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<p><b>3:16</b> - takes us deeper into what Lucado calls, "the hope diamond" of the Bible; John 3:16. This DVD companion product to Lucado's new book, 3:16 The Numbers of Hope (#901935), features 12 teaching segments by Max that unpack this timeless message - phrase by enduring phrase. The DVD also features an exclusive short-film written by Max Lucado that tells the "prodigal" story in an inspiring and challenging new way.</p>	Max Lucado	1	M	12 weeks	Yes
<p><b>A Hunger for the Holy: Nurturing Intimacy with Christ</b> - Every believer has access to a priceless gift – intimacy with Christ. Accomplished author and professor of preaching and pastoral studies Calvin Miller guides to students to develop their private, personal relationship with God: to nurture their inner life in Christ.</p>	Calvin Miller	1	M	7 weeks	Yes
<p><b>A Woman After God's Own Heart</b> - Teaches you how to develop a heart for God and His Word, for prayer and personal discipline...PLUS how to develop a heart of love for your husband, your children, your friends and others! You'll discover a new passion for living through the power of prayer and God's Word!</p>	Elizabeth George	6	M	10 weeks	Yes
<p><b>A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place</b> - Through this in-depth study of the Old Testament tabernacle, explore the fascinating account of the building of the tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, and its variety of meanings for women today. The videos are essential to the study.</p>	Beth Moore	3	M	10 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Abba's Child</b> - Have you bought into the lie that you're worthy of God's love only when your life is going well? If so, when life begins to fall apart and embarrassing sins threaten to reveal your less-than-perfect identity, the inclination is to scramble to keep up a good front, to cower and hide until the mask of perfection can be slipped back into place. All this time, though, God is calling you to take your mask off and come openly to Him. God longs for you to know in the depths of your being that He loves you and accepts you as you are.</p>	Brennan Manning	1	I	9 weeks	No
<p><b>Abide in Christ (Growing Disciples series)</b> - Based on Andrew Murray's The True Vine, delivered in a contemporary, interactive format. Designed for new and growing believers to learn the secrets of victorious living, and to develop a lifestyle that bears lasting spiritual fruit. Offers practical lessons from the parable in John 15 to help Christians experience love and friendship in relationship with Christ. Study is great for small-group settings in homes, churches, or community centers.</p>	Andrew Murray	1	M	6 weeks	No
<p><b>An Ordinary Day with Jesus</b> - What do you get when you invite Jesus to walk beside you on an ordinary day? An extraordinary soul-nourishing adventure! says John Ortberg. Learn to experience "abundant life" as you recognize the Holy Spirit's voice, simplify your routine, spend time alone with God, and dedicate every relationship and activity to Christ.</p>	John Ortberg	6	M	8 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Becoming a Contagious Christian</b> - This course equips you to effectively share the gospel in a way that "fits" the unique personality God gave you.</p>	Bill Hybels, Lee Strobel, and Mark Mittelberg	2	M	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study (Part 1 of the Disciple study series)</b> - Gives equal time to both the Old and New Testament, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God. 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. Uses biblical language and images and draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.</p>		3	I	34 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Beginning Life Together (Doing Life Together series)</b> - Helps you live the purpose-driven life through being part of a purpose-driven small group. These groups seek to help each member balance the five biblical purposes of the church talked about in Rick Warren's best-selling Purpose Driven Life. This six-week introduction to the purposes will help you to not only understand but also experience them. In addition to study and discussion questions there are icebreakers, study notes, directions for prayer and worship, and texts listed for further study.</p>	Brett and Dee Eastman	3	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Beginning Life Together (Life Together series)</b> - God never intended for you to do life alone, but to do life together in community. This introductory group study, Beginning Life Together, gives you an overview of the five biblical principles that God intends for your life. Get ready - you're about to begin a six-week journey that will give you a taste of the life God created you to live!</p>		4	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Beginnings: An Introduction to the Christian Faith</b> - Designed to introduce the basics of the Christian faith to seekers and explorers who desire an intentional walk with God and to encourage a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.</p>	Andy Langford and Mark Ralls	4	B	12 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Believing God</b> - Drawing from the "Heroes of the Faith" in Hebrews 11, this study examines the lives of Abraham, Moses and others who believed God. Through their examples, Beth explores what it means to know and truly believe God as described in Isaiah 43:10 and encourages women to deepen their own trust in God and receive a fresh word from Him.</p>	Beth Moore	1	M	10 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Books of the Bible; A Survey of Old and New Testaments</b> - Designed for persons who are not well-acquainted with the Bible, this resource is clearly written and easy-to-use, drawing the reader into the biblical text. Although you will "page through" the entire Bible by the end of the study, Books of the Bible only deals with major themes. An excellent primer for persons to gain confidence to tackle a more in-depth study.</p>	John Hayes	3	B	26 weeks	No
<p><b>Boundaries</b> - Based on the best-selling, award-winning book, this curriculum teaches the basics of developing healthy boundaries in order to maintain healthy relationships.</p>	Henry Cloud and John Townsend	3	B	9 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Breakaway</b> - Illustrates how our core beliefs influence our decisions, which dictate the outcomes of our lives.</p>	Andy Stanley	3	B	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation</b> - Presents an easy-to-understand, scholarly approach to the Book of Revelation in 8 sessions (expandable to 13 sessions). Video segments feature Bruce M. Metzger and range in length from 13-17 minutes each.</p>	Bruce Metzger	3	I	8 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Building a Godly Home (Max on Life series)</b> - In a culture where families are seemingly under siege and in a constant state of conflict, there is hope that comes through taking some simple but profound steps designed to build family harmony and love.</p>	Max Lucado	3	B	4 weeks	Audio
<p><b>Can We Talk?</b> - Delivers familiar spiritual disciplines through a fresh, new method of teaching.</p>	Priscilla Shirer	6	I	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Celebration of Discipline</b> - A well-written exploration of the central spiritual disciplines of the Christian faith. The disciplines are grouped into three types--the inward disciplines of meditation, prayer, fasting, and study; the outward disciplines of simplicity, solitude, submission, and service; and the corporate or community disciplines of confession, worship, guidance, and celebration.</p>	Richard Foster	6	I	13 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Chase the Lion (Young Adult study)</b> - Contrary to popular belief, God didn't intend for life's journey to always be safe. Actually, a fulfilling life could be hiding behind a present problem, a past failure, or a lifelong fear. Challenge young adults to let go of the tame experience that passes for the Christian life. Instead, they can choose to chase after God-given opportunities even when circumstances seem too risky to do so.</p>		3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Chasing Daylight</b> - The Old Testament account of Jonathan and Saul in 1 Samuel reveals the contrasts and consequences of living a life of purpose and adventure vs. one of apathy and missed opportunity. In the midst of a less-than-hopeful battle, Saul rested beneath a tree as Jonathan seized the divine moment that would impact the future of Israel. Through this story, McManus artfully illustrates the characteristics of an adventurer's heart, what he calls "the Jonathan factor." Step out of your comfort zone and move from mundane to miraculous living as you actively engage in God's plan!</p>	Erwin Raphael McManus	3	M	10 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places</b> – This 14-week study reminds us that spiritual theology must be about "God" and not about us. The author's insights into the vacuous nature of contemporary spirituality and the Christ-centered antidote will be carried to a wider audience with this study.</p>	Eugene Peterson	4	M	14 weeks	No
<p><b>Christian Believer (Disciple study series)</b> - Makes available to people the substance of the Christian faith that the church has confessed as a way of connecting to God and living faithfully. Requires disciplined daily reading of Scripture and the writings of early and modern church leaders, plus weekly group discussion about the relation of Scripture, beliefs, and daily living.</p>		4	I	30 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Christianity and World Religions</b> - Explores four major world religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism - and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. Deals openly and honestly with questions people ask about other religions, including why we believe the claims of Christianity over those of other faiths.</p>	Adam Hamilton	4	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Christianity's Family Tree: What Others Christians Believe and Why</b> - An inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, the author contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith.</p>	Adam Hamilton	4	M	8 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Colossians: Building Christian Community (Life Connections series)</b> - Provides direction for Christ-followers to chart their course in the challenging waters of the cultural war raging today. This study highlights how critical it is to know who we are and understand the centrality of Christ. Together you'll learn how to live out the Christian life practically in our world.</p>		3	M	13 weeks	No
<p><b>Come Thirsty</b> - Go to the W-E-L-L of God's provision to refresh your thirsting heart. As we receive God's Work, Energy, Lordship, and Love, our souls find the living water it thirsts after. Take this opportunity to accept Christ's work on the cross, let the Holy Spirit empower you, trust in God's ability to be Lord of your life and receive God's unshakable love for you. Come thirsty...leave refreshed.</p>	Max Lucado	1	B	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Companions on the Pilgrimage; Volume 4 (Way of Pilgrimage series)</b> - Young adults come to appreciate the cloud of witnesses which includes those who have gone before in the faith and present-day pilgrims. Explores spiritual friendship, spiritual direction and mentoring, small group interaction, walking with those on the margins, and becoming spiritual companions themselves.</p>		6	M	6 weeks	No
<p><b>Contagious Joy</b> - If you're yearning for a more joyful outlook on life, take a look at this uniquely Christian characteristic with this Women of Faith Bible study guide. Discussion questions, stories, quotes, reflection and prayer will help you cultivate the fruit of joy.</p>	Women of Faith	3	B	12 weeks	No
<p><b>Conversation Peace</b> - Helps women revolutionize their speech habits and improve their relationships by focusing on ways to positively avoid sharing gossip, throwing negative barbs, or snapping sarcastic replies throughout everyday life.</p>	Mary Kassian	3	B	7 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Creative Bible Studies for Young Adults</b> - addresses the current needs and issues of today's young adults, including stress, sexuality, God's will, spiritual growth and more. Excellent for discussion starters and applicable closures to the lessons. This is a must have for youth pastors / directors / teachers.</p>	Denny Rydberg	3	B	20 lessons	No

