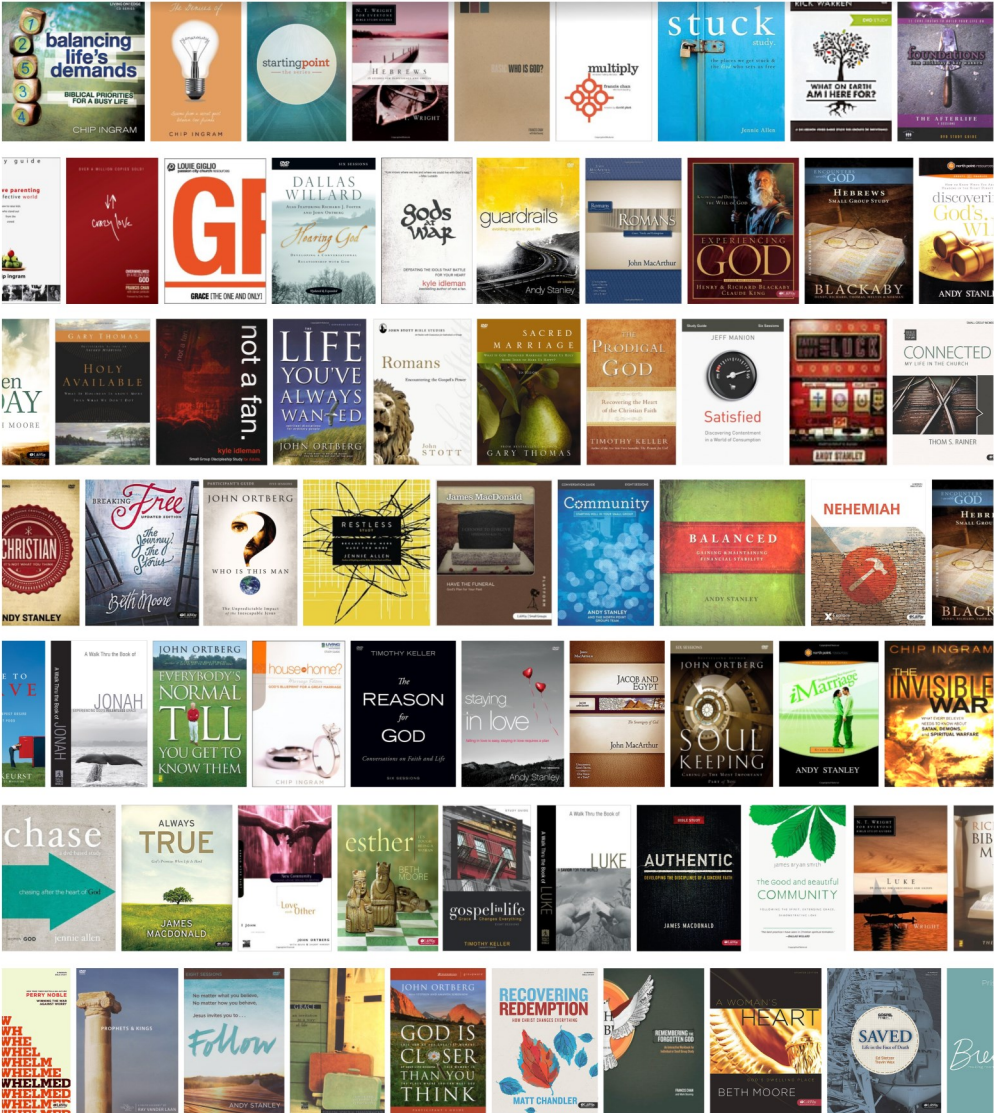


COMMUNITY GROUP

CURRICULUM GUIDE

3rd edition **PV**



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USING THIS GUIDE

One key element to your group meeting is the curriculum and Bible studies your group chooses to use. This is a leadership decision that should be entered into very intentionally with a vision for the group members in mind.

This *Curriculum Guide* is intended to help you get started in identifying reliable studies for your group based upon the spiritual maturity of the group, stage of the life cycle your group is in, and make-up of your group. You will find suggestions of both topical studies and Bible study series to use. Beyond the specific studies listed here, look for similar series, publishers, or authors, knowing they will likely align with our church's vision and beliefs.

Choosing Bible Study Series

A main key in choosing a Bible study is to remember that the study material is merely a tool to help you engage with the Scriptures. While most of the listings in this guide are topical, at the beginning of each phase of the life cycles listings are several suggested Bible study series. In choosing an appropriate Bible study series, know that the approach of each will vary—some will be more informational in nature, others will focus more on application, while others better designed to engage in discussion. As the leader, the key is to balance these components.

This guide is hopefully just the starting point in your search for your study material. The church staff is always available help give feedback and suggestions on studies.



Community Group resources are available for checkout to Community Group Leaders through the PV Library. They are located at the far West end of the Library and begin with the call letters "AMR."

The inventory is also searchable online:

pvcommunitylife.wordpress.com/cg/curriculum

IMPORTANT IDENTIFIERS IN THIS GUIDE

Resources available for check-out from PV Library

These are studies you don't want to miss—we consider them essential and every group should use. Give these priority in the selection process.



SACRED PARENTING

Gary Thomas

6 or 10 sessions



OR



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ESSENTIAL

What if one of God's primary intentions for children, but about you becoming a different perspective on children God has given you his lesson in love. **SAMPLE LISTING** Parenting helps you look at parenting from by the

When viewing this guide online, through the digital PDF version, clicking this icon will open additional info on each specific study. PDF available: pvcommunitylife.wordpress.com/cg/curriculum

UNDERSTANDING STUDY FORMAT ICONS



BOOK. Primary content will come from everyone reading the book together. Check each book individually to see if there are study or discussion questions included.



DVD. Primary content will come from video teaching. Study guide or leader's guide will often be included or additionally available.



STUDY GUIDE. Book specifically designed to lead your study and discussion. May be a stand-alone resource, or to be used in conjunction with DVD. May or may not be required for all members to have a copy.



WORKBOOK. Primary content will come from use of a workbook, usually to be completed outside of group meeting. Recommended that each participant or couple has their own copy.

FOYER

Connection Phase

Every new or re-starting Community Group should begin with the Essential Study: *Community*, by Andy Stanley.



MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

*Who is in my group?
Do I like these people?
Will this be worth it?*

PURPOSE

Build Relationships

LEADERSHIP FOCUS

Story. Personal background, Preferences, Beliefs/worldviews, Experiences.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- *Keep your study time shorter (no more than half your meeting time)*
- *Make sure both the study topic and format are geared toward building relationships (supplement with extended ice breakers or games, if needed)*
- *Avoid studies that require purchasing materials or doing much homework and prep between meetings*
- *Avoid going too in-depth with Bible study—you are still assessing where everyone's maturity/understanding*

COMMUNITY: STARTING WELL IN YOUR SMALL GROUP

Andy Stanley

8 - 10 sessions



During this “starter study”—specifically designed for new small groups—you’ll explore how building deep relationships with the people in your group and serving the larger community around you will grow your faith. You’ll also have the opportunity to clarify the expectations for the group going forward, as well as allowing everyone to share their life story with the group.

