



Curriculum Guide

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Growth Group Leaders,

Here are some suggestions of possible studies for your next Growth Group. This is not an exhaustive list; however it does provide a good range of material that has proven successful for others. If you have something else in mind feel free to suggest a topic or study that you would like to lead. I would be glad to briefly review it and likely add it our approved curriculum list.

If you have any questions about any of the curriculum listed in this guide please don't hesitate to contact me.

In Christ,



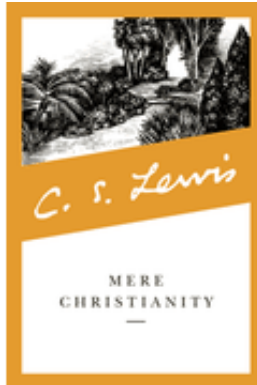
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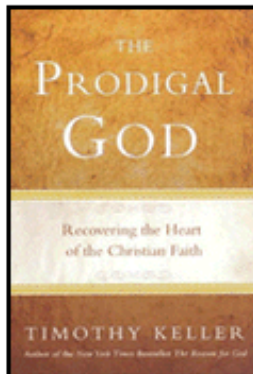
1. Christian Essentials:

Mere Christianity



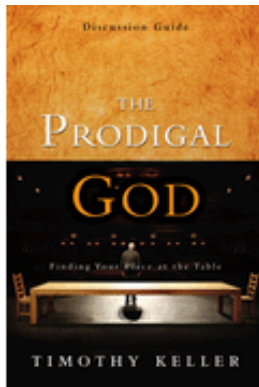
- Author:** C. S. Lewis
- ISBN:** 9780060652920
- Approx. Cost:** \$10.00
- Study Level:** Intermediate/Advanced
- Study Length:** 4-12 sessions (33 short chapters organized in 4 sections that could be split up in various ways)
- Description:** Arguably the 20th century's most influential Christian writer, C.S. Lewis sought to explain and defend the beliefs that nearly all Christians at all times hold in common. His simple yet deeply profound classic, originally delivered as a series of radio broadcasts, is a book to be thoroughly digested by believers and generously shared with skeptics.

The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith



- Author:** Timothy Keller
- ISBN:** 9780525950790
- Approx. Cost:** \$14.00
- Study Level:** Introductory
- Study Length:** 6 sessions
- Description:** 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.

The Prodigal God Discussion Guide (for use with the DVD study)

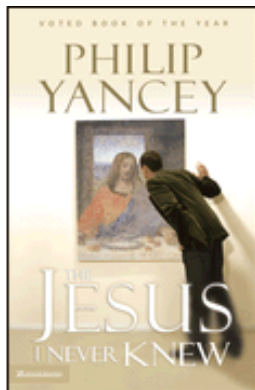


For use with the DVD curriculum that supplements the original book...



- Author:** Timothy Keller
- ISBN:** 9780310325369
- Approx. Cost:** \$10.00
- Study Level:** Introductory
- Study Length:** 6 sessions
- Description:** *The Prodigal God Discussion Guide* is based on Tim Keller book, *The Prodigal God*, and includes questions for group discussion and personal reflection, as well as exercises that will help you apply the truths' of Jesus parable in your own life. The Gospel is neither religion or irreligion, but something else entirely. Whether you are a devout believer or a skeptic, *The Prodigal God* will challenge you to see Christianity in a whole new way.

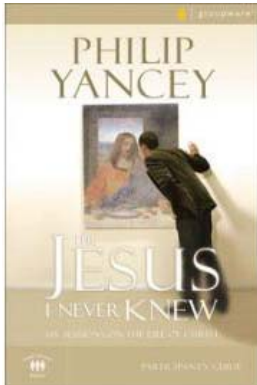
The Jesus I Never Knew (Study Guide available)



- Author:** Philip Yancey
- ISBN:** 9780310219231
- Approx. Cost:** \$11.00 for book (study guide is approx. \$8.00)
- Study Level:** Intermediate
- Study Length:** 14 sessions
- Description:** In *The Jesus I Never Knew*, Philip Yancey reveals the real Jesus beyond the stereotypes, offering a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work---his teaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection---and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, *The Jesus I Never Knew* gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history.

***Also available in a condensed DVD study format.

The Jesus I Never Knew DVD & Participant's Guide



For use with the DVD curriculum that is based on the original book.