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<p><b>Cure for the Common Life</b> - Participants will learn how to: pay attention to their uniqueness, unpack their lives to discover their S.T.O.R.Y., strengthen and enhance relationships, discover career strengths, and live in their sweet spots every day! It's never too late to uncover your strengths, to discover God's will for your life, or to redirect your career---and cure the otherwise hopeless prognosis of a common life!</p>	Max Lucado	5	B	6 weeks	No
<p><b>Daniel</b> - Join Beth Moore in a faith-building study of prophecy, and learn how to shine for Christ in our modern culture. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures— to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and confront temptations and threats—today's believers face many of the same trials. Examine the life of Daniel in an extremely contemporary way, then explore the fascinating prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ.</p>	Beth Moore	3	M	12 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Death and Resurrection of the Messiah (Faith Lesson series)</b> - Being a follower of Jesus doesn't mean staying away from evil. It means confronting it - face to face - just like Jesus did every single day and through his resurrection. Learn how confronting evil can be loudly proclaiming the name of Jesus or quietly caring for someone in need.</p>	Ray Vander Laan	3	I	10 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Discerning the Voice of God</b> - Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study from author and speaker Priscilla Shirer is designed to help participants know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, participants will be able to discern God's voice from the voice of strangers.</p>	Priscilla Shirer	3	M	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Discovering the Faith (Faith Matters for Young Adults series)</b> - Aimed at 18-30 year-olds. Sessions include: - What Can I Discover About Christian Faith? What Can I Know About God? How Can I Understand Jesus? What Can I Believe About the Holy Spirit? What Is the Bible? How Can the Bible Help Me? Does the Bible Mean What I think it Means? How Can I Make Sense Out of Evil? What Can I Believe About the Devil? What Do the Church and the Bible Teach About Life After Death? What Is the Second Coming? What Is Sin? What is Salvation?</p>	Clifton Guthrie	1	B	13 weeks	No
<p><b>Discovering the Power of Prayer (Max on Life series)</b> - Crucial insights and encouragement to help us better understand how our lives are changed through trust in and communication with a kind and loving God-even if He doesn't answer all our prayers just the way we ask.</p>	Max Lucado	6	B	4 weeks	Audio
<p><b>Eat this Book-</b> Designed to enable small groups in schools or churches---or even individuals---to delve deeper into the timely wisdom of <i>Eat This Book</i>. Peterson's discussion is here broken up into nine "sessions," each of which contains a summary, quotations to consider, questions for interaction, and a suggested activity, ending with a suggestion for prayer.</p>	Eugene Peterson	3	B	9 weeks	No
<p><b>Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ (Companions in Christ series)</b> - Volume 1 of five in the Companions in Christ experience covers: Week 1: The Christian Life As Journey Week 2: The Nature of the Christian Spiritual Life Week 3: The Flow and Means of Grace Week 4: Sharing Journeys of Faith Week 5: Living As Covenant Community.</p>		2	M	5 weeks	No

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<p><b>Encountering Jesus</b> - Helps laypersons encounter Jesus and live as his disciples. Jesus is sought as healer, comforter, friend, justifier, sanctifier, liberator, and seeker of justice.</p>	Zan Holmes, Jr.	3	B	7 chapters	No
<p><b>Encouraging One Another</b> - God planned ahead for all your gloomy days. In fact, He's arranged for encouragement to be right there, waiting for you to discover it. You only need to know where to look! Words of encouragement can always be found in the Bible, but He gave each of us the ability to console and encourage, as well. God is always with us, and we're all in this thing together. So, let's encourage one another along the way! Are you ready to give and receive encouragement? In this study, we'll search the Bible fore all the ways God wants us to know He didn't leave us to face life alone.</p>	Women of Faith	3	B	12 weeks	No
<p><b>Esther</b> - Going up against heavyweights bent on her destruction, Esther trusted God and landed a blow that saved her people. The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's woman. Esther's destiny can be yours as you know more deeply the God who is in your corner.</p>	Beth Moore	3	I	10 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Experiencing God</b> - Based on Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator. By understanding how God is working through us even as we try to fathom His ways, we can begin to clearly know and do His will and discover our lives greatly and gracefully changed.</p>	Henry Blackaby	6	I	12 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Experiencing the Heart of Jesus</b> - Do you have a basic understanding of Christ, but long for a deeper experience of Him? If so, you will love Experiencing the Heart of Jesus by Max Lucado. Through clear biblical teaching as well as his engaging stories Max will help you not only understand, but taste, touch and see the freedom, grace and joy that Christ provides. Take this opportunity to explore and experience the indescribable riches of Christ's love!</p>	Max Lucado	3	M	10 weeks	No
<p><b>Exploring Spiritual Guidance (Companions in Christ series)</b> - Presents an overview of the different ways to give and receive spiritual guidance — from a one-on-one relationship with a spiritual mentor to congregational or small-group accountability. Learn how to grow together as a part of a Christian community and how small groups become settings for guided spiritual development.</p>		6	M	5 weeks	No
<p><b>Exploring the Way (Companions in Christ series)</b> - Helps you understand, deepen your experience of God. You'll discover (or rediscover) a way of grace, joy, and peace — indeed, the way of Christ himself. Ideal for novice and veteran alike, this book explores the most basic concepts and language of the Christian spiritual life: prayer, the Bible's message for our lives today, spiritual gifts, listening, journaling, and much more. It's the ultimate six-week orientation to spirituality and the essential elements of faith.</p>		6	M	6 weeks	No
<p><b>Extraordinary Faith</b> - Whether or not you know or even understand it, you are living a life of faith. Perhaps not the conventional, Christian ideal of faith, but faith nonetheless. Sheila Walsh explains that faith isn't a mystery, but is instead a simple, life-giving gift God offers His children. And since it is a gift, He expects us to share it-to give it away. By sharing biblical and modern examples of women of faith, Sheila opens our eyes to this extravagant gift God has for each of us.</p>	Sheila Walsh	1	B	8 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Falling in Love with Jesus</b> - Despite how others see you, God rejoices over you, his bride! Exploring Scripture's powerful metaphor of Christ as your bridegroom, Brestin and Troccoli offer encouragement for deepening your love relationship with Jesus. In a group or individually, their 50-day Bible study will help you rediscover your true "soul mate"---your Creator.</p>	Dee Brestin and Kathy Troccoli	3	M	10 weeks	No
<p><b>Favorite Bible Passages; Volumes 1 and 2</b> - Offers refreshing insights into popular, well-loved Scripture. Each lesson offers a biblical basis for facing life's decisions and encourages a deeper personal faith. Each volume contains 26 scripture passages for study that may be studied in any order. Appropriate for use in groups or for individual study. Volumes may be studied in any order.</p>	Brady Whitehead, Jr. and Howard M. Ham	3	B	26 weeks each	No
<p><b>Fearless</b> - Can you imagine your life without fear? This study offers hope and calm in a time of unprecedented fear in our nation and the world. Fearless draws from Jesus' encounters with people in frightening situations giving evidence that we can trust God through these scary times.</p>	Max Lucado	3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Feeding on the Word: The Mind of Christ (Companions in Christ series)</b> - An introduction to the many ways of meditating and praying with scripture. Explore the depths of the Word, learn to listen to God through it, and allow you life to be shaped by it. Volume 2 in the Companions in Christ experience covers:            Week 1: Why Do We Call the Bible God's Word?            Week 2: Studying Scripture As a Spiritual Discipline            Week 3: Meditating on the Word            Week 4: Directing Imagination            Week 5: Group Meditation with Scripture.</p>		3	M	5 weeks	No

