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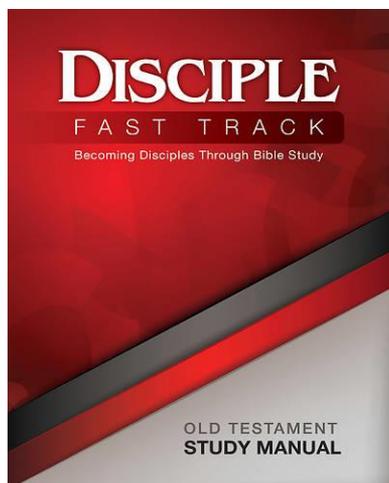
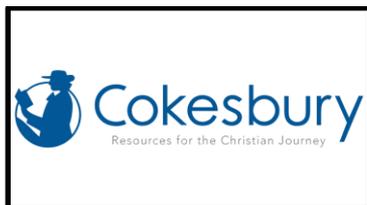
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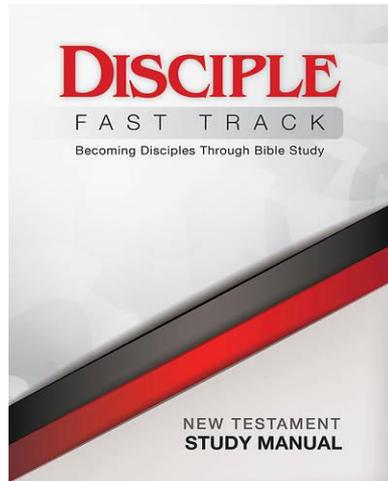
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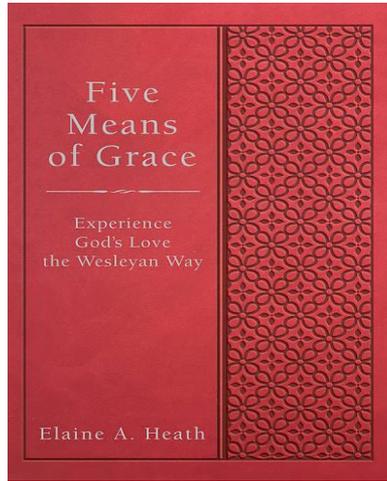
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Wesley showed us ways to reorder our lives through the “means of grace.” Recharge. Reboot. Reorder. Whatever you want to call it, we need a process that helps us continuously renew our relationship with God so that we don’t drift away from our faith. Based on The Wesley Covenant for Renewal, *Five Means of Grace* is a six-week, video-based study that will show you how to reorder your life through prayer, searching Scripture, receiving the Lord’s Supper, fasting, and conferencing (worshiping together). You’ll learn how to recognize and affirm the outward signs, words, and actions of an invisible divine grace, deepening your relationship with God and making your faith more complete. A Leader Guide and DVD are also available.

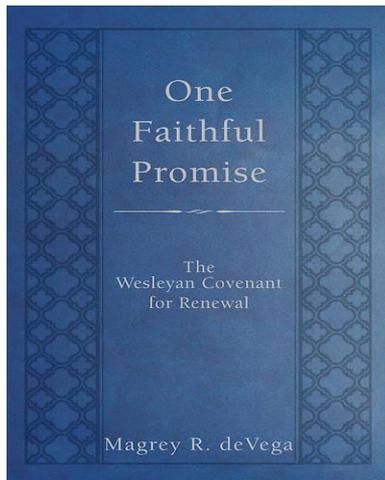
“Surely John Wesley wanted his teachings to be presented in clear and understandable ways. Elaine Heath’s teaching on the *Five Means of Grace* are simple and engaging with deep truths. Your group will love it!”

—Jennifer Cowart (Executive pastor at Harvest Church, a United Methodist congregation in Warner Robins, GA, near Macon.) She

co-preaches and directs Discipleship and Emerging Ministries at Harvest UMC.