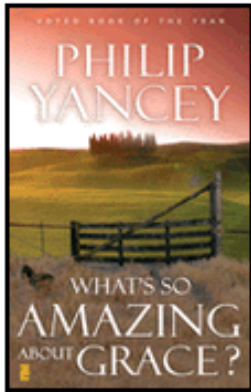
Author:	Philip Yancey
ISBN:	9780310275305
Approx. Cost:	\$10.00
Study Level:	Intermediate
Study Length:	6 sessions
Description:	This DVD study is based on Philip Yancey's incredible book, <i>The Jesus I Never Knew</i> . In six sessions Yancey reveals the real Jesus beyond the stereotypes, offering a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work---his teaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection---and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, <i>The Jesus I Never Knew</i> gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history.

Questions to All Your Answers



Author:	Roger E. Olson
ISBN:	9780310287582
Approx. Cost:	\$11.00
Study Level:	Introductory
Study Length:	11 sessions
Description:	Many Christians' faith exists as a loose collection of unexamined cliches and slogans borrowed from songs, devotional books, sermon illustrations, and even the internet. Too often this belief system (if it can be called a "system") lacks coherence and intelligibility; it can hardly be expressed, let alone defended, to others. The goal of this book is not to destroy anyone's faith but to build it up by placing it on a firmer foundation of critical examination. Ten popular Christian cliches are subjected to critical inquiry and interrogated to discover whether they contain truth or are in error. In most cases the conclusion is both. The aim is not to tear down straw men but to demonstrate a path toward stronger, more mature Christian belief.

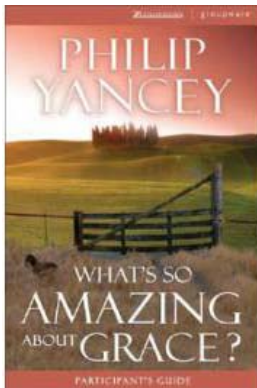
What's So Amazing About Grace? (Study Guide available)



- Author:** Philip Yancey
- ISBN:** 9780310245650
- Approx. Cost:** \$11.00 for book (study guide is approx. \$8.00)
- Study Level:** Intermediate
- Study Length:** 14 sessions
- Description:** In *What's So Amazing About Grace?*, award-winning author Philip Yancey explores grace at street level. What is grace? If grace is God's love for the undeserving, then what does it look like in action? If Christians are its sole dispensers, how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy? In his most personal and provocative book ever, Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. He challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know *What's So Amazing About Grace?*

***Also available in a condensed DVD study format.

What's So Amazing About Grace? DVD & Participant's Guide

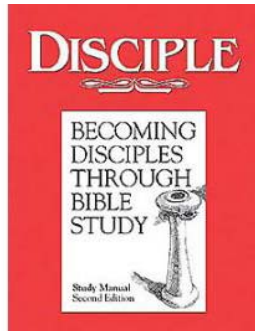


For use with the DVD curriculum that is based on the original book.

- Author:** Philip Yancey
- ISBN:** 9780310275305
- Approx. Cost:** \$9.00
- Study Level:** Intermediate
- Study Length:** 10 sessions
- Description:** This DVD study is based on Philip Yancey's incredible book, *What's So Amazing About Grace*. It's one thing to talk about grace; it's another to taste its power. This book takes you and your study group for interactive, gut-level encounters with radical, life-changing grace. Through candid video interviews, Philip Yancey integrates true-life faces and experiences with *10 Powerful Sessions* that will rock your pre-conceptions, get you thinking and talking, and help you discover why grace is more amazing than you ever dreamed.

2. Bible Understanding:

Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study



Author: Abingdon Press

ISBN:

Approx. Cost: \$34.00

Study Level: Introductory/Intermediate

Study Length: 34 sessions

Description: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY is the foundation of the DISCIPLE Bible Study program.

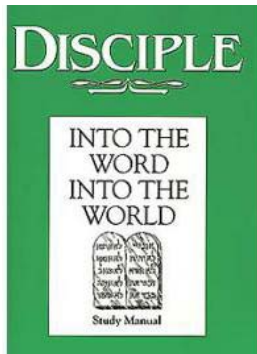
DISCIPLE assumes that the bible is the key to renewal in the church. It recognizes the human-divine nature of the Bible: The actual texts of Scripture were written by human beings like ourselves in their cultural settings, under the divine inspiration of God.

DISCIPLE affirms that the canon was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us. BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY gives equal time to both the Old and New Testament, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God. DISCIPLE aims at transformation, not just information, and calls on persons to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's Word, and to be changed by God's Word. DISCIPLE invites persons to bring their experiences and struggles to the Scripture. All persons know something is amiss with their existence and yearn for the Word from God.