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<p><b>Fellowship with Believers</b> - Helps new believers understand the nature of the church as a whole and how it functions as the body of Christ. This small-group study guides them to develop healthy relationships, spend time with other believers, help one another grow strong in the Lord, and serve together to accomplish His kingdom purposes.</p>	Mel Blackaby and Bo Stevens	6	B	6 weeks	No
<p><b>Fields of Gold</b> - When we truly understand God's power and presence, we can't help but trust Him to meet our needs. Doesn't it make sense to trust the God of the universe with your finances? Isn't it time to put aside the worry and start living in confidence? Author Andy Stanley shows us that those who sow generously can expect to reap generously and receive a bountiful return: fields of gold---in this life, as well as the life to come.</p>	Andy Stanley	7	M	8 weeks	No
<p><b>Finding Strength for your Struggles (Max on Life series)</b> - For anyone who lives with a sense of defeat and failure in their spiritual journey, here are the faith steps to better understand, face, and resist temptation and areas of attack-and live a victorious Christian life.</p>	Max Lucado	6	B	4 weeks	Audio
<p><b>Fire on the Mountain (Faith Lesson series)</b> - When the Israelites left Egypt, they were finally free. Free from persecution, free from oppression, and free to worship their own God. But with that freedom comes a new challenge - learning how to live together the way God intends. Discover how God teaches the Israelites what it means to be part of a community that loves him and the lessons we can begin to live out in our lives today.</p>	Ray Vander Laan	3	I	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Forgiveness: Letting Go (Living the Good Life Together series)</b> - Christians talk a lot about forgiveness, but our actions don't always measure up to our words. Why is it so hard to forgive? In this study, participants will face that question honestly and work toward embodying God's gracious forgiveness of us.</p>	Susan Pendleton Jones / L. Gregory Jones	3	B	12 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire</b> - In this powerful volume Pastor Cymbala will show you how passionate, persistent prayer transforms individuals, revives churches and revitalizes communities. Drawing on the teaching of scripture, his own experience and the collected wisdom of the great revivalists, Pastor Cymbala seeks to fan your passion for prayer into a flame. Take this opportunity to learn how to listen to God's voice and prayerfully depend upon God.</p>	Jim Cymbala	6	M	11 weeks	No
<p><b>Get Acquainted With Jesus</b> - Helps adults gain an overview of the life and work of Jesus. Full color works of art enhance each topic, Scripture is thoroughly explored, background information is given, plus many activities and insights bring newcomers and mature Christians to a deeper experience of Christ.</p>	Barbara Bruce/Larry Beman	4	B	8 weeks	No
<p><b>Get Acquainted With Your Bible</b> - Ideal for newly organized church groups or classes, new church members, and adults with little or no Bible background. Designed for group study, the eight sessions can also be used as a self-directed study. Includes many different colorful pictures and illustrations.</p>	Gary L. Ball-Kilbourne	4	B	8 weeks	No

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<p><b>Get Acquainted With Your Christian Faith</b> - Ideal for newly organized church groups or classes, new church members, and adults with little or no background in the faith. Designed for group study, the eight chapters also can be used as directed study.</p>	Kent Millard	4	B	8 weeks	No
<p><b>Get Uncomfortable (Young Adult study)</b> - Helps young adults to understand how their faith in Christ and concern for the poor go hand-in-hand. He examines God's character and perspective regarding poverty and injustice. Helps young adults embrace their responsibility as Christians, while giving them tools and ideas for making a difference in the world.</p>	Todd Phillips	3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Go Fish</b> - We've all heard them. "It was this big." "You should have seen the one that got away." People love to tell stories of their fishing adventures. When it comes to faith, however, most people clam up. Why is it we can't talk about what God has done in our life as naturally as we can spin fishing tales?</p>	Andy Stanley	2	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>God Heard Their Cry (Faith Lesson series)</b> - In ancient times, nothing was bigger than Egypt. Powerful pharaohs, strong armies, and a multitude of gods. God's people were no match against the Egyptians. Discover how God answers the cry of his persecuted people and proclaims himself Lord to them and their oppressors.</p>	Ray Vander Laan	3	I	5 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>God is Even Closer Than You Think</b> - Six sessions that will help your group experience the intimacy you long for with God--and that he longs to have with you.</p>	John Ortberg	3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Grace: An Invitation to a Way of Life (Pursuing Transformation series)</b> - Will help you make the connection between grace as a remote biblical concept and grace as a lifestyle, a reality you experience day in day out. Through an unfolding study of Psalm 23, you'll learn how God - our Good Shepherd - is for you, how he longs to walk with you through temptation, sorrow, and even deep regret. You'll discover God's desire to make his joy your joy.</p>		1	B	7 weeks	No
<p><b>He Chose the Nails</b> - Will help you to understand clearly what the death of Jesus means for you, identify intimately with the suffering of Jesus, and experience more completely the unconditional love of God.</p>	Max Lucado	1	B	12 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>He Speaks to Me</b> - A common question of many Christians is, "How can I know when God is speaking to me?" In this study, Priscilla Shirer uses the account of God speaking to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3 to show God does speak to Christians and how we can discern His voice and position ourselves to respond.</p>	Priscilla Shirer	6	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>How Does the Bible Shape My Faith? (Faith Questions series)</b> - Designed to meet the needs of people who have questions about the Christian faith and who desire a deeper engagement with scripture and with discipleship as they explore studies of issues in theology, ethics, missions, Bible interpretation, and church history. It seeks to equip a new generation of church leaders to appreciate the eternal message of the gospel and to develop the skills to articulate its relevance in our contemporary context.</p>	Ted Leach	3	I	7 weeks	No
<p><b>How United Methodists Study Scripture</b> - Challenges United Methodists to engage in life-transforming practices. Each study is divided into four sections with suggestions for group discussion, and can be completed in 4 to 8 sessions.</p>		3	B	4-8 weeks	No
<p><b>If Experience is Such a Good Teacher, Why Do I Keep Repeating the Course?</b> - Everyone attends the School of Experience, but some of us learn more than others. In this book you will find invaluable insights to equip yourself for the "course of study" ahead. Using teachers such as Friendship, Regret, Love, Success, Defeat, and Enemies, the author helps the Christian reader discover insights and inspiration for daily living.</p>	J. Ellsworth Kalas	3	B	12 chapters	No