“Elaine Heath is one of the church’s great teachers and prophets. With engaging stories and clear understanding of Scripture she invites us to experience God’s love through ancient practices that we desperately need. I will be using *Five Means of Grace* with my congregation as an invitation for those seeking a deeper pathway into discipleship.”

—Rev. Jacob Armstrong, Providence United Methodist Church, Mount Juliet TN.



Wesley’s covenant renewal is a faithful promise to love God and neighbor.

By making *Three Simple Rules* and *Five Marks of a Methodist* accessible for a current United Methodist and Wesleyan audience, Abingdon Press has reintroduced Wesley’s formative identity and boosted our way of Christian living in thousands of congregations.

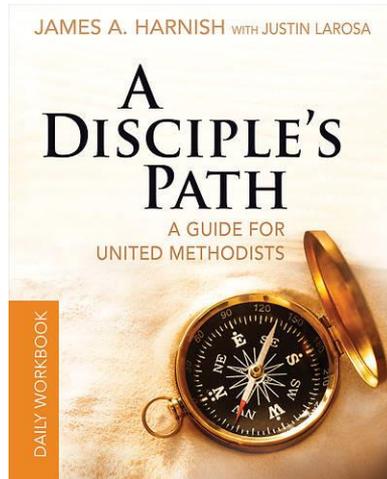
The next most important document that Wesley delivered to the rapidly expanding societies and congregations was The Wesley Covenant Prayer and Renewal Service from 1755, which are crucial to Methodist identity. This service, a liturgical event in 1755, was preceded by several mornings of teaching from John

Wesley about “the means of increasing serious religion.” Charles Wesley also wrote a hymn supporting the prayer – “Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine.”

Over the centuries since 1755, many Methodists have used this liturgy on New Year’s Eve – the Watch Night Service – as a service of renewal of the individual’s covenant with God for the coming year. More recently many churches have found other opportunities to provide this opportunity for the congregation.

Wesley’s covenant renewal can function now as an accessible church-wide campaign that culminates in the liturgical affirmation and faithful promise to love God and neighbor faithfully. The campaign could be:

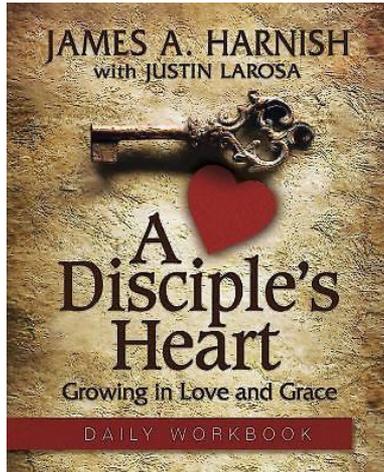
- 1) Used during Advent and culminate on New Year’s Eve with the Covenant prayer committed to memory and resolve.
- 2) Used from mid-September, with emphasis on homecoming and harvest, and culminated with the liturgical event on All Saint’s Day.
- 3) Used prior to Lent and culminate on Ash Wednesday, or
- 4) Used during Lent and culminate on during holy week.



Discipleship within the context of the United Methodist heritage and tradition. Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness...this is what we commit to when we become members of The United Methodist Church, and it's a big step. But *A Disciple's Path* helps

us look beyond membership, presenting an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. Discipleship is ongoing, so the 6-week study is perfect for new-member groups, but also works well in small groups of long-time members. It helps you develop spiritual practices, discover your unique gifts, and engage in ministry that brings transformation to your own life and to the lives of others and the world.

The Daily Workbook offers six weeks of daily readings (five per week), Scripture, a message for the day, and prompts for personal reflection.