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY uses biblical language and images and draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.

This study requires reading large portions of Scripture each week and is based on careful study and preparation. During the course of thirty-four weeks, groups will move through the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem. The titles of the sessions along with theme words; theme verses; and major persons, events, and topics will set the sequence of the biblical story in the minds of the participants. The principal Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical story.

Disciple II: Into the Word Into the World



Author: Abingdon Press

ISBN:

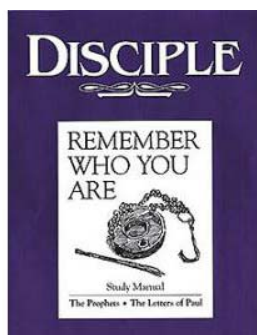
Approx. Cost: \$34.00

Study Level: Intermediate

Study Length: 32 sessions

Description: Into the Word Into the World is the second level of the Disciple Bible Study series. It encourages persons to open themselves to hearing what God has to say to them through the Bible and to be guided into service in the world by Scripture and their study of it. This thirty-two week study selects specific portions of Scripture and delves deeper into them. Equal attention is given to Old and New Testaments with concentration on four books: Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. Participants will read familiar passages, see them in fresh ways, and anticipate that God will speak through them. This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. The importance of keeping Bible study related to witness is reinforced while participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines arising out of Scripture. The purpose is to change habits and transform lives. The study also emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately. This study understands the growing Christian as under discipline in community and in ministry to the world.

Disciple III: Remember Who You Are



Author: Abingdon Press

ISBN:

Approx. Cost: \$34.00

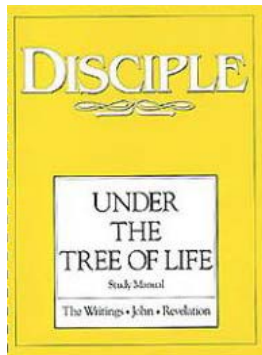
Study Level: Intermediate

Study Length: 32 sessions

Description: Remember Who You Are is the third level of the Disciple Bible Study series. The driving idea in this study is the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. The word You in the title is meant to be heard both in its singular form (the individual) and its plural form (the community). We are a community of memory. Several themes weave their way through the study – the call to remember; the call to repentance; the need for renewed

vision (eyes to see, ears to hear); and the place of community. Remember Who You Are concentrates on the Old Testament prophets and the letters of Paul. The prophets and Paul are continually calling hearers and readers back to their God and to a sense of who they are as a people “set apart”. The prophets and the community cannot be separated. The prophets spoke for God, out of the community, and to the community. Paul’s experience of the risen Lord, his relationship to the community he addressed, his Jewish traditions, and the Greco-Roman culture of his day merged in his writing of the letters.

Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life



Author: Abingdon Press

ISBN:

Approx. Cost: \$34.00

Study Level: Intermediate

Study Length: 32 sessions

Description: UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE is the fourth level of the Disciple Bible Study series. The word under in the title is meant to convey invitation, welcome, sheltering, security, and rest – home at last. The Hebrew version of what Christians call the Old Testament has three divisions: Torah (the first five books of the Bible), the Prophets, and the Writings. The Writings include all the books that are not part of the Torah or the Prophets. Under the Tree of Life concentrates on the Writings in the Old Testament – Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and Daniel. New Testament Scriptures include the Gospel of John; 1, 2, and 3 John; James; Jude; and Revelation. Emphasis on the Psalms as Israel’s hymnbook and prayer book leads naturally to an emphasis on worship in the study. Present though the entire study is the sense of living toward completion – toward the climax of the message and the promise, extravagantly pictured in the Revelation.

Faith Lessons DVD Series



- Author:** Ray Vander Laan
- ISBN:**
- Approx. Cost:** Each participant guide is approx. \$8.00
- Study Level:** Intermediate
- Study Length:** See below
- Description:** Each of these incredible DVD studies will allow you to experience the actual places where Biblical events took place! Teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan will guide you to new depths of understanding and context in the Bible. Each study contains a DVD, a leader's guide, and participant books are available.