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<p><b>If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat</b> -Teaches participants the skills essential to "water-walking" in faith with God: discerning God's call, transcending fear, risking faith, managing failure, and trusting God.</p>	John Ortberg	3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Imagine Life God's Way: Parables (New Community series)</b> - The parables of Jesus communicate vital truths about God, his kingdom, and the broad scope of life. Learn vital secrets of spiritual growth. Discover the importance of overcoming resentment. Experience the heart healing that comes with forgiveness. Find out the practical implications of no regret living. As you study the parables, you'll realize Jesus is talking about your life the struggles you face, and the tremendous promise that lies before you.</p>		3	B	6 weeks	No
<p><b>In the Dust of the Rabbi (Faith Lesson series)</b> - Follow a rabbi, drink in his words, and be covered in the dust of his feet. So says an ancient Jewish proverb, encouraging disciples to follow right on the heels of their teacher. In this powerful DVD study, journey with Ray on-location to Israel and Turkey. Discover the first-century practice of a Jewish rabbi and his disciples ("talmidim"), and gain new insight into the message of Christ.</p>	Ray Vander Laan	3	I	5 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Into the Word; Into the Bible (Part 2 of the Disciple study series)</b> - Selects specific portions of Scripture and delves deeper into them. Equal attention is given to both the Old and New Testament with concentration on four books: Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts (eight lessons on each book). Appropriate connections are made to other parts of Scripture both through reading and study assignments and through commentary in the study manual. For those who have completed Disciple 1.</p>		3	I	32 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Invitation to Genesis (Disciple study series)</b> - Approaches the Book of Genesis not simply as a story of the beginning but as a story of beginnings from start to finish. Through the study, participants will be invited to listen afresh to the witness of this opening book of the Hebrew Bible and to understand more clearly God's purpose in beginning to form a people with the likes of Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, and Jacob and Esau.</p>		3	I	10 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Invitation to John (Disciple study series)</b> - The invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow me". Experience the magnificent passages in John including the I am statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water and more). Revisit stories only told in John's gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and the raising of Lazarus.</p>		3	I	11 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Invitation to Psalms (Disciple study series)</b> - For students of the Psalms today, this study offers greater understanding of how these ancient texts of praise, lament, worship, and prayer can still speak to us and for us.</p>		3	I	10 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Invitation to the New Testament (Disciple study series)</b> - Using Matthew's Gospel as a starting point, this study explores how the new Testament writers and the early Christian community wrestled with the coming of Jesus--his life, actions, mission, death, and resurrection--and the implications of his arrival for their lives and their communities of faith.</p>		3	I	8 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Invitation to the Old Testament (Disciple study series)</b> - Approaches the study of Hebrew Scriptures by inviting participants to hear the story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the biblical text. To understand fully the story of God's covenantal relationship with Israel calls for listening to these various ways the story is told throughout the Old Testament.</p>		3	I	8 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Irresistible Invitation</b> - Gain a greater understanding of the extravagant love of God. This is a great study based upon the book from a wonderfully accomplished writer whose life is obviously overwhelmed by God's love.</p>	Maxie Dunnam	7	I	5 weeks	Yes
<p><b>It All Goes Back in the Box</b> - No matter how skillfully you play it, a time arrives when the game of life comes to an end. Now all the pieces go back in the box. No more game cards. No more tokens. No more promotions, no more financial planning, no more RVs and vacation homes. Game over. So learn to live with an eternal perspective, keeping your eyes on the true prize - the one that unlocks the gate to the kingdom of God.</p>	John Ortberg	3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message</b> - If religion is to be treated with intellectual respect, then it must stand the test of truth, regardless of the mood of the day. This study contrasts the truth of Jesus Christ with the teachings of Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism.</p>	Ravi Zacharias	4	I	4 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Jesus in the Gospels (Disciple study series)</b> - Invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question, "Who is the Jesus that you see?" This study will deepen discipleship through better understanding of the biblical texts and their message. While distinct in format and approach, this Bible study builds on the foundation and carries forward the philosophy and ideals that shaped Disciple—high-commitment, long-term, disciplined study that fosters community and builds toward transformation.</p>		3	I	30 weeks	Yes
<p><b>John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life</b> - A study on John Wesley, the major themes of his theology, the spread of Wesleyanism to North America, and renewal in the Wesleyan tradition. Chapters include reflection questions.</p>	Charles Yrigoyen, Jr.	4	B	6 weeks	No
<p><b>Joseph: The Hard Life (Young Adult study)</b> - For a man with so much hope for the future, Joseph spent a good part of his life rejected, abandoned, and imprisoned. How did he endure the abuse, betrayal, disappointment and injustice so prevalent in his life? This series takes a look at how the choices Joseph made helped him overcome every obstacle life threw at him.</p>	Rob Duford	3	B	4 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Joshua: Be Strong and Courageous (Young Adult study)</b> - Whether a slave making bricks or a leader of a nation, Joshua lived a life defined by courage, humility, prayer, and worship. His life serves as an example and encouragement to us all. Join author Todd Phillips in the heart of the nation's capitol as he uses American history to illuminate the story of Joshua in a way never before experienced. This 4-part series will challenge everyone to be strong and courageous.</p>	Todd Phillips	3	B	4 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Knowing Scripture</b> – In this 12-week study, each with 30-minute video lessons, R.C. Sproul helps us dig out the meaning of Scripture for ourselves. He lays the groundwork by discussing why we should study the Bible and how our own personal study relates to interpretation. Then he presents in simple basic terms the science of interpretation and gives practical guidelines for applying this science.</p>	R.C. Sproul	3	I	12 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Leadership from the Heart</b> - Designed to recruit active volunteers to step up and become lay leaders by promoting the concept of “Servant Leadership”. Instead of the secular concept of leadership, which appeals to ego and ambition for power, Leadership from the Heart calls Christians to leadership by appealing to their desire to help others. Participants are trained to – develop their own spiritual practices; care for those they lead; renew the church from within; grow to spiritual maturity.</p>	Yvonne Gentile	8	B	10 weeks	No
<p><b>Lessons Learned in the Dark</b> - In the second letter to the Corinthians the apostle Paul says, "We walk by faith, not by sight". In Walking by Faith, Lessons I Learned in the Dark Jennifer Rothschild shares her experience of being physically blind. Through six weeks of 5 daily lessons she also gently encourages us to take risks, give God control, persevere through hardship, receive God's gifts, be guided by the Truth rather than feelings, and seek God.</p>	Jennifer Rothschild	1	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Life and Ministry of the Messiah (Faith Lesson series)</b> - Journey back to the time of Jesus. Marvel at the magnificence of Herod's palace. Scramble among the ruins of Qumran. And wonder at the simplicity and wisdom of Jesus' parables. Discover how the events of Jesus' day impacted his life, ministry and communication. Then let them impact yours.</p>	Ray Vander Laan	3	I	8 weeks	Yes

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<b>Life from the Upside</b> - Gives us lessons on looking on the bright side of all that happens to us in life.	J. Ellsworth Kalas	3	M	12 chapters	No
<b>Liquid: Fork in the Road</b> - What would "a man after God's own heart" look like today? From his triumphant victory over Goliath to his disastrous downfall with Bathsheba, this thought-provoking faith-to-film curriculum depicts David's watershed decisions through the life of a modern man. Five 10-minute episodes on DVD designed to stimulate discussion; includes 96-page leader's guide with questions and group study tips.	Jeff Pries	4	B	5 weeks	Yes
<b>Live It, Tell It</b> - Based on the life of Nicodemus, students learn to answer questions related to sharing their faith during this 5-lesson study. Addresses concepts of spiritual re-birth, behavior, testimonies, etc. Study helps boost student confidence to share their own personal stories and learn Scripture that will substantiate their beliefs with solid biblical principles and truths.	Jeff and Rachel Lovingood	2	B	5 weeks	No
<b>Living Beyond Yourself</b> - Through this study you'll come to appreciate the supernatural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit on your own. Beth challenges you to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God.	Beth Moore	3	M	10 weeks	No

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<p><b>Living Fully; Dying Well</b> - Our best decisions about life's important events are seldom made in a time of crisis. Living Fully, Dying Well is a resource designed to assist us in making careful, wise and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments. In this study, participants will learn how to face openly and unafraid the benefits and limitations of aging and end of life decisions.</p>	Rueben Job	3	M	8 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Living the Faith (Faith Matters for Young Adults)</b> - A faith study aimed at 18-30 year olds.</p>		6	B	13 weeks	No
<p><b>Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World</b> - Confidence can be hard to come by these days. People are losing their jobs, houses and life savings at an unprecedented rate. Violence, natural disasters, and moral depravity seem to be skyrocketing. In the midst of all this, what should we do? Learn to live with confidence through the power and love of God.</p>	David Jeremiah	1	B	11 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Love: Opening Your Heart to God and Others (20/30 series)</b> - Designed to meet the needs of adult learners in their 20s and 30s. Each volume in the series examines a powerful biblical image. Chapters deal with love in its many forms, such as romantic, family, community and church, and God. The book also explores "Sacrificial Love" and "Expressions of Love."</p>	Barbara Mittman	8	M	7 weeks	No