EVERYBODY'S NORMAL 'TIL YOU GET TO KNOW THEM

John Ortberg

6 sessions



With the insight of a counselor and the heart of a pastor, Ortberg has written one of the best contemporary considerations of community and teaches us how to accept other people and



STARTING POINT, THE SERIES

Andy Stanley

8 sessions



Explores what it would look like to hit the restart button on your faith. This is YOUR starting point. All video available online: startingpointseries.com * Note: This is the same material used in Starting Point groups—designed specifically for seekers and new believers, but the content is suited for groups of all experiences and spiritual maturities.

BIBLE STUDY SERIES



SOURCE BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Andy Stanley | North Point Ministries



These studies have been created to enable small groups to discuss the Bible in the context of community. Group discussion guides are available free, for download:



NEW COMMUNITY SERIES

Ortberg, Hybels, others | Willow Creek



This series of six session studies are a high-impact tool for experiencing the transforming power of God's Word by exploring life-changing topics from a biblical per-

LIVING ROOM

Discovery Phase



MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

*Am I opening up?
Am I being challenged?
Is this worth my time?*

PURPOSE

*Establish safe environment for
transparent sharing*

LEADERSHIP FOCUS

Modeling. *Solidifying relationships,
Sharing personal issues,
Establish group identity & routine.*

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- *Look for common themes in people's stories for direction of study*
- *Still leave plenty of time for relationship building before and after study*
- *Choose either Bible studies that are either topical or shorter Bible books that provide a theological overview*
- *Avoid studies longer than 6-8 sessions in length*
- *Begin integrating homework or prep in between meetings, but be careful not to require too much, too fast*

 **GOD: AS HE LONGS FOR YOU TO SEE HIM**

Chip Ingram

10 sessions



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This fascinating series studies seven attributes of God. As you begin to see God for who He really is and what His true desires for your life are, it will change the way you pray, the way you live and the way you think about the world around you.

MERE CHRISTIANITY

C.S. Lewis

10 chapters



C.S. Lewis' simple yet deeply profound classic, originally delivered as a series of radio broadcasts,

 **FIVE THINGS GOD USES TO GROW YOUR FAITH**

Andy Stanley

6 sessions



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Discover how God uses practical teaching, providential relationships, private disciplines, personal

 **BALANCING LIFE'S DEMANDS**

Chip Ingram

10 sessions

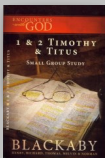


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Learn how to put "first things first" and find peace in the midst of pressure and adversity. This isn't about clichés or quick fixes, just practical biblical insights to help you order your personal world.

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

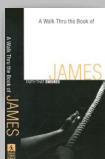


ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD SERIES

Blackabys | Thomas Nelson



Each of these seven session studies are an easy-to-use resource. Each include leader insights, discussion starters and questions.

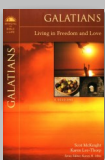


WALK THRU THE BIBLE SERIES

Various Authors | Baker Books



Each guide explores a book of the Bible or a prominent Bible character, offering rich insights and practical life application. Includes: Informative background information; Stimulating questions to help identify and apply biblical truths; Case studies to energize group dialogue; Preparation notes and leader tips.



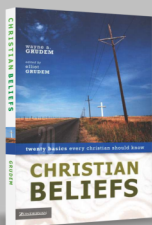
BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE SERIES

Various Authors | Zondervan



Study guides follow the format and content of the NIV Application Commentaries Series. Each study looks at the original meaning, bridging contexts, and contemporary significance of the text, and offers small group participants a better understanding and relevant application of the biblical material to their daily lives.

ESSENTIAL STUDY



CHRISTIAN BELIEFS: 20 BASICS EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD KNOW

Wayne Grudem

13 sessions



This readable guide to 20 basic Christian beliefs is a condensation of Grudem's Systematic Theology, boiling down the essentials of Christian theology for the average layperson and making them both clear and applicable to life. Each chapter includes questions for group discussion.

WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?

Philip Yancey

10 sessions



This study will help you not only gain a better understanding of what grace is and why it is so precious, but also integrate it into your life.

✓ FOUNDATIONS SERIES

Kay Warren, Tom Holladay

10 vol., 4 sess. ea.



This series of studies help small groups connect the central truths of Christianity with how group members actually live their lives. The Foundations Series includes eleven small group DVDs and participant's guides. Topics include: Creation, God, Salvation, Good & Evil, The Bible, The Church, The Second Coming, Sanctification, The Afterlife, and Jesus.

✓ ASK IT

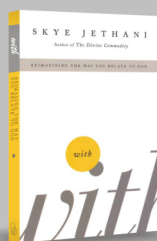
Andy Stanley

6 sessions



In this six-session DVD and companion book, Stanley identifies the one question that makes it easy to determine the answer to all other questions. You'll learn how to make decisions with confidence simply by applying THE question that brings clarity to life's most challenging decisions. *This is an updated version of *The Best Question Ever* by A. Stanley.

ESSENTIAL STUDY



WITH: REIMAGINING THE WAY YOU RELATE TO GOD

Skye Jethani

9 chapters



Exploring the biblical narrative alongside stories of faithful men and women throughout history, Jethani demonstrates how we can stop living our lives under, over, from, and for God and starting living in communion with Him!

✓ **GRACE: THE ONE AND ONLY**

Louie Giglio

5 sessions



The Grace that is freely given cost the Son of God everything...and ignites within all who receive it a desire to live for the One who sets us free.

✓ **BASIC CHRISTIANITY**

John R.W. Stott

11 sessions



This study clearly explains the fundamental claims of the Christian faith and explores how these beliefs impact the lives of believers.

✓ **AUTHENTIC**

James MacDonald

7 sessions



What does it mean to live as an authentic follower of Jesus? Learn to follow His example by practicing the spiritual disciplines He used to maintain a close relationship with His Father.

ESSENTIAL STUDY

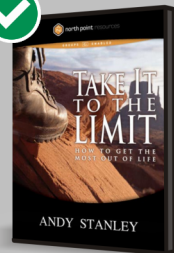
TAKE IT TO THE LIMIT

Andy Stanley

6 sessions



Do you feel snowed under and maxed out? In our culture, many people spend, acquire, and try to squeeze as much out of life as they can—and end up feeling empty in the process. Pull back from the edge and strike a balance by learning how to do less, not more.



✓ **NOT A FAN**

Kyle Idleman

6 sessions



Jesus is not interested in mere fans or enthusiastic admirers. He wants Completely Committed Followers. This study examines what it means to deny one's self and truly follow Jesus, using an unconventional, cinematic journey through a series of six mini-movies providing a unique perspective to help shape today's believer into a first century Christ-follower.

✓ **FORGOTTEN GOD**

Francis Chan

7 sessions



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.

SIMPLY CHRISTIAN: WHY CHRISTIANITY MAKES SENSE

N.T. Wright

10 chapters



Why do we want justice and fairness? What causes people to enter into relationships? How is it that we long for and enjoy what's beautiful? Wright makes apologetics accessible to modern seekers by explaining how each of these basic human values leads us to the mystery of God.