Studies Available:

1. The Promised Land (5 sessions)
2. The Prophets & Kings of Israel (6 sessions)
3. The Life & Ministry of the Messiah (8 sessions)
4. The Death & Resurrection of the Messiah (10 sessions)
5. The Early Church (5 sessions)
6. In the Dust of the Rabbi (5 sessions)
7. Walk as Jesus Walked (5 sessions)
8. God Heard Their Cry (5 sessions)

Genesis to Revelation – Bible Study Series



- Author:** Abingdon Press
- ISBN:**
- Approx. Cost:** Each participant guide is approx. \$9.00
- Study Level:** Introductory/Intermediate
- Study Length:** 13 sessions each
- Description:** Genesis to Revelation is a verse-by-verse Bible study. It is Keyed to the NIV (New International Version). In this study you embark on a journey that will strengthen your understanding and appreciation of the Bible by enabling you to engage the Scripture on three levels: What does the Bible say?; What does this passage mean?; and How does the Scripture relate to my life?. The simple format makes this book easy to use and appropriate to keep for future reference. There are 13 lessons - each with 15 to 25 questions. It also includes commentary notes on the text.

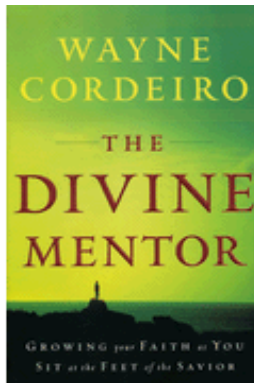
****Studies available on almost every book of the bible.*

Transformation Journal: A One Year Journey Through the Bible



- Author:** Sue Nilson Kibbey & Carolyn Slaughter
- ISBN:** 9780687642151
- Approx. Cost:** \$18.00
- Study Level:** Introductory
- Study Length:** Can be used for a short study or can extend up to a year's worth of sessions
- Description:** Everyone is looking for a spiritual discipline that is both relevant to daily life and easy to stick with. Transformation Journal meets this need and more, offering users daily Bible studies and insightful questions that invite reflection and response. Each week highlights a different biblical topic, using brief introductions and a variety of scriptures to give the user a glimpse into what the Bible has to say on each theme. Guiding questions and blank space for journaling help users to reflect on the experiences and observations of biblical figures and apply the scriptures to their own lives.

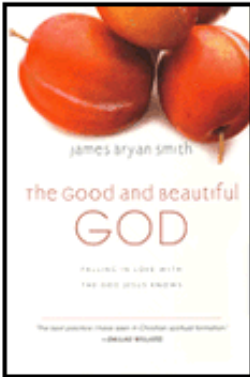
The Divine Mentor



- Author:** Wayne Cordeiro
- ISBN:** 9780764205798
- Approx. Cost:** \$10.00
- Study Level:** Introductory/Intermediate
- Study Length:** 12 sessions
- Description:** Wasted years and untold tears---God wrote the book on avoiding "if onlys"! Discover how a disciplined, systematic *digesting* of Scripture gives you the benefit of countless experiences and invaluable life lessons. From routine reading to fresh encounters, you'll learn to listen to the Holy Spirit's eternal counsel as you spend time in his living Word.

3. Spiritual Transformation:

The Good and Beautiful God



Author: James Bryan Smith

ISBN: 9780830835317

Approx. Cost: \$16.00

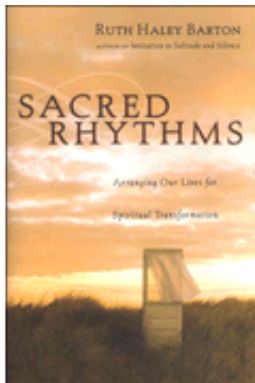
Study Level: Introductory/Intermediate

Study Length: 9 sessions

Description: What does being Christlike really mean? Smith believes we need a pattern for transformation. He encourages us to re-examine what we think about God (our narratives), how we practice (the spiritual disciplines), and whom we interact with (our social context) to discover the life Jesus lived and grow in the knowledge of a good God.

****Small Group discussion guide included in the back of the book.*

Sacred Rhythms



Author: Ruth Haley Barton

ISBN: 9780830833337

Approx. Cost: \$12.00

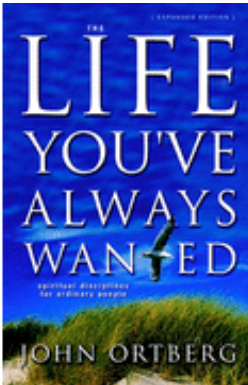
Study Level: Introductory/Intermediate

Study Length: 9 sessions

Description: Do you long for a deep, fundamental change in your life with God? Do you desire a greater intimacy with Him? Do you wonder how you might truly live your life as God created you to live it? Spiritual disciplines are activities that open us to God's transforming love and the changes that only God can bring about in our lives. *Sacred Rhythms* takes you more deeply into understanding seven key disciplines along with practical ideas for weaving them into everyday life. Each chapter includes exercises to help you begin the practices---individually and in a group context. The final chapter puts it all together in a way that will help you arrange your life for spiritual transformation.