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<p><b>Loved by God</b> - Have you ever doubted that God cherishes you? Join Liz Curtis Higgs for a verse-by-verse examination of the story of Jacob, Esau, Leah, and Rachel. You'll discover that God's plans for you are bigger than you imagine and that his love for you knows no bounds.</p>	Liz Curtis Higgs	3	B	7 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Major United Methodist Beliefs</b> - Expresses in simple language what the people of this denomination believe and how they interpret the ageless affirmation of the Bible.</p>	Mack Stokes	4	B	15 chapters	No
<p><b>Making Children Mind without Losing Yours</b> - Learn how to raise obedient children---without raising your blood pressure! In this 6-session curriculum, Kevin Leman guides you in bringing out the best in your kids, understanding their actions, maintaining authority, gaining your teenager's respect, encouraging self-esteem, and turning hassles into successes.</p>	Kevin Leman	3	B	6 weeks	Yes, but video is missing
<p><b>Making Love Last a Lifetime</b> - A comprehensive program for reaching new people, creating excitement, launching new small groups, and strengthening existing classes. It includes sermon starters and illustrations, marketing materials, and outreach tools built around an eight-week study on a topic that holds great interest for singles and married persons, both inside and outside the church. Designed for use in 60-90-minute sessions. For group or individual study, the book can be used by class participants during the study group meeting or at home for additional reflection.</p>	Adam Hamilton	3	M	8 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Managing Your Moods</b> - Sometimes, our moods can get the best of us. They can even stand in the way of healthy communication with others. So, let's sit down with a cup of tea for a heart-to-heart study about our moods and emotions. In this study we'll tackle the garden-variety moods and emotions we deal with every day with down-to-earth illustrations to give you a chance to laugh and think, and dozens of thoughtful insights from Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, Barbara Johnson, Sheila Walsh, Thelma Wells, Patsy Clairmont, and Nicole Johnson—the "Women of Faith".</p>	Women of Faith	3	B	12 weeks	No
<p><b>NETWORK</b> - Participants walk through a series of assessments that lead them to discover their unique blend of spiritual gifts, passion, and personal style. The participants are also taught the biblical nature and purpose of the church as the body of Christ.</p>	Bruce Bugbee	5	B	8 sessions/can be taught weekly or over 2-day period	Yes
<p><b>NOOMA series</b> - Today's generation demand a new format for getting Christian perspectives. Nooma is the new format. It's short films with communicators that really speak to us. Concise and to the point, 10- to 14-minute DVDs tackle topics like forgiveness, discipleship, and unconditional love, making biblical truths vivid and relevant for today's generation. A great way to spark meaningful discussion in your small group! DVD titles include: Matthew, Breathe, Rhythm, Rain, Flame, Trees, Sunday, Noise, Kickball, Luggage, Dust, Bullhorn, Lump, and Rich.</p>	Rob Bell	Many	B		Yes
<p><b>Parables from the Backside</b> - Kalas presents new insight into twelve of Jesus' parables by entering them through the "back side" - through the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character. By approaching the stories in this way, Kalas releases new meaning and clarifies basic teachings. Personal stories from the author's own experience and modern-day illustrations enrich the retellings even more. These refreshing glimpses from the back side will provide new food for thought for everyone - even those most familiar with Jesus' parables.</p>	J. Ellsworth Kalas	3	M	12 chapters	No

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<p><b>Parenting Your Teenager</b> - Parenting Your Teenager equips moms and dads to recognize common patterns, plan effective strategies, and build character. Perfect for a church class or seminar, the 4-DVD set (with six lesson plans) features relationship experts Les and Leslie Parrott. And, in 24 gut-level interviews, parents and teens talk openly about rebellion, conflict, pain, and identity. Plus, there's a candid chat with singer Steven Curtis Chapman about faith and family.</p>	Les/Leslie Parrott	3	M	24 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Parenting: The Early Years</b> - 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.</p>	Les/Leslie Parrott	3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Patriarchs</b> - Beth Moore brings her dynamic teaching and passion for God's Word to her long-awaited study, The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Taken primarily from Genesis, chapters 12-50, Beth provides fascinating details from the lives of the patriarchs. She explores important concepts such as blessing, covenant, and promise, and how they forever shaped the lives of Abraham and his descendants.</p>	Beth Moore	3	M	10 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Power of a Praying Woman</b> - Through Scripture and personal examples, Stormie Omartian shows you how to draw closer to God; understand his plan and purpose for your life; receive comfort, help, and strength for everyday living; and learn to pray . . . for your own needs!</p>	Stormie Omartian	6	M	10 weeks	Yes

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<b>Practicing the Faith (Faith Matters for Young Adults series)</b> - A faith study aimed at 18-30 year-olds.		1	B	13 weeks	No
<b>Practicing the Presence of God</b> - Brother Lawrence was a servant of God who spent most of days following Jesus by serving in a kitchen. Brother Lawrence set an example for all of us by demonstrating how to recapture the intimate friendship with Christ that was shared by the first disciples. Tony Jones brings his rapport with early Christianity to this new edition of a great work. His thoughtful and challenging comments bring the words of Brother Lawrence into historical context and offer spiritual encouragement.	Tony Jones	8	M	6 weeks	No
<b>Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?</b> - In theory, prayer is the priceless point of contact between us and God. In practice, it's often frustrating, confusing, and mysterious. Throughout this 6-session interactive journey, Philip Yancey explores this enigmatic intersection where we meet God, asking---and answering---key questions: Is he listening? What's the point? Can prayer be more satisfying?	Philip Yancey	6	M	6 weeks	Yes
<b>Prayer: Living in God's Power and Presence (20/30 series)</b> - Explores and defines biblical and contemporary images of prayer. All the sessions will be based upon God's relationship with humans as the ground of all prayer and the essential human need to reach toward God that leads to prayer. Readers will explore definitions of prayer, Jesus' teachings and practices related to prayer, methods of prayer, aids to prayer, the varieties of individual and communal words, needs, and emotions that form the content of prayer, and more.	Sarah Arthur	6	M	7 weeks	No

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<p><b>Prayer: Nurturing a Passion for Prayer (Discipleship Journal series)</b> - We know that prayer is communication with God, but most of us want more. We don't just want to communicate with God—we want communion with God. We don't want better prayer techniques—we want passion in our prayer lives. We want intimacy. In this study you'll look at some of the best Discipleship Journal® articles on the topic of prayer and examine Scripture passages that will help you develop and nurture a passionate prayer life.</p>		6	M	8 weeks	No
<p><b>Promised Land (Faith Lesson series)</b> - Just as the time and place of our birth and life shapes our journey, so the land and culture of the Hebrew people shaped their story. Discover how God guided his people to a specific place - the Promised Land - to impact the world both in ancient times and today.</p>	Ray Vander Laan	3	I	5 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Prophets and Kings (Faith Lesson series)</b> - Explore the turbulent history of Israel's prophets and kings and learn from their story how to build your own devotion to and trust in God.</p>	Ray Vander Laan	3	I	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Raising Great Kids</b> - What does it take to raise great kids? Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend help you provide both the care and acceptance that make grace real to your kids, and the firmness and discipline that give direction. At last, here is an effective middle ground for raising your children to handle life with maturity and wisdom.</p>	Henry Cloud and John Townsend	3	B	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Receiving God's Love</b> - Women who are new believers and women who have been friends of God for years will benefit from this reminder that they are precious to God. In this study guide you'll discover the height, width and breadth of God's amazing love for you! With solid biblical principles at every turn, each heart that encounters these study guides will be enriched with the everlasting good news of divine worth and divine calling.</p>	Women of Faith	3	B	12 weeks	No
<p><b>Reclaiming the Wesleyan Tradition</b> - Presents the central themes of John Wesley's theology of salvation in ways that bridge an intellectual study of his sermons with relevant application to participants' lives and faith.</p>	Douglas M. Strong	4	M	13 weeks	No
<p><b>Reinventing Your Life with Grace</b> - Drowning in a sea of clutter? Too many demands and too many people wanting a piece of you? Let Luci Swindoll, Thelma Wells, Marilyn Meberg and Patsy Clairmont help you or your small group focus on the things that really matter in this four-video and workbook study. Dynamic women will help you Reinvent Your Life.</p>	Vision Video	1	B	4 segments	Yes
<p><b>Remember Who You Are (Part 3 in the Disciple study series)</b> - For those who have completed Disciple 1. Participants in this study will read the major and minor Old Testament prophets, with the exception of Daniel, and will read the thirteen letters traditionally attributed to Paul. To establish the historical context in which the prophets spoke for God, daily reading assignments also draw on the books of Deuteronomy through Chronicles.</p>		3	I	32 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Responding to our Call (Companions in Christ series)</b> - A presentation of gifts and a call to give ourselves to God in willing obedience, receiving the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit.</p>		5	M	5 weeks	No
<p><b>Search for Significance</b> - This small-group resource gives practical learning activities that help believers apply God's truth to our lives and build a solid foundation for healthy, Christ-centered self-esteem. Participants will learn to recognize Satan's lies, rely on God's truth, and avoid the need for approval and performance-based traps as they build a healthy, biblical perspective on self-worth.</p>	Robert McGee	1	M	12 weeks	No
<p><b>Self-Study Bible Course</b> - Newcomers to the faith have lots of questions about God's Word. This self-directed course gives them the answers! Twenty lessons address topics such as sin, healing, heaven, answer to prayer, baptism in the Holy Spirit, and more. Memory work, study questions, and notes lay a solid foundation for building a strong Christian life.</p>	Derek Prince	4	B	20 weeks	No
<p><b>Serving from the Heart</b> - Designed to inspire a desire among laity to volunteer for active service; help members uncover their talents, interests, and personality traits appropriate for a ministry; connect Christians to the fulfilling ministries they are best suited for. This study is designed to lead adults through assessing their spiritual gifts, talents and abilities, resources, individual style, dreams and experiences...all adding up to an enhanced capacity to serve God and neighbor.</p>	Yvonne Gentile	5	M	8 weeks	CD-Rom