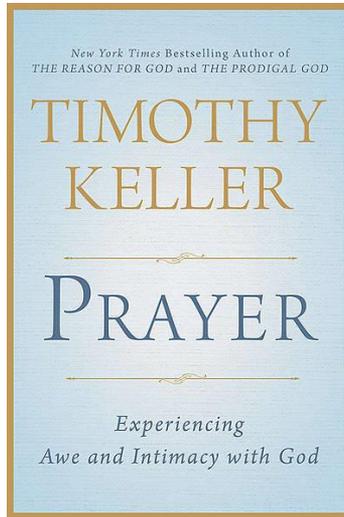


The heart of the matter is always a matter of the heart

We hear a lot about “spiritual journey” these days. But it’s more than just trendy wording. Although he didn’t use the phrase, that’s what John Wesley was really all about—taking steps and continually walking a path that transforms the heart and helps us grow into the likeness of Christ. This study, designed for use in either small groups or as a churchwide experience, attempts to reclaim and, in a sense, reinterpret Wesley’s idea of “Christian perfection.” Participants learn how to develop a pattern of daily Scripture reading, prayer, and personal reflection and guided questions help define spiritual life goals and create strong church community bonds. The six-week class is supported with a Daily

Workbook, Companion Reader, Leader Guide, and free downloadable leader helps.

The Daily Workbook fosters personal spiritual growth as group members develop their own pattern of daily Scripture reading, prayer, and personal reflection (five readings per week). Participants are invited to journal in response to guided questions, define their own next steps, and then share with others in their small group as they learn and grow together in community.



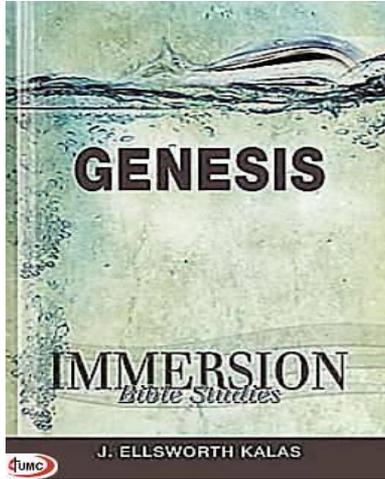
***New York Times* bestselling author and renowned pastor Timothy Keller explores the power of prayer.**

Christians are taught in their churches and schools that prayer is the most powerful way to experience God. But aside from learning prayers by rote, few receive instruction or guidance in how to make the most of this essential Christian act—how to make prayer genuinely meaningful. In *Prayer*, renowned pastor Timothy Keller delves into the many facets of this everyday act.

With his trademark insights and energy, Keller offers brilliant and inspirational biblical guidance, as well as specific prayers for certain situations, such as dealing with grief, loss, love, and forgiveness. He discusses ways to make prayers more personal and powerful, and how to establish a practice of prayer that works

for each reader.

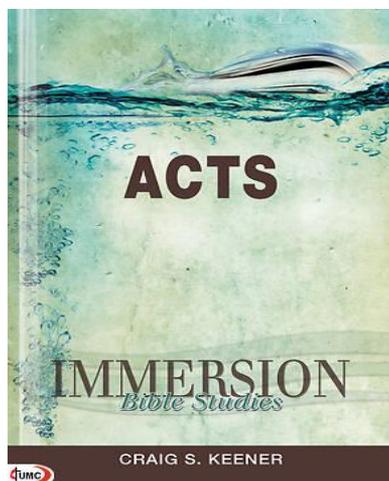
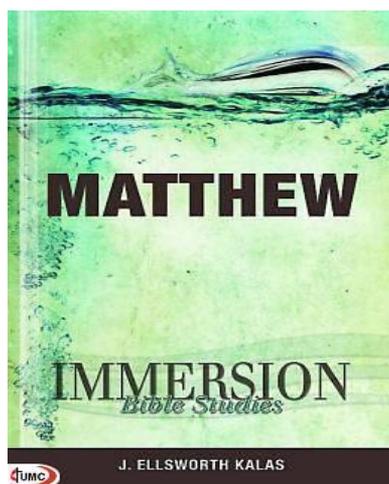
Dr. Keller's previous books have sold more than one million copies. His Redeemer Presbyterian Church is not only a major presence in his home base of New York, it has also helped to launch more than two hundred fifty other churches in forty-eight cities around the world. His teachings have already helped millions, the majority of whom pray regularly. And with Prayer, he'll show them how to find a deeper connection with God.



