoned experience as a father-and from God's Holy Word. Grounded in the Bible's

divine plan for parenting, this guide defines your goals as a parent and provides the Scriptural methods for accomplishing them.

Resources: Participant Guide, Leader Guide, DVD

Participant Cost: \$8.00

Title: Have A New Kid By Friday

Publisher: Kevin Leman

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

This workbook is intended to be completed during the week you are participating in the 6-week Have a New Kid by Friday video curriculum program. Each day, Monday through Saturday, you'll find a narrative by Dr. Kevin Leman, taken from the video. The workbook also includes a scripture theme, discussion guide, application, and prayer for each lesson.

Resources: Leader's Guide, Workbook, DVD

Participant Cost: \$7.00

Title: From Anger to Intimacy: How Forgiveness Can Transform Your Marriage

Author: Gary Smalley, Ted Cunningham

Publisher: Gospel Light

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

Anger: it's a God-given emotion that can prove devilish within any marriage. With the expert guidance of Smalley and Cunningham, you'll discover how responding positively to provocation can transform your relationship - and your lives. Learn about healthy conflict resolution; three essentials of forgiveness; crafting the perfect apology; healing after an affair; and more.

Resources: Book, Leader's Guide, Workbook, DVD

Participant Cost: \$11.00

Title: Discovering God's Way Of Handling Money

Publisher: Crown Financial Ministries

Number of Sessions: Eight

Synopsis:

There are more than 2,350 verses that address everything you need to know about handling money. The Bible is, indeed, a blueprint for managing your finances. Not only is Discovering God's Way of Handling Money practical, but in it you will learn the profound impact managing your money has on your relationship with God. Eight weekly segments cover such topics as debt, counsel, honesty, giving, work, saving and investing, and teaching children about money.

Resources: Leader's Guide, Workbook, DVD Kit

Participant Cost: \$7.00

Title: The Treasure Principle

Publisher: Randy Alcorn

Number of Sessions: Six

Synopsis:

Most people can significantly give to the Kingdom of God, but they don't know how or haven't been taught the awesome eternal benefits of sowing into God's work on Earth. Author Randy Alcorn calls it a hidden treasure, and we all must learn this life-changing principle to find that hidden treasure. The Treasure Principle Workshop teaches the joy of giving. In a dramatic teaching style, this video workshop literally inspires those who watch to learn the principles of giving in a way that causes lasting change.

Resources: Leader's Guide, Workbook, DVD Kit

Participant Cost: \$6.00

Comments about various studies from Small Group Leaders who have used them.

One Minute After You Die – James Haglund

The topic and material presented generated much discussion.

It gave us a new view of heaven.

Clarified questions and alleviated doubts.

Very good at emphasis that death is just a "gateway to Heaven" and we have much to look forward to as Christians.

Dr. Lutzer was a very good presenter and his presentations were better than the book.

Very forthright about what hell might be like and emphasized our need for salvation.

It will be good for all adult age levels.

We had a long discussion about the lesson's applicability for Bible study groups with younger people.

Everyone feels that it was a very worth discussion subject for them but that they felt that it is applicable for any age. It certainly held their interest and our attendance was nearly 100% throughout the study. As you can tell our group really enjoyed the video, the lesson guide and the book and would recommend it for future use.

These are some of the Bible studies that have been used by our groups.
Contact the group leader for information about the study.

A Fragile Stone: Peter, Jesus' Friend (Discovery House)	Hermerding
Art of Living Well (Boa)	Gordon Davis, Haglund
Boundaries in Marriage (Cloud, Townsend)	Bowman
Case For The Creator (Strobel)	Gust, VanBergen, Lingo
Fire on the Mountain (VanderLaan)	Wilkens, Blosser, Barron, Kettenacker
Forgotten God (Chan)	Chorost, Uecker
How To Reach Your Full Potential For God (Stanley)	Gilbert
How To Study The Bible (MacArthur)	Annie Locke
If You Want To Walk On Water...	Barron
In The Dust of the Rabbi (VanderLaan)	Kantor
Invisible War (Ingram)	Bergstrom
James (MacArthur)	Sandahl
Living With Confidence In A Chaotic World (Jeremiah)	Roger Lundeen
Lord, Heal My Hurts (Arthur)	Annie Locke
Lord Teach Me To Pray in 28 Days	Bergstrom
My Heart's Desire (Jeremiah)	Gilbert, Bowman
One Minute After You Die (Lutzer)	Haglund
Romans (McArthur)	Uecker
Sacred Marriage (Thomas)	Sandahl
Sermon on the Mount LifeGuide Study	Chorost, Kruger
Victory Over Darkness (Neil Anderson)	Dan Anderson
Walk As Jesus Walked (VanderLaan)	Kantor
With All Your Heart (VanderLaan)	Wilkens, Blosser, Kettenecker

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You can also provide the information via e-mail at mary@buffalocov.org or ecwyatt@charter.net
Questions? Oliver Blosser - 763-222-4345

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