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<p><b>Serving Like Christ Together (Experiencing Christ Together series)</b> - Jesus said he "did not come to be served, but to serve." And he calls us as his followers to the same lifestyle and attitude of service. But how do we do that? In a world that values power and ease, we need some help in reorienting our hearts as well as our schedules. These six sessions look at key character traits taught and modeled by Jesus that are essential to a life of service in the steps of the Ultimate Servant.</p>		8	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Share Jesus without Fear</b> - presents a simple and relational approach to witnessing that underscores the dependence of God's power for the results. Birthed out of the radical life-transformation of its author (former brothel-owner turned Christ-follower), method teaches believers how to navigate a witnessing conversation in everyday situations.</p>	William Fay	2	I	4 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Sharing Your Life Mission Every Day: Evangelism</b> (Purpose-Driven Life series) - Sharing your life mission every day just isn't that hard. You need a few skills, a few friends for support, and a glimpse of God's heart for those who don't know him. Sessions will equip you to extend love to seekers around you and talk about your experience with God in ways that people will understand. God doesn't ask you to do it alone - discover the power that comes from teaming up.</p>	Ron Crandall	2	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Simply Christian</b> - Have you ever wondered why humans in all places and times have yearned for beauty, truth, spirituality, and justice? In this 10-week study, Bishop Wright contends that it is because we hear the echoes of God's voice - the same God who created the world, is known through the children of Israel and Jesus Christ, and who is at work in the world through the Holy Spirit. Connecting to this God through worship, prayer, scripture, and the church leads to life that is full and abundant.</p>	N.T. Wright	4	B	10 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Sisters: A Mile in Her Shoes</b> - Life in ancient times was a struggle for survival, many times removed from the relaxed, comfortable existence most of us enjoy today. For women especially, simply living often meant enduring a harsh society that viewed women as voiceless entities more like property than persons. Still, faith blossomed and thrived. Explore the bold, yet inspirational lives of Old Testament women such as Hannah, Hagar, Abigail, and others.</p>	Sheron C. Patterson	3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Sisters: Finding Balance</b> - Helps women consider the balance in their lives--between service and worship, duty and devotion, doing and being. Participants will examine the lives of New Testament Women, such as Mary and Martha, Lydia, Mary, the mother of Jesus, the Canaanite woman and Mary Magdalene, and draw parallels with today.</p>	Becca Stevens	3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Sisters: Knowing God</b> - For women who are hungry for the Word of God and want to be women of the Word by integrating the teachings and truths of the Bible into everyday relationships and decisions.</p>	Kimberly Dunnam Reisman	3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Sisters: Unfailing Love</b> - Addresses the joy associated with building a relationship with Jesus. Women will discuss the love that Jesus has for them and show how to develop and live journeys of faithfulness, even in dark times.</p>	Rebecca Laird	3	M	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Sisters: Wising Up</b> - Helps participants to evaluate, appreciate and internalize the wisdom of the past and begin to apply it in their own lives.</p>	Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan	3	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible</b> - Author Liz Curtis Higgs explores the "slightly bad" lives of a few Old Testament women. Far from evil, yet slightly bad, these women from the book of Genesis stubbed their toes along the rocky path of righteousness. Sound familiar? These ancient sisters aren't a whole lot different from us. Laced with humor and built on solid research, this study will bring you to the realization that God loves you just the way you are. Flaws and all!</p>	Liz Curtis Higgs	3	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Spirit Gifts</b> - Builds community as participants share together in study, reflective exercises, discussion, worship, prayer, music, and group activities. This workbook includes: spiritual gifts survey, personal inventory worksheets, Bible studies, key content summaries and songs.</p>	Patricia Brown	5	M	Can be 4, 6, 9, or 12 weeks	No
<p><b>Spiritual Gifts</b> – Explore how your spiritual gifts can be matched to ministry, and discover a new appreciation for the gifts of others in your church. Each week is divided into five daily topical studies with Scripture passages, and requires between 15-30 minutes to complete, making it ideal for a daily quiet time.</p>	David Francis	5	M	6 weeks	No

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<p><b>Stepping Up</b> - An in-depth look at 15 Psalms. Just as a song or poem can express feelings of fear, doubt, hope, and joy, these 15 psalms model how study participants can voice their own petitions and praises to our God, who is always available and ready to hear us.</p>	Beth Moore	3	I	7 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Steward: Living as Disciples in Everyday Life</b> - Explores what the Bible teaches about stewardship and our response as faithful disciples. Each session begins with Scripture, then explores how we live our faith daily. Weekly sessions last 90 minutes and the NRSV translation is used.</p>	Bruce Birch and Charles Foster	7	M	12 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Surprised by Hope</b> - Author N.T. Wright reveals the amazing full scope of what God's Word has to say about the world to come and the world that is. What is heaven really like? Is our main duty as Christians simply to help non-Christians get there? What hope does the gospel hold for this present life, and in what ways does God intend for us to experience that hope personally and spread its healing power to the world around us?</p>	N.T. Wright	4	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Surrendering To Christ Together: Worship (Purpose-Driven Life series)</b> - The ultimate paradox of the Christian life is that victory comes through surrender. Most of us aspire to a life of abandonment to God and his purposes, but we find the daily grind and our old habits get in the way. Jesus knew he set the bar high, but he didn't leave us without guidance. In these six sessions, you'll learn from his teaching and example the character qualities essential to a "life less ordinary," a life of worshipful surrender.</p>		6	B	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Take It to the Limit</b> - Do you feel snowed under and maxed out? In our Take It to the Limit 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. In this 6-session companion study guide to the Take It to the Limit DVD, Andy Stanley pulls you back from the edge and helps you strike a balance by showing you how to do less, not more.</p>	Andy Stanley	6	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>That's What the Man Said</b> - "Look with new eyes and listen with a fresh heart." This is Dunnam's approach in this study of 15 of Jesus' most important sayings. A study and devotional commentary on Jesus' words, this workbook can guide us and strengthen us as we attempt to live as Christians with meaning and purpose.</p>	Maxie Dunnam	3	M	15 weeks	No
<p><b>The 5 Love Languages</b> - Before a live audience, Gary Chapman helps you identify your personal love language. He also helps you understand the love language of your spouse. Then he provides practical suggestions for enriching your marriage by practicing the other love language.</p>	Gary Chapman	3	B	2 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Bible from Scratch (New Testament for Beginners)</b> - An accessible, non-threatening introduction to the Bible for adults who have - or who fear they have - little or no knowledge of the Bible. Griggs guides us through the New Testament and introduces basic tools and skills for Bible study. Like the Old Testament volume, the first half of the book overviews the text while the second half provides questions for study.</p>	Donald L. Griggs	3	B	7 weeks	No

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<p><b>The Bible from Scratch (Old Testament for Beginners)</b> - An accessible, easy-to-understand overview of the Bible for adults who have - or fear they have - little or no Bible knowledge. In this Old Testament volume, study session titles include "The Books of the Law," "The Narrative of Genesis," "From Egypt to Canaan," "From Joshua to Nehemiah," "The Books of the Prophets," and "The Books of Wisdom and Writings." Each volume contains not only Bible content for group members but also comprehensive study group guides for leaders.</p>	Donald L. Griggs	3	B	7 weeks	No
<p><b>The Bible in 90 Days</b> - Both a Bible and a curriculum that allows individuals to complete what for many Christians has been a life-long goal -- to read through the Bible completely, from "cover to cover," in a manageable time frame. The basic plan consists of reading 12 pages a day of this specially prepared Bible to help readers achieve their goals.</p>	Ted Cooper	3	I	14 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Blazing Center</b> - Discover the soul-satisfying supremacy of your heavenly Father in all things. In this introduction to Desiring God, you'll learn about the reality of sin, how your love for Jesus is revealed, and how only joy in him sustains you through times of suffering.</p>	John Piper	3	M	8 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Case for a Creator</b> - Lee Strobel and Garry Poole explore cosmology, cellular biology, astronomy, evolution, physics, and DNA research to reveal the incredible complexity of the universe---which is best explained by the existence of a Creator!</p>	Lee Strobel	4	I	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>The Case for Christ</b> - Lee Strobel uses his experience as a reporter for the Chicago Tribune to interview experts about the evidence for Christ from the fields of science, philosophy, and history.</p>	Lee Strobel	4	I	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Case for Faith</b> - Lee Strobel uses his experience as a reporter for the Chicago Tribune to explore questions like: Why is there so much pain and suffering in our world? What should we do with our nagging doubts? Is Jesus the only way to God?</p>	Lee Strobel	4	I	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Coffeehouse Gospel</b> - Written for anyone who's ever struggled to share their faith with others, The Coffeehouse Gospel shows Christians how to evangelize effectively by sharing their personal stories of how God has impacted their lives. It includes questions and journal sections to help readers articulate their own spiritual experiences and show them how to be ready to defend and express their faith.</p>	Matthew Paul Turner	2	M	9 weeks	No
<p><b>The Divine Conspiracy</b> - Renews our understanding of discipleship and the true nature of the teachings of Jesus, who intended that His followers become His disciples, and taught that we have access now to the life we are only too eager to relegate to the hereafter. The authors call us into a more authentic faith and offer a practical plan by which we can become Christ-like. .</p>	John Ortberg / Dallas Willard	4	M	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>The Early Church (Faith Lesson series)</b> - Learn from first-century disciples what it means to conquer the gates of hell. Visit the Grotto of Pan and the site of pagan worship. Recognize the dangers the disciples faced at Ephesus. Learn the subtle differences between a Christian worldview and humanism and how to make a difference in today's world.</p>	Ray Vander Laan	3	I	5 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Esteemed Journey for Women: Discovering Your Full Worth in Christ</b> - Guides women to discover they are truly celebrated and valuable in the eyes of Jesus.</p>	Susan L Andringa	1	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Exchange</b> - Invites students to understand their unique identity in Christ and exchange their lives for the life of Christ. The Exchange addresses new believers along with those who were "raised" in church inviting them to live an exchanged life. Embracing the truth that God never meant for anyone to live the Christian life on their own, Engle sheds light on life lived through the power of Christ in them.</p>	Joel Engle	1	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Fruit of the Spirit: Cultivating Christlike Character (Fishermen series)</b> - Love. joy. Peace. Patience. All of us desire to exhibit these spiritual qualities in our lives. But what does it mean to "live by the Spirit"? How much is up to us, and how much depends on God? In this guide you'll learn better how to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in your life and grow in Christlike character.</p>	Stuart Briscoe	5	M	10 weeks	No