Take a refreshing plunge into the Bible. How can something be created from nothing? How does Genesis relate to the New Testament and Christian faith?

In this eight-week study, homiletics professor and pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas approaches Genesis as a very personal and almost intimate book. Instead of viewing it as an academic study or as a puzzle to be solved, the author reads Genesis in a very personal, up-close way. Easy-to-follow, step-by-step suggestions for leading a group are provided, as well as questions to facilitate class discussion.

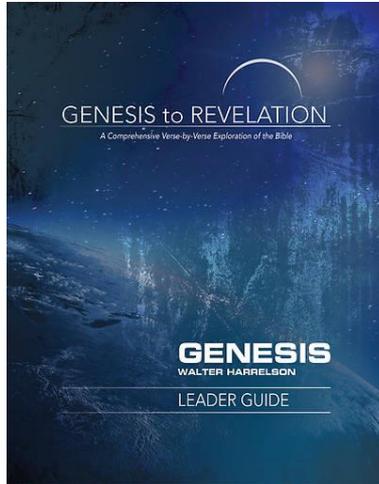
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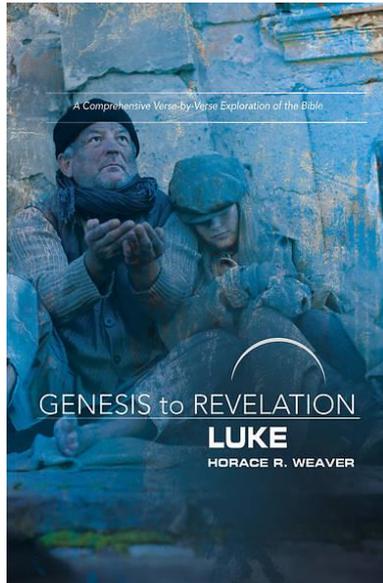
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One of Abingdon's most beloved studies of the Bible has been updated!

What does the Bible say? What does it mean? How does it relate to my life? *Genesis to Revelation*, a comprehensive, verse-by-verse, book-by-book study of the Bible, will strengthen your understanding and appreciation of the Scripture by helping you engage on these three levels. Newly revised, these Abingdon classics are based on the NIV translation and are presented in an easy-to-read format. Each of the volumes includes thirteen sessions and a separate Leader Guide.

This study of the entire Book of Genesis begins with the creation story and ends with Jacob and his family reuniting. Some of the major ideas explored in this Book of the Bible are: personal relationship with God, the mystery of God, God's unconditional love, courage to face the unknown, and turning evil into good. The meaning of the selected passages is made clear by considering such aspects as ancient customs, locations of places, and the meanings of words. The simple format makes the study easy to use. Includes maps and glossary with key pronunciation helps.



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Study the entire Book of Luke, beginning with a review of Jesus' birth and boyhood and ending with him experiencing Calvary and resurrection. Some of the major ideas explored are: keys to Jesus public ministry, Jesus being recognized as the Messiah, the life of discipleship, use and abuse of power, and Jesus's response to difficult questions.

More than 3.5 million copies of the series have been sold. This revision of the Abingdon classic *Genesis to Revelation Series* is a comprehensive, verse-by-verse, book-by-book study of the Bible based on the NIV. These studies help readers strengthen their understanding and appreciation of the Bible by enabling them to engage the Scripture on three levels:

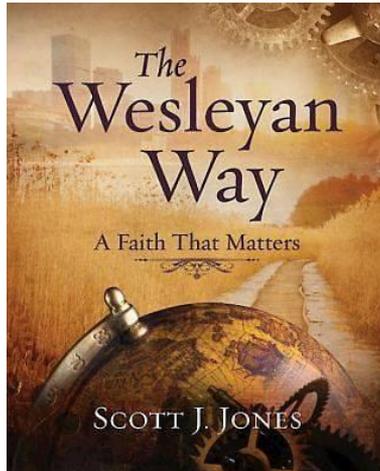
1. What does the Bible say? Questions to consider while reading the passage for each session.
2. What does the passage mean? Unpacks key verses in the selected passage.
3. How does the Scripture relate to my life? Provides three major ideas that have meaning for our lives today. The meaning of the selected passages are made clear by considering such aspects as ancient customs, locations of places, and the meanings of words.