✓ CHRISTIAN

Andy Stanley

6 sessions



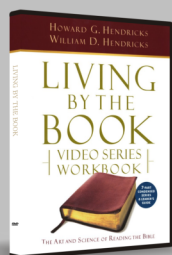
The words used to describe Christians today often bear no resemblance to what Jesus wanted his followers to be known for. What one word should be descriptive of every Christian? How Jesus followers should treat those who are outside the faith? Why people love Jesus but can't stand his followers? Explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history.

ESSENTIAL STUDY

LIVING BY THE BOOK

Howard Hendricks

7 sessions



In their bestselling book and workbook, Howard and Bill Hendricks offer a practical three-step process that will help you master simple yet effective inductive methods of observation, interpretation and application that will make all the difference in your time with God's Word! *Note: There are two versions of this study available; a 7 session overview, and a 20 session advanced version. The 7 session is available in the library.

✓ CRAZY LOVE

Francis Chan

10 sessions



It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's falling in love with God.

✓ TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE

Andy Stanley

6 sessions



Responsibilities...We all have them. But we don't all take them as seriously as we ought to. Wouldn't it be great, though, if we all took responsibility for the things we are responsible for? Wouldn't it be great if you took responsibility for everything you're responsible for? It's time to stop the finger-pointing and excuse-making and to remove the "ir" in irresponsible.

ESSENTIAL STUDY

FIRE CARRIERS

PV

6 sessions



This study allows you to dig into the Biblical motivation and teaching behind PV's six core values: Gospel, Next Steps, Generosity, Community, Families, and Multiplication. The goal of this series is to help educate the PV family on the "WHY" we do what we do as a church - the motivation that drives our "unleash" vision.

 **PRESENCE: OVERWHELMED WITH GOD**
J.D. Greear

6 sessions



Drawing from Exodus 32-34 and illustrations from Moses' interaction with the Lord, this study drives home the realities of God's presence, absence, and power.

 **WHO IS THIS MAN?**
John Ortberg

5 sessions



This study reveals how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world, and how you as a Christian can have an inescapable influence too.

 **GOD IS THE GOSPEL**
John Piper

6 sessions



The gospel is good news not because of its many peripheral blessings, but because it brings us to God—and to utter delight in him as our all-sufficient and everlasting treasure.

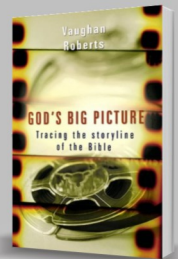
ESSENTIAL STUDY

GOD'S BIG PICTURE: TRACING THE STORYLINE OF THE BIBLE*Vaughn Roberts*

8 chapters



Does the Bible sometimes seem like a confusing jumble of books, authors, and stories? Roberts's excellent overview takes a wide-angle view of Scripture, showing how the various parts of the Bible consolidate into one united theme: the kingdom of God. With this encouraging tool guiding you, you'll be reading God's Word with new confidence and understanding.



KITCHEN

Transformation Phase



MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

- Am I willing to meet beyond meetings?*
- Am I seeing transformation?*
- Am I willing to be transparent?*

PURPOSE

Confront idols, Grow knowledge of God

LEADERSHIP FOCUS

Truth. *Rigorous study of Scripture, Gender-specific sub-grouping, Exhortation to greater surrender*

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- *Studies should be more challenging than at any other point*
- *Topical studies related to marriage and relationships, and studies related to the spiritual disciplines are ideal*
- *More in-depth studies on specific Bible books*
- *Utilize smaller sub-groups of three to four and/or men's and women's specific groupings to enhance transparency and accountability*

✓ HEARING GOD

Dallas Willard

6 sessions



Communicating with God is a two-way street. It means telling him about our deepest needs and listening to him. But how can you be sure God is speaking to you? In this DVD, John Ortberg and Richard Foster dialogue with Dallas Willard about his insights and biblically based guidelines to hearing God's voice.

✓ SACRED MARRIAGE

Gary Thomas

6 or 10 sessions



What if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy, but holy? Everything about your marriage is filled with the potential for discovering and revealing Christ's character.

✓ THE INVISIBLE WAR

Chip Ingram

8 sessions



Ephesians 6 reveals what believers need to know to prayerfully defend themselves—and their families—against Satan's daily spiritual warfare.

✓ HAVE THE FUNERAL

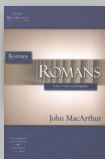
James MacDonald

6 sessions



This study explores the process of forgiveness — from the biblical definition all the way to the official burial of our unforgiveness and life thereafter.

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

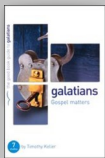


MACARTHUR STUDY GUIDE SERIES

John MacArthur | Nelson Impact



Intriguing questions and material take the participants deeper into God's Word. Over 40 titles in the series.

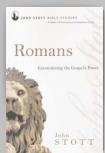


GOOD BOOK GUIDE SERIES

Tim Keller, others | The Good Book Co.



Includes... Talkabout: discussion starters; Investigate: inductive study questions; Explore More: (optional) questions that connect the text with other parts of the Bible; Apply sections; Getting Personal opportunities for each member; Prayer thanksgiving and requests based on the text studied. The Leader's Guide provides historical background information, explanations of the text, guidance on how best to help uncover the truths, and extra activity ideas.



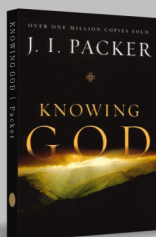
JOHN STOTT BIBLE STUDY SERIES

John R. W. Stott | IVP Connect



Each study includes Stott's informative exposition of key biblical passages with inductive study questions for group discussion.

ESSENTIAL STUDY



KNOWING GOD

J.I. Packer

22 chapters



Packer's *Knowing God* has become a classic of the Christian faith. While it gives us information about God with clarity and grace, it does much more—it aids us in actually knowing him, in building our relationship with him, and helps draw us closer to him in love and worship. Separate study guide also available.

✓ THE LIFE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED

John Ortberg

13 sessions



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The heart of Christianity is transformation—a relationship with God that impacts not just our "spiritual lives," but every aspect of living. John Ortberg calls you back to the dynamic heartbeat of Christianity—God's power to bring change and growth—and reveals both the how and why of transformation.

YOUR GOD IS TOO SAFE

Mark Buchanan

20 chapters



Citing Jonah, he examines the problem of "borderland living" then offers solutions...effective ways to get unstuck and move into a bold, unpredictable, exhilarating walk with Christ.

✓ FOLLOW ME

David Platt

6 sessions

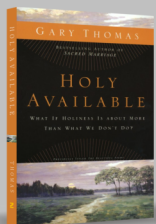


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When Jesus says, "Follow Me," it's not an invitation to say a prayer, it's a summons to lose our lives. In this follow-up to the book: *Radical*, Pastor David Platt challenges the traditions of cultural Christianity and reintroduces us to Jesus and His most simple request: Follow Me.

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HOLY AVAILABLE

Gary Thomas

16 chapters



What if holiness is about more than what you don't do? Has your faith become a list of do's and don'ts, rather than a powerful revolution in your soul? Explore Christian spirituality, seeing what it could and should be—a present power and not only a historical reality. Discover just how radical Christian transformation can be and learn to see with new eyes and a new heart.