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<p><b>The Great Adventure</b> - Explores a man and his world beyond the everyday. The 20-session study puts the roof on the house of masculinity and creates a vision for a man's future and destiny. This study will help men rediscover the adventure in life through a greater understanding of who they are. Men will uncover the uniqueness they have as a man and discover a satisfying life focus.</p>	Robert Lewis	3	I	20 weeks	No
<p><b>The Jesus I Never Knew</b> - Take another look at the Lord you thought you knew so well! Based on the challenging and insightful bestseller <i>The Jesus I Never Knew</i>, this rich visual study leads you through an examination of Christ in the Gospels. Led by Philip Yancey and featuring film clips of cinematic portrayals, it's certain to get you thinking and growing!</p>	Philip Yancey	3	I	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Life You've Always Wanted</b> - Teaches participants the skills essential to "running the marathon" in the Christian life: slowing down, celebrating joy, practicing prayer, studying Scripture, and trusting God.</p>	John Ortberg	6	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Mayberry Study Guide #1</b> - Four 25-minute episodes from "The Andy Griffith Show" address the important issues of life and show the inspirational way the Bible deals with them. The episodes are shown in their entirety, then the facilitator uses the leader's guide to generate discussion. The four episode topics are service, peace, mercy and commitment.</p>		3	B	4 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>The Mayberry Study Guide #2</b> - Four 25-minute episodes from "The Andy Griffith Show" address the important issues of life and show the inspirational way the Bible deals with them. The episodes are shown in their entirety, then the facilitator uses the leader's guide to generate discussion. The four episode topics are pride, accountability, trouble and teaching.</p>		3	B	4 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Mayberry Study Guide #3</b> - Four 25-minute episodes from "The Andy Griffith Show" address the important issues of life and the inspirational way the Bible deals with them. The episodes are shown in their entirety, then the facilitator uses the leader's guide to generate discussion. The four episode topics are courage, folly, gossip and discernment.</p>		3	B	4 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Mayberry Study Guide #4</b> - Four 25-minute episodes from "The Andy Griffith Show" address the important issues of life and the inspirational way the Bible deals with them. The episodes are shown in their entirety, then the facilitator uses the leader's guide to generate discussion. The four episode topics are values, temptation, encouragement and guidance.</p>		3	B	4 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Me I Want to Be</b> - Learn what it means to be God's best version of you through a powerful visual experience and a story of a vintage motorcycle restoration. You'll find that God has a plan to use and restore every part of your life, and he's been working on it all along.</p>	John Ortberg	4	M	5 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>The Practice of Godliness</b> – Growing in godliness is a two-fold process. It involves an ever-deepening devotion to God, and developing a character that is steadily transformed into His likeness. This companion study guide to Jerry Bridges' book <i>The Practice of Godliness</i> will help you grow in your fear of, love for, and devotion to God-the three essentials to a godly life. As you learn how to take on God's character, you'll explore how to let the Holy Spirit cultivate the fruit of God's character traits in your life.</p>	Jerry Bridges	5	I	12 weeks	No
<p><b>The Purpose-Driven Life</b> - Helps you to discover the answer to life's fundamental question: "What on earth am I here for?"</p>	Rick Warren	1	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>The Pursuit of God</b> - In the muddle of day-to-day life, have you somehow forgotten that Christianity is a living, vibrant relationship with a personal God? In this classic bestseller and recipient of both the ECPA Gold and Platinum Book Awards, <i>The Pursuit of God</i> reminds and challenges you to renew your relationship with your loving God. In each of the 10 chapters, Tozer explains one aspect of hungering for God and ends with a prayer.</p>	A.W. Tozer	6	M	10 weeks	No
<p><b>The Treasure Principle</b> - Discover the joy of giving! Randy Alcorn's best-selling book leaps to life in this dynamic video presentation. Hosted by Alcorn and Ryan Rush, it's filled with powerful graphics, special effects, interviews with "generous givers," re-enactments, and photographs---all illustrating a revolutionary principle: Cheerful giving brings God maximum glory <i>and</i> his children maximum pleasure.</p>	Randy Alcorn	7	B	4 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>The Way of Blessedness (Companions in Christ series)</b> - Invites readers to cultivate the dispositions of the soul as outlined in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which suit us for the reign of God while drawing us into its realm. Jesus portrays the reign of God in terms that are contrary to social hierarchy — in his time as well as our own. It is a realm of outlandish generosity and uncommon compassion.</p>		6	M	9 weeks	No
<p><b>The Will of God</b> - Have you ever wondered "Why God?" in the midst of tragedy or when life takes a turn for the worse? During the tumultuous times of World War II, Leslie Weatherhead answered that question for his congregation in five sermons on understanding the will of God. Put into book form, The Will of God has helped Christians discern God's will for themselves and their communities.</p>	Rebecca Laird	3	M	6 weeks	No
<p><b>The Workbook on Spiritual Disciplines</b> - Helps you focus on making your Christian life more effective, vital, meaningful, fruitful, and joyful. Maxie Dunnam says that the purpose of discipline for Christians is not a religious practice that has merit within itself; it is a means to an end. The purpose of discipline for the Christian is spiritual growth and ultimately total transformation.</p>	Maxie Dunnam	6	I	6 weeks	No
<p><b>This is Christianity</b> - Maxie Dunnam uses the framework of the Apostles' Creed to discuss key beliefs of the Christian faith in a way that is compelling and easy to understand. This curriculum explores questions such as: Who is God? What is my relationship to God? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus come? What is sin? What is salvation? Who is the Holy Spirit?</p>	Maxie Dunnam	4	M	7 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>To Live is Christ</b> - Journey into the life and heart of Paul the apostle with this in-depth study guide and you will discover him to be a man who formed many close friendships with both men and women, served faithfully, loved heartily, and understood what it means to die daily, "crucified with Christ". You will gain a new appreciation of servanthood and how to live fully as a bond slave to Christ. As you study the Book of Acts and the Epistles of Paul, you will feel the challenge to follow Paul's example just as he followed the example of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).</p>	Beth Moore	8	M	10 weeks	No
<p><b>Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus</b> - "Lord, teach us to pray." Who has better insight of prayer than Jesus? The disciples recognized that, and they witnessed Jesus' prayer life firsthand. Jesus prayed at all times and in all places — in solitude and in the midst of crowds. Indermark invites readers to follow the example of Jesus and to learn deeper ways to connect with God. Written as a six-week study, each section has seven readings. Each reading has a related prayer exercise to help you grow in prayer and in the model of Jesus. A guide for small groups is included in the book.</p>	John Indermark	6	M	6 weeks	No
<p><b>Troublesome Bible Passages; Volume 1</b> - Tackles Scriptures not normally studied from a discipleship viewpoint. This study book looks at 8 Old Testament and 15 New Testament scripture passages. Some of the lesson titles are: The Ten Commandments, Why Do Innocents Suffer?, Forgiveness, The Word Made Flesh, Speaking in Tongues and more.</p>	Douglas Wingeier and David L. Watson	3	I	23 weeks	No
<p><b>Under the Tree of Life (Part 4 in the Disciple study series)</b> - For graduates of Disciple 1. This study 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.</p>		3	I	32 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>United Methodist Beliefs</b> - This brief introduction to the United Methodist Church spells out the major beliefs of the Church in a clear, nontechnical style. William Willimon, the beloved United Methodist author, preacher, teacher, and bishop, discusses the great theological themes that United Methodists share in common with all Christians as well as the particular accents and emphases that characterize United Methodist understandings of Christian doctrines.</p>	William H. Willimon	4	B	9 chapters	No
<p><b>United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers</b> - An excellent resource for learning about the United Methodist Church. Belton Joyner, a veteran pastor and popular author, introduces the reader to key United Methodist beliefs and practices through seventy-eight questions and answers. He does so clearly and understandably, with liberal doses of humor. He also draws on hymns from the Methodist tradition to illustrate key theological points.</p>	F. Belton Joyner, Jr.	4	B	13 chapters	No
<p><b>Unleashed Influence (Life Connections study)</b> - Be encouraged not only to understand Christ's style of leadership, but to apply what you learn in practical projects, and embrace life change goals for yourself. Even if you don't see yourself as a leader, this study will expand your vision as your group develops in truly caring for each other and spurring one another on to the deeper things of God</p>		8	I	13 weeks	No
<p><b>Vertically Inclined</b> - Most believers experience a life with a few highs and lows, ups and downs, and maybe an occasional mountaintop experience. But this study is especially designed to show Christian women how, by tethering themselves more securely to Him, they can climb to greater spiritual heights.</p>	Mary Kassian	3	M	7 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Walk as Jesus Walked (Faith Lesson series)</b> - As disciples of Jesus, we've discovered that following him demands an intense commitment to the text and complete devotion to Christian community. But there is more. Come discover the fierce passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters to walk like Jesus - even when the path became treacherous.</p>	Ray Vander Laan	3	I	5 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Walking Humbly, Doing Justice (Becoming the People of God series)</b> - Tells how individuals and congregations have answered the call for justice in their communities and the world. More than a study of social justice issues in our society, this resource will enable congregations to learn how to engage in social justice ministries in the name of Christ. Social justice issues related to race, childhood, aging, women, substance abuse, violence in media, and public health policy are discussed in this volume.</p>		8	M	10 weeks	No
<p><b>Wesleyan Essentials in a Multicultural Society</b> - Helps users understand United Methodist beliefs / tradition and what it means to function as a Christian in the context of a multi-cultural society. Thirteen sessions will cover the failure of post-modern philosophy to provide ultimate value outside of Christian faith. The Wesleyan essentials of original sin, the saving work of Christ, atonement, resurrection, salvation by grace through faith, trinity, prevenient grace, sanctifying grace, doctrine of the Holy Spirit, and living a transformed life.</p>	Ted A. Campbell	4	I	13 weeks	No
<p><b>What About Religion and Science (FaithQuestions study series)</b> - Invites us to consider ways to remain confident in our faith as we understand and appreciate the discoveries and advances of science.</p>	Paul E. Stroble	4	I	7 weeks	No