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Updates will include:

- New cover designs.
- New interior designs.
- Leader Guide per matching Participant Book (rather than multiple volumes in one book).
- Updated to 2011 revision of the New International Version Translation (NIV).
- Updated references to New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible.
- Include biblical chapters on the contents page beside session lesson titles for at-a-glance overview of biblical structure.
- Include larger divisions within the contents page to reflect macro-structure of each biblical book. Ex: Genesis 1-11; Genesis 12-50; Exodus 1-15; Exodus 16-40; Isaiah 1-39; Isaiah 40-66.

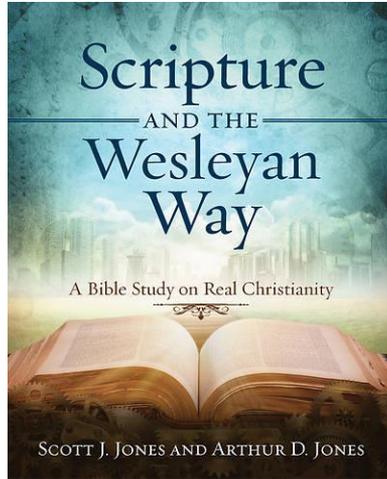
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Meet the Faith of Wesley . . . Real and Relevant in Today's World.

In this exciting and inspiring study, Scott J. Jones helps seekers and believers to envision and practice discipleship as a way of life. Presenting Christianity from a Wesleyan perspective, Jones invites participants into a deeper, more thoughtful, more active commitment to Christ. This 8-session study helps participants focus on how, through discipleship with Jesus Christ, we become part of God's work in transforming the world. Each week a different presenter shares their personal faith experience.

Presenters include Adam Hamilton, Olu Brown, Felicia Hopkins, Jessica Moffat Seay, Jorge Acevedo, Rob Fuquay and author Scott Jones. Mini-videos conclude each week with an interview or ministry story from the presenter's home church. Participants then read on their own from the student book and the Bible and then once a week the group comes together to explore what they've read and to view another video.



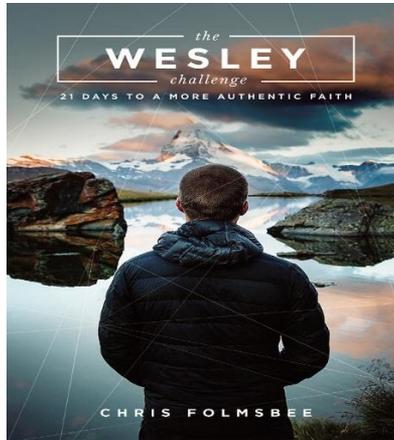
A Bible study with John Wesley.

Wouldn't it be fascinating to attend a Bible study led by John Wesley? *Scripture and the Wesleyan Way* is an eight-week study that's the next best thing. The Bible was central to John Wesley's faith and the Christian movement he founded. Scott J. Jones and his son Arthur D. Jones use Wesley's own words to address questions that many of us in the twenty-first century still struggle with today. Each chapter explores a key Scripture text and one of

Wesley's sermons about the text in order to illuminate his understanding about what it means to be a real Christian. You will be inspired to respond to this call with faith and boldness. Additional components include a DVD featuring the authors and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

Chapters include:

1. What is the Bible's Message?
2. How Can I Be Saved?
3. Am I a Real Christian?
4. Do I Have to Obey the Law?
5. Am I a Sinner?
6. How Can I Connect with God?
7. Why is the Christian Life Not Easier?
8. What about My Money?



Renew your passion and discover deeper commitment to God in just 21 days.