**GLORIOUS RUIN: HOW SUFFERING SETS YOU FREE***Tullian Tchividjian*

6 sessions



OR



This study takes an honest and refreshing look at the reality of suffering, the ways we tie ourselves in knots trying to deal with it, and the comfort of the gospel for those who can't seem to fix themselves - or others. This is not so much a study about why God allows suffering or even how we should approach suffering; it is a study about the liberating and counterintuitive truth of a God who suffers with you and for you.

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE*Richard Foster*

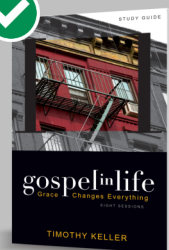
13 chapters



Hailed by many as the best modern book on Christian spirituality, *Celebration of Discipline* explores the classic "Disciplines," or central spiritual practices, of the Christian faith. Along the way, Foster shows that it is only by and through these practices that the true path to spiritual growth can be found.

ESSENTIAL STUDY**GOSPEL IN LIFE: GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING***Timothy Keller*

8 sessions



An eight-week course on the gospel and how it is lived out in all of life. Session one starts with the city, your home now, the world that is. Session eight closes with the theme of the eternal city, your heavenly home, the world that is to come. In between you'll learn how the gospel can change your heart, your community, and how you live in this world. Every group member will need their own participant's guide as there is a home study section for each session.

COUNTERFEIT GODS: THE EMPTY PROMISES OF MONEY, SEX, & POWER, AND THE ONLY HOPE THAT MATTERS*Timothy Keller*

7 sessions



Success, true love, and the life you've always wanted. Many of us placed our faith in these things, believing they held the key to happiness, but with a sneaking suspicion they might not deliver. But the truth is that we make lesser gods of these good things—gods that can't give us what we really need. There is only one God who can wholly satisfy our cravings—and now is the perfect time to meet Him again or for the first time.

**SOUL KEEPING***John Ortberg*

6 sessions



Learn how to care for your inner soul to enhance the beauty of your relationship with God and others. This study shows participants what your soul is, why it is important, how to assess your soul's health, and how to care for it so that we can have a meaningful and beautiful life with God and others.

THE GIFT OF BEING YOURSELF

David Benner

6 chapters



Christians throughout the ages have agreed that there cannot be deep knowledge of God without deep knowledge of the self. Discerning your true self is inextricably related to discerning God's purposes for you. Paradoxically, the more you become like Christ, the more you become authentically yourself.



THE LAND BETWEEN: FINDING GOD IN DIFFICULT TRANSITIONS

Jeff Manion

15 chap., 5 sessions

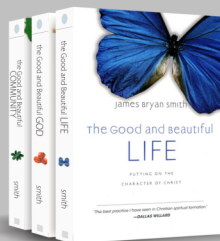


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Weathering unemployment, dealing with postgraduate uncertainty, grieving our parents' failing health . . . Life's difficult "in-between" seasons try our souls—but they're also unique opportunities for growth! In this hope-filled study, Manion shows how God can meet and uphold us during emotionally grueling transitions—just as he faithfully sustained the Israelites in the desert.

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THE APPRENTICE SERIES

James Bryan Smith

3 Volumes



Specifically designed for use in a small group, this series is designed to guide readers in an apprenticeship with Jesus recognizing that we follow Jesus to become like Jesus. Includes three titles in the series: [The Good and Beautiful God](#) [The Good and Beautiful Life](#) [The Good and Beautiful Community](#)

REVOLUTION OF CHARACTER

Dallas Willard, Don Simpson

12 chapters



This book challenges readers to forsake sinful habits and adopt the character of Christ, exploring five critical elements that impact us all—our heart, mind, body, social life and soul. Let this powerful, holistic approach direct you to profound changes and spiritual wholeness.

INSIDE OUT

Larry Crabb

14 chapters

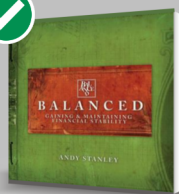


"Far too many Christians do not deal honestly with their lives. The pathway to change is more often discussed and debated than displayed." In his warm, engaging style, Crabb helps you venture inside yourself where Christ is waiting to heal, restore, and fulfill. Real wholeness and real change are possible—if you're willing to start from the inside out.

ESSENTIAL STUDY

BALANCED: GAINING & MAINTAINING FINANCIAL STABILITY*Andy Stanley*

6 sessions



What does the Bible say about money? Can you survive without debt? Are you content with what you have? Are you giving God your leftovers? This study is filled with insightful perspectives and practical exercises to build a biblical foundation for your finances.

EXPERIENCING GOD*Henry Blackaby*

13 sessions



Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. Churches will be helped to better function as the body of Christ as members understand how to experience God as a corporate body.

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY*Peter Scazzero*

8 sessions



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You can't be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. Learn about the biblical integration of emotional health, your relationship with Jesus and the classic practices of contemplative spirituality.

DESIRING GOD: FINDING COMPLETE SATISFACTION & JOY IN GOD*John Piper*

10 sessions



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Strengthen your relationship with God simply by enjoying him and his creation! This study reveals how delighting in God can motivate us to glorify him through worship, stewardship, loving our neighbor, suffering, and other "duties."

ESSENTIAL STUDY

GODS AT WAR*Kyle Idleman*

6 sessions



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This study challenges our presumptions about sin by suggesting that all sin derives from the same source—idolatry. While there are many gods at war for our hearts, this study focuses on four in particular: the gods of love, money, pleasure, and power. This series is filmed in a docudrama style—and features real people telling real stories.

PATIO

Strategic Ending Phase



One of the measures of healthy community is that disciples who can make other disciples are reproduced. This will often be in the form of an apprentice leader launching a new Community Group, but the bottom line is that this is a season of change and preparation for what God has next for the group and all members.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

*Why are we ending?
Was it worth it?
Will we survive the transition?*

PURPOSE

Reproduce an equipped apprentice

LEADERSHIP FOCUS

End Strategically. *Reality of those without life-giving community, Recognizing spiritual gifts/calling, Celebration of God's work*

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- *Studies should be less "intensive," but focused on clarifying the next step God has for your group members*
- *Consider changing up the format of your group study to align with your focus for this season*
- *Take every opportunity to celebrate the transformation you've seen God do in member's lives*



BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN

Bill Hybels & Mark Mittelberg 6 sessions



You will discover why we are called to be Contagious Christians, how authenticity, compassion



JUST WALK ACROSS THE ROOM

Bill Hybels 4 or 11 sessions



This study aims to help Christians who struggle with sharing their faith by encouraging and

THE MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

Robert Coleman 8 sessions



It all started when Jesus called a few men to follow him and share God's message with their neighbors. We are called to do the same. Look to the Bible, to the ultimate example found in Jesus Christ.

MULITPLY: DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

Francis Chan 24 sessions



Chan shows you how the joy of living your life with Christ in front of others can be restored. You'll discover the confidence and encouragement you need to step out in faith and make disciples out of the people that God has placed in your life.