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<p><b>What Does It Mean to be United Methodist?</b> - Explores topics from church history to methods of worship. Great for churches interested in new member classes and refresher classes for existing members in Sunday school settings as well as in small groups. There are 5-15 minute video sessions covering the following topics: (1)History-John Wesley and Methodist Beginnings, (2)Wesley and Grace, (3)Scripture, (4)The Sacraments, (5)How do UM's do church? and so what?</p>		4	B	5 weeks	Yes
<p><b>What's So Amazing About Grace?</b> - If you want to know how amazing grace really is, take a good look at the broken world it heals. In this ten-session small group DVD curriculum, award winning author Philip Yancey takes you and your study group for interactive, gut-level encounters with radical, life-changing grace. Includes interviews with Tony Campolo, Patricia Raybon, Ann Spangler, Debbie Morris, Lewis Smedes, and Mel White.</p>	Philip Yancey	7	M	10 weeks	Yes
<p><b>When God's People Pray</b> - Helps 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.</p>	Jim Cymbala	6	M	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box</b> - No matter how skillfully you play it, a time arrives when the game of life comes to an end. Now all the pieces go back in the box. Learn how to live with an eternal perspective, keeping your eyes on the TRUE prize - the one that unlocks the gate to the kingdom of God.</p>	John Ortberg	3	M	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Where Do I Go Now, God (Restless Hearts series for Young Adults)</b> - Who am I? Who did God create me to be? How does God want me to live? What am I to do with my life? This study offers a unique opportunity to explore answers to these questions through group discussion and personal reflection.</p>	Alex Joyner	1	B	6 weeks	Yes
<p><b>Who You Are When No One's Looking</b> - What are we like when nobody's around to see our actions? Hybels points out that personal integrity counts most when it might not seem to matter! Discussing consistency in courage, discipline, vision, endurance, and love, he shows us that---with God's guidance and help---we can reflect clearly the character of Christ without wavering.</p>	Bill Hybels	3	B	6 weeks	No
<p><b>Wild At Heart</b> - Dare to be the man God created you to be! In eight provocative lessons on authentic masculinity, John Eldredge challenges you to abandon passivity and actively pursue your God-given dreams. Encouragement for men to walk the road least taken---and important insights for the women who love them!</p>	John Eldredge	3	B	8 weeks	Yes
<p><b>With All Your Heart (Faith Lesson series)</b> - Do you remember where your blessings come from? In Exodus, God warned Israel to remember him when they left the dry desert and reached the fertile fields of the Promised Land. Discover how quickly the Israelites forgot God and began to rely on themselves.</p>	Ray Vander Laan	3	I	6 weeks	Yes

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<p><b>Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith</b> - Witness guides you to learn more about your faith and to speak invitationally with others about beliefs. Through Bible study and group interaction, you'll identify your gifts for ministry and learn to witness to others in a natural and effective way. Embark on a journey where you'll be challenged to discover who you really are, what you believe and what really matters in your life.</p>	Ron Crandall	2, 5	B	25 weeks	No
<p><b>Working Together, Sharing the Bounty (Becoming the People of God series)</b> - Participants will experience how current events intersect with the Scriptures and Christian belief. More than a study of the issues, participants will learn how individual Christians and congregations use United Methodist teachings to shape relevant ministries in their communities.</p>		8	M	9 weeks	No
<p><b>Yes Lord, I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Excuses</b> - Why is it, James Moore asks, that we try to justify anything and everything we want to do? We use words, scapegoats, blming other people, circumstances, past events, even evil spirits ("the devil made me do it!") to attempt to excuse bad choices we make with our own free will. In his warm, embracing style, James Moore encourages us to seek forgiveness. After all, we are justified not by our eloquent excuses but by the grace of a loving, caring, forgiving God.</p>	James W. Moore	1	B	12 chapters	No
<p><b>Your Time-Starved Marriage</b> - Are "time bandits" stealing the precious moments you and your spouse share? Reclaim this priceless resource and enjoy the rest and recreation you crave! Showing couples how to make every moment together count, curriculum gives you the tools you need to slay the "busyness" giant, maximize leisure time, and more.</p>	Les/Leslie Parrott	3	B	6 weeks	Yes

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- 1) Demonstrates assurance of and gratitude for his or her salvation;**
- 2) Invitationally shares his or her faith story;**
- 3) Stands firm on - knows - Scripture;**
- 4) Comprehends and communicates Christian beliefs;**
- 5) Identifies and uses his or her spiritual gifts;**
- 6) Practices both the private and corporate spiritual disciplines;**
- 7) Loves to give joyfully and generously; and**
- 8) Enthusiastically serves.**

**Bible Experience: B=Beginning / M=Mid-level / I=In-depth**

NOTE: In addition to the above, CUMC has numerous "print-only" short-term studies (3 months or less) on hand that explore, individually, the many books of the Bible. While not video-driven in format, all are suitable for use in a small group setting. The variety of authors is endless, and series include the Bible Reader series by authors including William Carter, J. Ellsworth Kalas and Justo Gonzalez; Life Lessons by Max Lucado; Great Themes of the Bible by Douglas E. Wingeier and Harry Kiely; etc. The resource library also houses many short-term studies exploring the wondrous life of Jesus. Consider a visit to the resource library to see the large selection of short-term curricula available for your group's use.