Wesley who? As mature Methodists, the question seems unimaginable, but do our younger laypeople know who John Wesley was and what he means to our church? *The Wesley Challenge* not only introduces our denomination's founder in a practical and accessible way, the series engages small groups and churches to work through twenty-one questions studied over three weeks to help renew passion and discover a deeper commitment to God—one that is more authentic, vulnerable, and

soul-shaping. Daily posts and messages are designed with an emphasis on graphics and short content bits to engage your physical, emotional, and spiritual lives throughout the 21-day study which offers a book, a Leader Guide, a Youth Study Book, a DVD, and a Campaign Download Package.



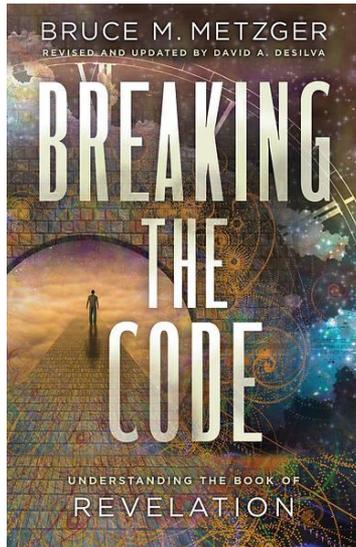
A fresh strategy for developing community groups for your whole church and beyond.

Transform your congregation by launching community groups—a fresh strategy from Jim and Jennifer Cowart, authors of *Grab, Gather, Grow*. Learn how they used adaptive systems, digital tools, and flexible overhead to expand Harvest Church, a United Methodist congregation twenty miles southwest of Macon, Georgia, from 72 community groups to over 300 in just one year.

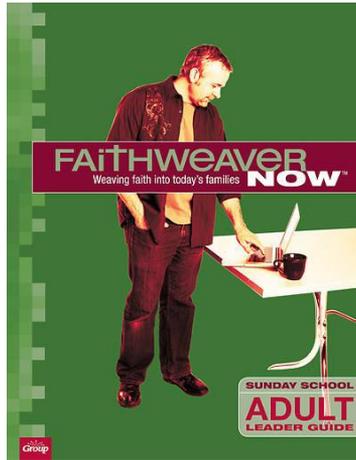
Their five-part strategy includes a thirty-minute video in addition to the leadership book.

The book and 30-minute DVD include the following themes:

- Group Explosion
- Overcoming Obstacles
- The Power of the Pulpit
- Living the 5 through Group Life
- Creating Infrastructure for Facilitators

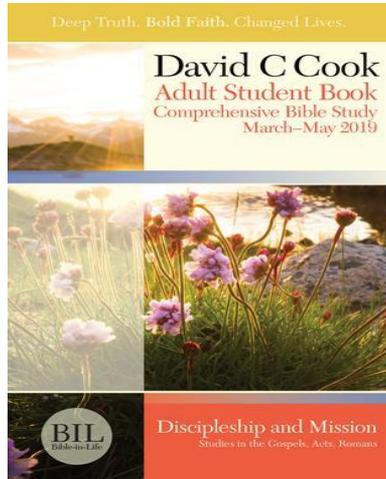


A trustworthy guide to understanding the Book of Revelation. Although many Christians find the Book of Revelation to be full of great beauty and comfort, others find this part of the Bible bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. Bruce M. Metzger provides one of the most important and trustworthy guides of Revelation, and now it includes findings from the most current biblical research. In *Breaking the Code Revised Edition*, you'll still find Metzger's rich content and insights presented in his approachable, non-academic style, but now with additional teaching from New Testament scholar David deSilva. This edition may be used as a stand-alone resource or as part of a six-week group study when combined with the revised editions of the DVD and Leader Guide.