ESSENTIAL STUDY

PREPARING TO LAUNCH: JESUS' MODEL FOR REPRODUCTION

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4 sessions



The Bible is clear that our continued spiritual growth and vitality is dependent on movement. Never does God let one of His servants stay in one place forever, but He pushes us out of our comfort zones in order that our relationship with Him and our influence of others can continue to grow. This study will help your group grapple with the issues that accompany a group's reproduction of a new leader.



MEN

ESSENTIAL

✓ [7] QUESTIONS

John Woodall

7 sessions



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Being a male is easy. Being a man is daunting. The pressures of manhood can be enormous, and they're only intensified by the mixed messages you receive from culture. (7) is a group experience that enables you to explore God's design for manhood.

✓ 33 THE SERIES

Lifeway

6 vol., 6 sess. ea.



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33 The Series is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue Authentic Manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in the 33 years He lived on earth. Volumes: A Man and...His Design, His Story, His Traps, His Work, His Marriage, His Family.

✓ FATHERED BY GOD

John Eldredge

13 sessions



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Using biblical examples, best-selling author John Eldredge shows how God guides your spiritual and personal growth through six stages of manhood—beloved son, cowboy, warrior, lover, king and sage. You'll discover how to love freely and mentor your own sons.

FOUR PILLARS OF A MAN'S HEART

Stu Weber

13 chapters



This book expands on each of the pillars of manhood: king, warrior, mentor, friend, describing in insightful detail what it takes to make them a central part of your life. Regain your balance and strengthen your spiritual foundation.

MANHOOD RESTORED

Eric Mason

6 sessions



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Manhood will always be in crisis until Jesus returns. But in Christ, men can be restored with ever increasing glory into the undefiled image of God. This study leads men on a journey through masculinity, with Bible-study sessions on the problems men face, God's solutions, and the

✓ KINGDOM MAN

Tony Evans

6 sessions



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This study is designed to empower men to exercise the God-given dominion they were created for by giving them a Kingdom understanding, vision, and perspective on their identity and responsibilities along with practical steps on how to become a man who rules his world well.

✓ STEPPING UP: A CALL TO COURAGEOUS MANHOOD

Dennis Rainey

10 sessions



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This study defines courage throughout the five stages of manhood and commissions men to honestly evaluate where they stand in their duties of masculinity. It then prepares men to bravely master their life purpose by developing a strategic plan and establishing a winning vision.

WOMEN



STUCK

Jennie Allen

8 sessions



If you're stuck in an invisible struggle of heart or mind, this study will help you get unstuck. It provides a safe place to take a deep look inside yourself, expose it, deal with it, and find the freedom God intended for you. The study is intended to lead women to consider the truth and how it applies to their lives by using story-driven teaching, Scripture Study, and interactive projects.



CAPTIVATING

John & Staci Eldredge

12 sessions



The Eldredges bring their male and female perspectives to the core desires of a woman and invite you to recover your feminine heart.

KINGDOM WOMAN

Tony Evans & Chrystal Evans Hurst

12 chapters



Are you living a life of mediocrity? Become empowered and experience the purpose and significance to which God is calling you! Women will be encouraged to overcome distorted self-perceptions, embrace freedom, and live confidently in Christ.

LIES WOMEN BELIEVE

Nancy Leigh DeMoss

10 sessions



DeMoss exposes the deceptions—about sin, marriage, priorities, relationships, emotions and more—and compassionately sets you on the path to deliverance.



MADE TO CRAVE

Lisa TerKeurst

6 sessions



This study helps women discover the missing link between a woman's desire to be healthy and the spiritual empowerment necessary to make that happen. The reality is, we were made to crave. Craving isn't a bad thing. But we must realize God created us to crave so we'd ultimately always desire more of Him in our lives.

A WOMAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Elizabeth George

11 sessions



The author shares practical, scriptural insights on pursuing God's priorities concerning your husband, your children, your home, your walk and your ministry.



TWELVE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Lisa TerKeurst

12 sessions



Unearth fresh insights for your life from women who lived thousands of years ago. Learn how God moved in the lives of six women in the Old Testament and six women in the New Testament whose struggles to live with faith and courage are not unlike your own.

PRAYER

ESSENTIAL

PRAYER: EXPERIENCING AWE AND INTIMACY WITH GOD

Timothy Keller

15 chapters



Offering biblical guidance and wisdom, Keller shows how to make your quiet times more personal and powerful. Discover how to talk to God about grief, loss, love, forgiveness, and more.

✓ THE POWER OF A WHISPER

Bill Hybels

4 sessions



What happens when your ears are tuned to heaven? Positive transformation and radical obedience! Learn how to listen for whispers that determine choices, nudges that rescue us from despair, promptings that spur growth, and inspiration to help you make a kingdom-oriented

✓ THE CIRCLE MAKER

Mark Batterson

4 sessions



This study uses the story of Honi the circle maker, who prayer-walked his way around a devastating drought in first-century BC Israel until the rains came, to help you begin to identify the dreams and future miracles to draw circles around to find your answers from God.

THE PAPA PRAYER

Larry Crabb

20 chapters



Crabb presents a method for a more relational, conversational approach to talking with and enjoying God, based on the understanding that "prayer is getting more of God rather than getting more from God." You'll see yourself and God in a very different light, altering the way you

✓ HEARING GOD

Dallas Willard

6 sessions



Communicating with God is a two-way street. It means telling him about our deepest needs and listening to him. But how can you be sure God is speaking to you? In this DVD, John Ortberg and Richard Foster dialogue with Dallas Willard about his insights and biblically based guidelines to hearing God's voice.

TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY

Bill Hybels

16 chapters



Hybels offers us practical, time-tested ideas on slowing down to pray. Make prayer a priority and broaden your vision for what our eternal, powerful God does when his people slow down to pray.

PRAYER

Richard Foster

21 chapters



Foster shows how prayer can move you inward into personal transformation, upward toward intimacy with God, and outward to minister to others. He leads you beyond questions to a deeper understanding and practice of prayer, bringing you closer to God, to yourself, and to your

STEWARDSHIP

ESSENTIAL

BALANCED: GAINING & MAINTAINING FINANCIAL STABILITY

Andy Stanley

6 sessions



What does the Bible say about money? Can you survive without debt? Are you content with what you have? Are you giving God your leftovers? This study is filled with insightful perspectives and practical exercises to build a biblical foundation for your finances. Workbook available: store.northpoint.org/balanced-curriculum.html

SATISFIED

Jeff Manion

6 sessions



In this study you'll explore biblical cities like Ephesus, Laodicea, and Corinth and discover that their daily challenges were very similar to ours when it comes to living the contented, satisfied life. Author and pastor Jeff Manion will help you deal with issues like contentment, generosity, and how to overcome the devastating effects of living by comparison.

HOW TO BE RICH

Andy Stanley

4 sessions



Generosity has been a hallmark of the church since its beginnings in Acts. Generosity changed everything. It changed the world once, it could happen again.