****A guide for group discussion is included in the back of the book.*

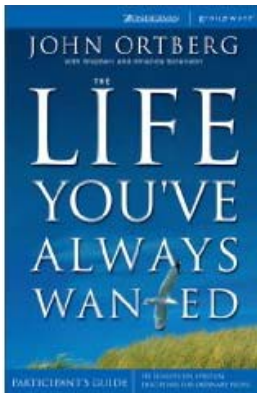
The Life You've Always Wanted



- Author:** John Ortberg
- ISBN:** 9780310246954
- Approx. Cost:** \$13.00
- Study Level:** Introductory
- Study Length:** 13 sessions
- Description:** 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. *The Life You've Always Wanted* offers modern perspectives on the ancient path of the spiritual disciplines. But this is more than just a book about things to do to be a good Christian. It's a road map toward true transformation that starts not with the individual but with the object of the journey---Jesus Christ.

****A study guide for group discussion is included in the back of the book.*

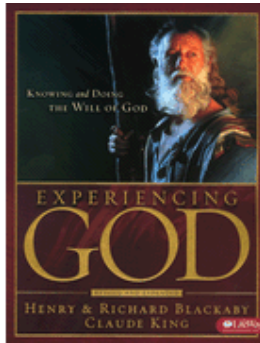
The Life You've Always Wanted DVD & Participant's Guide



- Author:** John Ortberg
- ISBN:** 9780310275305
- Approx. Cost:** \$9.00
- Study Level:** Intermediate
- Study Length:** 6 sessions
- Description:** In this six-session small group DVD curriculum, award-winning author John Ortberg teaches participants the skills essential to "running the marathon" in the Christian life: slowing down, celebrating joy, practicing prayer, studying Scripture, and trusting God.

For use with the DVD curriculum that is based on the original book.

Experiencing God Workbook: Knowing and Doing the Will of God



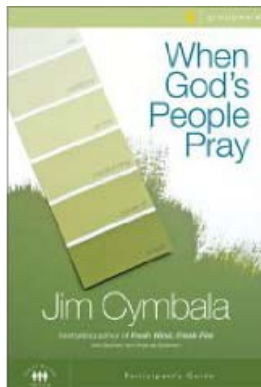
A group experience based on the original book.

- Author:** Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, Claude V. King
- ISBN:** 9781415858387
- Approx. Cost:** \$16.00
- Study Level:** Intermediate
- Study Length:** 13 sessions
- Description:** The modern classic has helped millions worldwide experience the height, depth, and breadth of God's love. For more than 15 years, God has used *Experiencing God* in His work, showing believers how to know Him intimately while encouraging them to step out in faith and join Him in His work with miraculous results. Participants will learn how to:
- know when He is speaking to them
 - recognize His activity around them
 - adjust their lives to Him and His ways
 - identify what He wants to do through them
 - respond to His activity in their lives.

***A leader's guide is available to help guide a group.

***Can be used separate from or alongside the original *Experiencing God* book.

When God's People Pray DVD & Participant's Guide



For use with the DVD curriculum.

- Author:** Jim Cymbala
- ISBN:** 9780310267348
- Approx. Cost:** \$10.00
- Study Level:** Introductory
- Study Length:** 6 sessions
- Description:** By Jim Cymbala, best-selling author of *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, a powerful new small group DVD that will help you and your church tap into the transforming power of prayer. Discover the power of God to restore hope, ignite faith, work miracles, and change lives...through prayer.

Celebration of Discipline Video Curriculum



This DVD curriculum is based on the original classic book by Richard Foster.

Author: Richard J. Foster

ISBN:

Approx. Cost: Each participant guide is approx. \$5.00

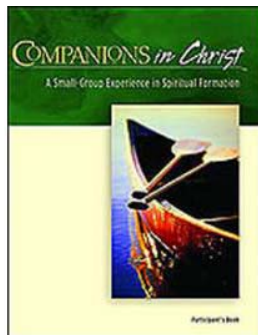
Study Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Study Length: 13 sessions

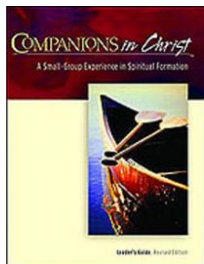
Description: *Celebration of Discipline* is a video-based curriculum built on Richard J. Foster's most acclaimed book, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*. This 13-session curriculum helps Christians experience formation in Christlikeness through engagement with classic Christian spiritual disciplines.