THE GENIUS OF GENEROSITY

Chip Ingram

4 sessions



The Bible teaches that the wisest thing we can do with our resources is to learn to invest them in God's Kingdom. This series will both challenge and encourage you to be wise in your giving and generous in living. Don't be satisfied with earthly stock options and interest rates - learn the genius of generosity.

MANAGING OUR FINANCES GOD'S WAY

Crown/Purpose Driven

7 sessions



This video-based study is a great option for studying biblical financial management in a small group setting.

THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE

Randy Alcorn

6 sessions



Randy Alcorn unearths a simple yet profound principle that will radically change your concept of stewardship. Short on guilt, Alcorn illuminates the liberating joy of giving and its impact, not only for today but for eternity as well.

SINGLES

ESSENTIAL



THE SACRED SEARCH

Gary Thomas

8 sessions



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Explore why it's so important to know the WHY of marriage before you know the WHO of marriage and receive practical advice for building a relationship with eternal purposes.

WE'RE JUST FRIENDS AND OTHER DATING LIES: PRACTICAL WISDOM FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Chuck Milian

18 chapters



Milian outlines a five-step dating plan that defines expectations before dating begins that helps reduce relational damage. He gives practical advice on forming relationships with the opposite sex while still having fun, avoiding unnecessary hurts, making lifelong friends, and knowing "where they are" each step of the way.



SONG OF SOLOMON

Tommy Nelson

11 sessions



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Addressing the topics of attraction, dating, courtship, intimacy, conflict, romance, and commitment, from the Song of Solomon, Pastor Tommy Nelson speaks directly and humorously on each of these issues.



LOVE, SEX, AND LASTING RELATIONSHIPS

Chip Ingram

10 sessions



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Why is "true love" so elusive? Could it be that the picture of love we see in today's culture is nothing more than an illusion? If so, what does real love look like? In this series, you'll discover God's way for finding love, staying in love, and growing in intimacy for a lifetime.

THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES, SINGLES EDITION

Gary Chapman

14 chapters



Whether you're widowed, divorced, separated, or never married, your deepest emotional need is to feel loved---and your greatest fulfillment will be gained by loving others. Chapman shows how to achieve this with roommates, classmates, co-workers, parents, siblings, friends, and others.



THE NEW RULES OF LOVE, SEX, AND DATING

Andy Stanley

6 sessions



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This series explores the challenges, assumptions, and land mines associated with dating in the twenty-first century. Best of all, it offers the most practical and uncensored advice you will ever hear on this topic. Not for the faint of heart, it challenges single Christ followers to step up and set a new standard for this generation!

SPEAKING OF JESUS

THE GOD CONVERSATION

J.P. Moreland

11 chapters



The best way to win over others to Christ is with a good story. Stories have the ability to get behind our preconceptions and defenses. Explaining how to effectively use illustrations, examples, and quotes, this book offers sound, empathetic coaching for those of us who long to communicate our faith more effectively.

✓ THE REASON FOR GOD

Timothy Keller

6 sessions



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Responding to the questions of open skeptics and ardent believers, Keller draws from literature, philosophy, reason and real-life conversations to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief.

✓ BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN

Bill Hybels & Mark Mittelberg

6 sessions



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You will discover why we are called to be Contagious Christians, how authenticity, compassion and sacrifice help us relate to seekers and how to clearly share the gospel with those you love.

THE UNBELIEVABLE GOSPEL

Jonathan Dodson

14 sessions



Learn to more clearly understand your faith--and discuss it with confidence! Confronting the "evangelistic paralysis" of the modern church and offering a biblical way forward, Dodson shows how to utilize the rich metaphors found in Scripture to communicate a gospel worth believing--one that speaks to the heartfelt needs of a diverse world.

✓ REIMAGINING EVANGELISM

Rick Richardson, others

7 sessions



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We now live in a post-Christian and pluralistic culture that does not respond well to traditional evangelistic efforts. But sharing the good news is not optional. Through this study, gain insight into and develop skills for sharing Christ with your twenty-first-century friends.

✓ JUST WALK ACROSS THE ROOM

Bill Hybels

4 or 11 sessions



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This study aims to help Christians who struggle with sharing their faith by encouraging and equipping them to routinely initiate spiritual conversations with those who don't know Christ.

PARENTING

ESSENTIAL



SACRED PARENTING

Gary Thomas

6 or 10 sessions



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What if one of God's primary intentions for you as a parent isn't about successfully raising perfect children, but about you becoming more holy? Sacred Parenting helps you look at parenting from a different perspective by offering a road map to new and sacred territory defined by the children God has given you to teach you his lesson in love.



READY TO LAUNCH

J.D. & Veronica Greear

6 sessions



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Christian parents are not seeking mere behavior modification in their children but the growth of truly godly passions. Based on Psalm 127, this study plumbs the wisdom of the Bible about the goals of parenting, the stages of discipline, the role of the church, and strategies to shape the heart toward the gospel.



GETTING TO THE HEART OF PARENTING

Paul Tripp

10 sessions



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God has chosen parents to be primary instruments in the shaping of a human soul. Parenting is so much deeper than rules and regulations. A biblical view teaches that parenting is all about the exposure and change of a child's heart. Permanent behavioral change only occurs when the heart of a person is changed by grace. Getting to the Heart of Parenting covers principles of grace for children 0-5, 6-12, and 13-18. Learn how to become an instrument of heart-changing grace in the lives of your children.



STICKY FAITH

Kara Powell & Chap Clark

8 chap. or 5 sessions



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Sticky Faith is geared to spark a movement that empowers adults to develop robust and long-term faith in kids of all ages. This easy-to-read guide presents both a compelling rationale and a powerful strategy to show parents how to encourage their children's spiritual growth so that it will stick with them into adulthood and empower them to develop a living, lasting faith.

RAISING KINGDOM KIDS

Tony Evans

17 chapters



One of the biggest challenges that couples are called to face is raising God-fearing children. *Raising Kingdom Kids* focuses on developing skills as a "Kingdom" parent, followed by how-tos for developing specific character traits in kids. It challenges and equips parents to fully understand their position under God, helping them fulfill their role in parenting the children God has given them.

GRACE BASED PARENTING

Tim Kimmel

11 chapters



Dr. Tim Kimmel explains how fear-based parenting is a guaranteed method to set children up for failure. Learn how to meet your child's three driving inner needs for security, significance and strength with the invaluable gifts of love, purpose and hope.

IT'S YOUR KID, NOT A GERBIL

Dr. Kevin Leman

12 chapters



Do you sometimes feel like a gerbil on a wheel, unable to get off? Leman offers insight and solutions for creating a less stressed home life. Parents of children ages 2 - 18 will be helped to give up the impossible quest to make their children "succeed" and instead, create a scenario where their kids are more likely to adopt the values taught at home.

✓ PARENTAL GUIDANCE REQUIRED

Andy Stanley

7 sessions



Through this study, God may give you clarity and insight into your relationship with your children as well as your children's relationships with others.

PRAYING FOR YOUR PRODIGAL

Kyle Idleman

10 chapters



Have some of your loved ones wandered far from their heavenly Father's embrace? Ask God to lead them back home! In this companion guide to his best-selling *AHA*, Idleman offers heartfelt petitions that speak to the spiritual needs of your family members and friends who are still seeking the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

✓ SPIRITUAL PARENTING

Michelle Anthony

10 sessions



Learn to create a home environment that is conducive to shaping the hearts and minds of children. This innovative approach to parenting provides you with an opportunity to cultivate a vibrant faith in your child.

✓ EFFECTIVE PARENTING IN A DEFECTIVE WORLD

Chip Ingram

12 sessions



Learn how God's principles for raising children still work today. Packed with practical advice, this series will give struggling parents a vision for their children's future and life-changing help for today!

KILLING LIONS

John Eldredge

10 chapters



In this series of conversations, the older Eldredge shares wisdom with his son concerning love, money, work, and God. His timeless insights provide trustworthy guideposts for men of all ages as they navigate life's challenging road.

MARRIAGE

CHOOSING A MARRIAGE STUDY

Most books/studies on marriage tend toward either the theological, emphasizing the biblical meaning of marriage, or the how-to, emphasizing the nuts and bolts of how communication, intimacy, relationship building skills, etc. A great study will find a balance in touching on both. Avoid approaches are overly formulaic, and that aren't gospel-centered.

Timing is also key. Make sure the relationships within the group are well established enough to be able to have honest, safe conversations about this critical topic. Be sure to leverage men's and women's sub-groups at appropriate times to dig deeper as you go through your study.

ESSENTIAL



SACRED MARRIAGE

Gary Thomas

6 or 10 sessions



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What if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy, but holy? Everything about your marriage is filled with the potential for discovering and revealing Christ's character.



WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

Paul Tripp

10 sessions



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Tripp calls engaged and married couples to a grace-based lifestyle of daily reconciliation, marked by six practical commitments. Discover how to grow a thriving, grace-based marriage in all circumstances and seasons of your relationship.



THE MEANING OF MARRIAGE

Timothy Keller

8 chapters



Pastor Keller and his wife frankly discuss difficulties couples experience and show how God's Word can provide a blueprint for a healthy, loving lifelong relationship.

YOU AND ME FOREVER: MARRIAGE IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

Frances & Lisa Chan

7 chapters



Radically shift the way we see one of the most important relationships in our life. Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage. Whether you are single, dating or married, this book will help you discover the adventure that you were made for and learn how to thrive in it.



STAYING IN LOVE

Andy Stanley

4 sessions



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Falling for someone is easy. But staying in love? Ah, there's the rub! Join pastor Andy Stanley as he guides you through a proven plan to help you keep romance alive and deepen your commitment to one another.

✓ THE ART OF MARRIAGE

Family Life

6 sessions



Marriage is expressed by the colorful personalities of each spouse and textured by the circumstances at play in their lives. Blending these to make marriage work is a divinely inspired art form is challenging, but definitely worth the effort. In this six-session study for small groups, you'll find expert teaching, engaging stories, man-on-the-street interviews, humorous vignettes and much more to portray the hope and beauty of God's design.

A LIFELONG LOVE

Gary Thomas

21 chapters



Infuse your marriage with spiritual and relational passion! Focusing on three key elements to building a strong relationship - a magnificent obsession with God, a desire to pursue a deeper kind of love, and intentionally seeking oneness - Thomas offers the guidance you need to draw

✓ THE MINGLING OF SOULS: LOVE, MARRIAGE & REDEMPTION

Matt Chandler

8 sessions



Attraction, love & marriage are areas of our lives that often bring us the greatest joy or the deepest pain. Join Matt Chandler as he walks us through the Song of Solomon with his practical and funny presentation. Start living in God's best and redemptive love in this area of life.

✓ IMARRIAGE

Andy Stanley

6 sessions



This study explains that you must learn to transform your expectations and look to God if you are to experience marriage as it was designed.

✓ LOVE AND RESPECT

Emerson Eggerichs

13 sessions



Psychological studies affirm it, and the Bible has been saying it for ages: unconditional respect is as powerful for him as unconditional love is for her. It's the secret to marriage that every couple seeks, and yet few couples ever find.

THE MARRIAGE BUILDER

Larry Crabb

8 chapters



Crabb cuts to the heart of the biblical view of marriage: the "one-flesh" relationship. He argues convincingly that the deepest needs of human personality--security and significance--ultimately cannot be satisfied by a marriage partner. We need to turn to the Lord, rather than our spouse, to satisfy our needs. This frees both partners for "soul oneness," a commitment to minister to our spouse's needs rather than manipulating them to meet our own needs.

✓ EXPERIENCING GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Chip Ingram

12 sessions



A topical series by Chip Ingram examining God's design for marriage, with practical instruction to help you make your marriage what God desires it to be.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

ESSENTIAL

HOLY AVAILABLE

Gary Thomas

16 chapters



What if holiness is about more than what you don't do? Has your faith become a list of do's and don'ts, rather than a powerful revolution in your soul? Explore Christian spirituality, seeing what it could and should be—a present power and not only a historical reality. Discover just how radical Christian transformation can be and learn to see with new eyes and a new heart.

✓ THE LIFE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED

John Ortberg

13 sessions



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The heart of Christianity is transformation—a relationship with God that impacts not just our "spiritual lives," but every aspect of living. John Ortberg calls you back to the dynamic heartbeat of Christianity—God's power to bring change and growth—and reveals both the how and why of transformation.

✓ EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

Peter Scazzero

8 sessions



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You can't be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. Learn about the biblical integration of emotional health, your relationship with Jesus and the classic practices of contemplative spirituality.

✓ EXPERIENCING GOD

Henry Blackaby

13 sessions



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Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. Churches will be helped to better function as the body of Christ as members understand how to experience God as a corporate body.

INSIDE OUT

Larry Crabb

14 chapters



"Far too many Christians do not deal honestly with their lives. The pathway to change is more often discussed and debated than displayed." In his warm, engaging style, Crabb helps you venture inside yourself where Christ is waiting to heal, restore, and fulfill. Real wholeness and real change are possible—if you're willing to start from the inside out.

THE GIFT OF BEING YOURSELF

David Benner

6 chapters



Christians throughout the ages have agreed that there cannot be deep knowledge of God without deep knowledge of the self. Discerning your true self is inextricably related to discerning God's purposes for you. Paradoxically, the more you become like Christ, the more you become authentically yourself.

ESSENTIAL**WITH: REIMAGINING THE WAY YOU RELATE TO GOD***Skye Jethani*

9 chapters



Exploring the biblical narrative alongside stories of faithful men and women throughout history, Jethani demonstrates how we can stop living our lives under, over, from, and for God and starting living in communion with Him!

ESSENTIAL**THE APPRENTICE SERIES***James Bryan Smith*

3 Volumes



Specifically designed for use in a small group, this series is designed to guide readers in an apprenticeship with Jesus recognizing that we follow Jesus to become like Jesus. Includes three titles in the series: *The Good and Beautiful God* *The Good and Beautiful Life* *The Good and Beautiful*

**FIVE THINGS GOD USES TO GROW YOUR FAITH***Andy Stanley*

6 sessions



Discover how God uses practical teaching, providential relationships, private disciplines, personal ministry, and pivotal circumstances to grow your faith.