****Can be used separate from or alongside the original Celebration of Discipline book.*

Companions in Christ: A Small-Group Experience in Spiritual Formation



For use with leader's guide shown below...



Author: Upper Room Books

ISBN:

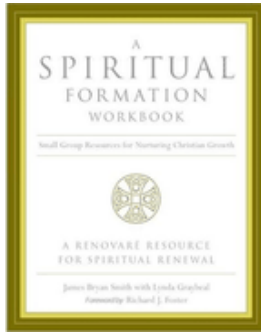
Approx. Cost: \$34.00

Study Level: Advanced

Study Length: 28 sessions

Description: *Companions in Christ*, the 28-week journey, moves through five parts: Christian journey, scripture, prayer, call, and spiritual guidance. Each week begins with an inviting and often challenging reading by a recognized author in spiritual formation. In addition to the weekly reading, the participant's book provides daily scripture readings and questions to guide your personal reflection. The week closes with a two-hour group session where you can share your thoughts, reflect together, and take part in a variety of group learning experiences. *Companions in Christ* offers small groups a powerfully transforming experience in spiritual formation.

A Spiritual Formation Workbook



Author: James Bryan Smith & Richard J. Foster

ISBN: 9780062516268

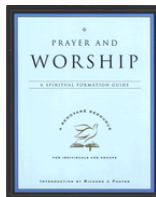
Approx. Cost: \$10.00

Study Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Study Length: 8 sessions

Description: This fully revised workbook provides balanced, practical, and effective small-group strategies for spiritual renewal and growth. Includes guidelines for beginning a fellowship, study plans for the first eight sessions, and a questionnaire, all leading to a richly rewarding experience. Based on six dimensions of Christ's life---the contemplative, holiness, charismatic, social justice, evangelical, and incarnational traditions.

Renovare Spiritual Formation Guides



Author: Richard J. Foster and the Renovare Team

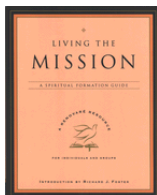
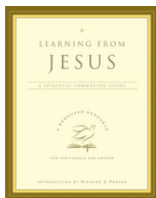
ISBN:

Approx. Cost: Each participant guide is approx. \$10.00

Study Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Study Length: 13 sessions per book

Description: The Renovare Spiritual Formation Guides, created by Richard J. Foster and the Renovare team, provide tangible lessons that help us become spiritually formed, conformed, and transformed into the image of Jesus Christ. Geared for either individual study or use in small groups with chapter structure similar to *A Spiritual Formation Workbook*, each Renovare Spiritual Formation Guide explores one facet of our life with God, providing readings from Scripture as well as classic and contemporary works of spirituality. The combination of readings, reflection questions, exercises, and activities makes these books invaluable interactive guides that prompt true spiritual growth. And they are a tremendous resource for connecting Scripture study with larger spiritual formation ideas and themes.

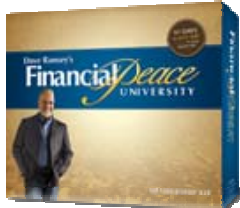


Guides available include:

- Prayer and Worship
- Connecting with God
- Learning from Jesus
- Living the Mission

4. Christian Life Skills:

Financial Peace University



Author: Dave Ramsey

ISBN:

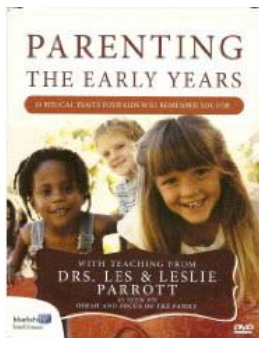
Approx. Cost: \$93.00 per family participating

Study Level: Introductory/Intermediate/Advanced

Study Length: 13 sessions

Description: *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is a 13-week life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever.

Parenting: The Early Years DVD Curriculum & Participant's Guide



For use with the DVD curriculum and leader's guide.

Author: Jim Cymbala

ISBN: 9780310267348

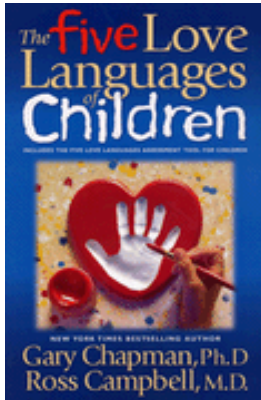
Approx. Cost: Each participant guide is approx. \$8.00

Study Level: Introductory

Study Length: 6 sessions

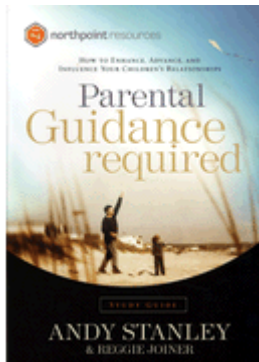
Description: A lot of times parents need help, but nobody likes to ask for help. That's why Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott have created a new video-driven study called *Parenting: The Early Years*. This teaching takes a Biblical approach into the traits parents want their children to have and what traits they want their children to see modeled in them. Captured on these six DVDs are real-life parenting moments taken inside the homes of 20 real families, who are trying to raise their kids in the best way possible.

The Five Love Languages of Children



- Author:** Gary Chapman & Ross Campbell
- ISBN:** 9781881273653
- Approx. Cost:** \$11.00
- Study Level:** Introductory/Intermediate
- Study Length:** 12 sessions
- Description:** Are you expressing your love in a way your child understands? Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell help you discover your child's unique communication style, so you can better meet his or her deepest emotional needs. From quality time to physical touch, these five "love languages" hold the key to your child's development and success.

Parental Guidance Required DVD & Study Guide

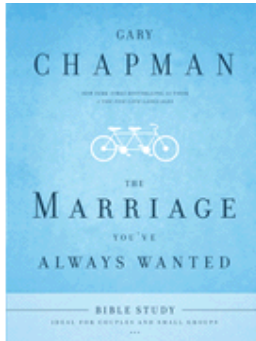


For use with the DVD curriculum.

- Author:** Andy Stanley & Reggie Joiner
- ISBN:** 9780310275305
- Approx. Cost:** \$10.00
- Study Level:** Introductory/Intermediate
- Study Length:** 6 sessions
- Description:** Of all the assignments God will give you during your time on earth, none may be more sacred than the task of raising your children. The Parental Guidance Required Study Guide is designed to give you the counsel you need to help prepare your children for the future. Intended for use in personal study or in small groups, this six-session companion study guide to the Parental Guidance Required DVD is a practical resource that will encourage you to look at the relationships in your children's lives and ask the important questions. Asking the right questions is the key to helping you assess your family's needs and ensure that the influence you have is one that will last a lifetime.

****Leader's guide included in the back of the study guide book.*

The Marriage You've Always Wanted Bible Study



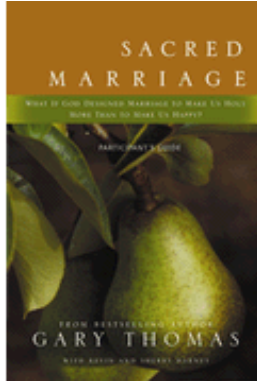
This study is a companion to the bestselling book, *The Marriage You've Always Wanted*.

Author: Gary Chapman
ISBN: 9781881273653
Approx. Cost: \$13.00
Study Level: Introductory/Intermediate
Study Length: 12 sessions
Description:

Do you have the intimate marriage God wants you to have? If not, *The Marriage You've Always Wanted Bible Study* can help you discover the sense of knowing and being known that is at the core of every good marriage relationship. As you learn how to listen, understand, communicate, handle anger, and resolve conflict, you and your spouse will grow in intimacy with each other and God. Learn what is at the heart of Christian marriage.

****Can be used separate from or alongside the original *The Marriage You've Always Wanted* book.*

Sacred Marriage DVD & Participant's Guide



For use with the DVD curriculum that is based on the original book.

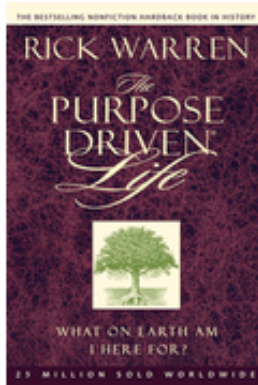
Author: Gary Thomas
ISBN: 9780310291466
Approx. Cost: \$10.00
Study Level: Intermediate/Advanced
Study Length: 6 sessions
Description:

What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy? The *Sacred Marriage* participant's guide, based on Gary Thomas' bestselling book, is designed to accommodate and enhance the six teaching sessions on the DVD. Small group ice-breakers, discussion questions, Bible study and guided prayer are only a few of the many helps provided to let your marriage become a doorway to a closer walk with God. Explore these sessions:

- God's Purpose for Marriage: More Than We Imagine
- The Refining Power of Marriage
- The God-Centered Spouse
- Sacred History
- Sexual Saints
- Marriage: The Love Laboratory

5. Knowing God's Purposes:

The Purpose Driven Life



Author: Rick Warren

ISBN: 9780310276999

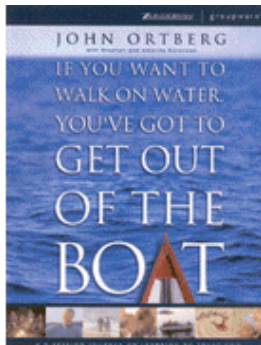
Approx. Cost: \$10.00

Study Level: Introductory

Study Length: 6 sessions

Description: In this remarkable best-seller Rick Warren will help you understand God's purpose and plan for your life so that you can learn to live the life for which you were created. The book is divided into 40 short chapters so that it can either be read as a personal devotional or studied in a small group setting. Don't let yourself or your family and friends go without this life-transforming book!

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat DVD & Participant's Guide



For use with the DVD curriculum that is based on the original book.

Author: John Ortberg

ISBN: 9780310250562

Approx. Cost: \$10.00

Study Level: Introductory/Intermediate

Study Length: 6 sessions

Description: Join John Ortberg with this participant's guide to *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* Video/DVD Curriculum. It's filled with insights, questions for discussion, and applications that will help you connect a new way of thinking to actual deeds and a different approach to life. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you in way that will change you forever, deepen your character and your trust in God.

When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box DVD & Participant's Guide

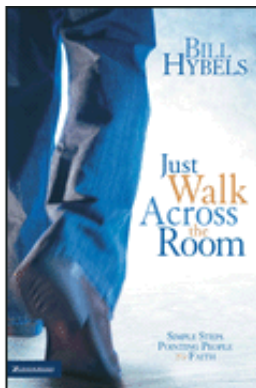


For use with the DVD curriculum that is based on the original book.

Author:	John Ortberg
ISBN:	9780310282464
Approx. Cost:	\$10.00
Study Level:	Introductory/Intermediate
Study Length:	6 sessions
Description:	Like cards and tokens at a board game's end, life's rewards---houses, cars, promotions---all get "put away" after we take our last breath. Discover how to make the temporary a servant of the eternal, and exchange "having" for the riches of <i>being</i> ! John Ortberg's six sessions will help you leave this life with the only prize that matters.

6. Sharing Your Faith:

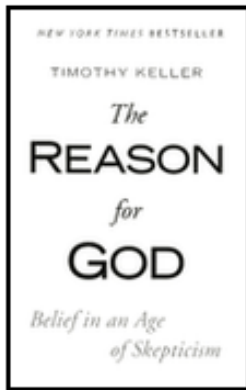
Just Walk Across the Room DVD & Participant's Guide



For use with the DVD curriculum that is based on the original book.

Author:	Bill Hybels
ISBN:	9780310271765
Approx. Cost:	\$10.00
Study Level:	Introductory
Study Length:	4 sessions
Description:	Building on his bestseller <i>Becoming a Contagious Christian</i> , Pastor Hybels shows you how to follow Jesus' model of personal evangelism by "living in 3-D"--- developing friendships, discovering stories, and discerning appropriate ways to leave your comfort zone. Learn to share the good news of redemption with people living far from God---and across the room.

The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism



Author: Timothy Keller
ISBN: 9781594483493
Approx. Cost: \$10.00
Study Level: Introductory/Intermediate
Study Length: 12 sessions
Description: How could a loving God send people to hell? Why does he allow suffering? Can one religion be "right" and the others "wrong"? 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.

RZIM Critical Questions Discussion Guides



Author: Series Edited by Ravi Zacharias
ISBN:
Approx. Cost: Each participant guide is approx. \$8.00
Study Level: Introductory/Intermediate
Study Length: 6 sessions per guide
Description: There are some topics you can't avoid, no matter what you believe! What is truth? Is God real? Who was Jesus? Can the Bible be trusted? Filled with engaging insights from world-class philosophers and theologians, these *Critical Questions Discussion Guides* provide 6-session forums for exploring fundamental apologetic issues in small groups or individually.

Studies Available:

1. Can I Trust the Bible?
2. What Is Truth?
3. Is God Real?
4. Who Was Jesus?