**SOUL KEEPING***John Ortberg*

6 sessions



Learn how to care for your inner soul to enhance the beauty of your relationship with God and others. This study shows what your soul is, why it is important, how to assess your soul's health, and how to care for it so that we can have a meaningful and beautiful life with God and others.

**AUTHENTIC***James MacDonald*

7 sessions



What does it mean to live as an authentic follower of Jesus? Learn to follow His example by practicing the spiritual disciplines He used to maintain a close relationship with His Father.

SACRED PATHWAYS: DISCOVER YOUR SOUL'S PATH TO GOD*Gary Thomas*

11 sessions



Strip away the frustration of one-size-fits-all spirituality! Describing nine distinct spiritual temperaments—their traits, strengths and pitfalls—and illustrated with examples from the Bible and from the author's life experience, each one suggests an approach to loving God through a distinctive journey of adoration. Discover the path you were made to travel, marked by growth and filled with the riches of a close walk with God.

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE*Richard Foster*

13 chapters



Hailed by many as the best modern book on Christian spirituality, *Celebration of Discipline* explores the classic "Disciplines," or central spiritual practices, of the Christian faith. Along the way, Foster shows that it is only by and through these practices that the true path to spiritual growth can be found.

DOCTRINE

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS: 20 BASICS EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD KNOW

Wayne Grudem

13 sessions



ESSENTIAL

This readable guide to 20 basic Christian beliefs is a condensation of Grudem's *Systematic Theology*, boiling down the essentials of Christian theology for the average layperson and making them both clear and applicable to life. Each chapter includes questions for group discussion.

KNOWING GOD

J.I. Packer

22 chapters



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ESSENTIAL

Packer's *Knowing God* has become a classic of the Christian faith. While it gives us information about God with clarity and grace, it does much more—it aids us in actually knowing him, in building our relationship with him, and helps draw us closer to him in love and worship. Separate study guide also available.



GOD: AS HE LONGS FOR YOU TO SEE HIM

Chip Ingram

10 sessions



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This fascinating series studies seven attributes of God. As you begin to see God for who He really is and what His true desires for your life are, it will change the way you pray, the way you live and the way you think about the world around you.



FOUNDATIONS SERIES

Kay Warren, Tom Holladay

10 vol., 4 sess. ea.



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This series of studies help small groups connect the central truths of Christianity with how group members actually live their lives. The Foundations Series includes eleven small group DVDs and participant's guides. Topics include: *Creation, God, Salvation, Good & Evil, The Bible, The Church, The Second Coming, Sanctification, The Afterlife, and Jesus.*

BASIC CHRISTIANITY

John R.W. Stott

11 sessions



This study clearly explains the fundamental claims of the Christian faith and explores how these beliefs impact the lives of believers.

SIMPLY CHRISTIAN: WHY CHRISTIANITY MAKES SENSE

N.T. Wright

10 chapters



Why do we want justice and fairness? What causes people to enter into relationships? How is it that we long for and enjoy what's beautiful? Wright makes apologetics accessible to modern seekers by explaining how each of these basic human values leads us to the mystery of God.

BIBLE STUDY TOOLS

GOD'S BIG PICTURE: TRACING THE STORY-LINE OF THE BIBLE

Vaughn Roberts

8 chapters



ESSENTIAL

Does the Bible sometimes seem like a confusing jumble of books, authors and stories? Roberts's excellent overview takes a wide-angle view of Scripture, showing how the various parts of the Bible consolidate into one united theme the kingdom of God. With this encouraging tool guiding you, you'll be reading God's Word with new confidence and understanding.



LIVING BY THE BOOK

Howard Hendricks

7 sessions



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ESSENTIAL

In their bestselling book and workbook, Howard and Bill Hendricks offer a practical three-step process that will help you master simple yet effective inductive methods of observation, interpretation and application that will make all the difference in your time with God's Word!

*Note: There are two versions of the DVD study; a 7 session overview, and a 20 session advanced version. The 7 session is what is available for checkout.

30 DAYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Max Anders

13 chapters



Through appealing anecdotes and memory-enhancing exercises, this book is an essential resource in helping your group understand the Bible as a whole.



READ THE BIBLE FOR LIFE

George Guthrie

10 Sessions



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Learn how to read the various types of biblical literature in a way that unlocks God's intended meaning, enabling you to accurately interpret the Bible and appropriately apply its teachings to life. Provides tools and a process for ongoing, life-changing training that equips members to understand this grand story and how its various parts fit together.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR ALL ITS WORTH

Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart

13 chapters



Understanding the Bible isn't for the few, the gifted, the scholarly. The Bible is accessible. It's meant to be read and comprehended by everyone from armchair readers to seminary students. A few essential insights into the Bible can clear up a lot of misconceptions and help you grasp the meaning of Scripture and its application to your 21st-century life.

HOLIDAY SPECIFIC

✔ **WAITING HERE FOR YOU: AN ADVENT JOURNEY OF HOPE**

Louie Giglio



Advent is a season of expectation---and waiting. But for what? Offering Scripture readings, meditations, words of encouragement, and prayers, Giglio reveals that no matter what you're anticipating---a solution, diagnosis, relationship, breakthrough, or rescue---God will cause hope to be born in your heart just as he brought Jesus into the world one night in Bethlehem.

✔ **THE GREATEST GIFT**

Ann Voskamp

4 sessions



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In *The Greatest Gift*, Ann Voskamp celebrates the majesty of God's greatest gift to us - His son, Jesus Christ - through the timeless Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree.

✔ **AN UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS**

Andy Stanley

5 sessions



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Jesus had a few shady characters in his family as well. Actually, he had some relatives that make your most wayward cousin look like a saint. This study introduces you to a few of these colorful characters and the role they play in the Christmas story.

✔ **THE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE**

Kyle Idleman

6 sessions



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An imaginative Bible-based study that examines the important truths discovered in the first Christmas: God always keeps His promises.

✔ **THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS**

Rick Warren

3 sessions



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This study focusses on Christmas as a time for celebration, salvation and reconciliation. The *Purpose of Christmas* shows why Christmas is God's idea and why Jesus is the greatest gift God gave to the world.

✔ **THE EASTER EXPERIENCE**

Kyle Idleman

6 sessions



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With passionate acting, high quality video presentations, and impactful teachings and messages The *Easter Experience* can't help but inspire your group members to engage in discussing Christ's Passion and resurrection as they bond with each other---and with the eternal message of Scripture.

SERIES



CONVERGENCE SERIES

Donald Miller

7 vol., 3-4 sess. ea.



Convergence is a series of DVDs designed specifically for small groups looking for more than just Bible study. Convergence will examine the intersections between faith and real life with the goal of sparking deeper conversations and stronger community within small groups. Each DVD will feature Donald Miller (Blue Like Jazz) facilitating a conversation with another well-known Christian author or speaker about the challenges that Christians face while trying to integrate faith with real life.

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FAITH LESSONS SERIES

Ray Vander Laan

12 volumes



Filmed on location in Israel, Faith Lessons is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers. 12 volumes; 6-8 sessions each.

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