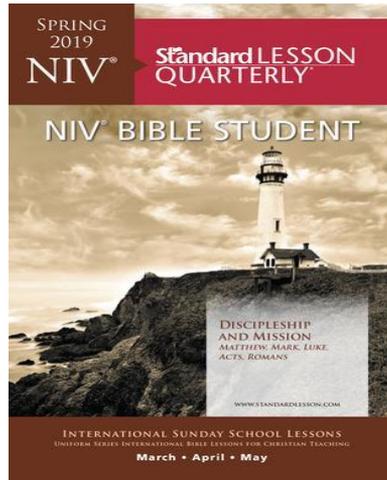
FaithWeaver NOW Adult Bible Study includes daily challenges, devotion for leaders, creative ideas, and great activities that help adults in any life stage grow closer to Jesus: Through the Bible every 3 years. Quarterly, dated adult Sunday school. Every weekly lesson contains 60-65 minutes of lesson content. Perfect for small groups, building relationships, and life application. Reproducible take-home pages add to the ease of creating an adult Bible study. Quarterly FaithWeaver NOW Adult Leader Guides provides 13 lessons with: **DAILY CHALLENGES**—provides a faith that weaves into their lives. **WEAVING FAITH AT HOME**—talk about how to dig deeper into the lesson all week long. **BIBLE BACKGROUNDS**—gives leaders a deeper understanding of the Scripture for their own spiritual growth! **JESUS CONNECTION**—and life application of the lesson—to help leaders reflect and pray! **LESSON CHART**—makes organizing the lesson and supplies easy! You'll also have access to a **FREE** digital copy of this Teacher Guide in Word and PDF format. You can customize the Word documents so that any lesson fits the needs of your ministry. Sharing lessons with busy volunteers couldn't be easier!

# Resources from DAVID C COOK®



## Overview

The standard in quarterly Bible study for more than 100 years, this student guide offers Biblical commentary and life applications, plus prints Scripture references in both KJV and NIV. (One per student)



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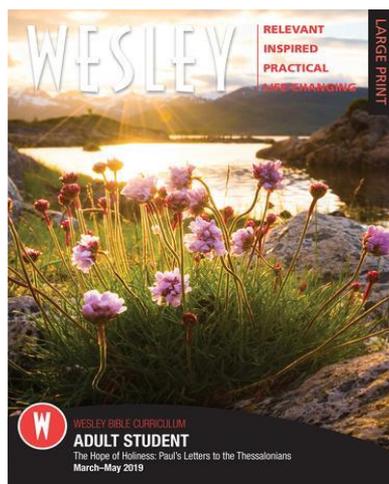
Designed so students have Scripture exposition and learning activities to help them understand the week's lesson. Available in regular and large print.

Your class can participate in a deep study of God's Word with:

- Printed Bible text for each lesson
- Condensed commentary on the text that is consistent with the teacher book
- Learning activities that coincide with the lessons
- A daily Bible reading plan
- Special feature articles that relate to the topic of discussion

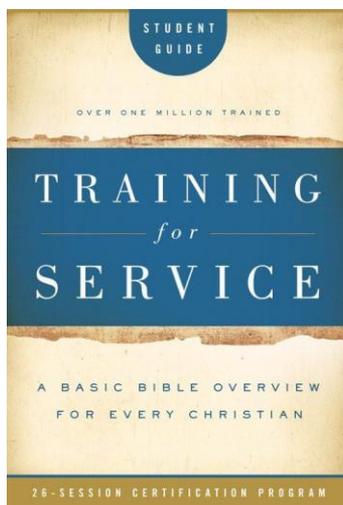
## 2018-2019 students will explore:

- God's World and God's People (Genesis)
- Our Love for God (Exodus, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Psalms, Matthew, Luke, Epistles)
- Discipleship and Mission (Matthew, Luke, Acts, Romans)
- Covenant in God (Ruth, 1 Samuel, Matthew, Mark, Ephesians, Colossians, Hebrews)



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An in-depth, quarterly adult Bible study specially designed for churches of the holiness tradition. Delve into God's Word as you seek to grow and mature in your faith.



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For over 100 years Training for Service has equipped more than 1 million volunteers for Bible teaching. This 26-session Bible

overview—designed to equip lay leaders to serve as elders, Sunday school teachers, small group facilitators, and in other positions of service in the church—can be completed as a group study or a self-study. The *Training for Service Student Guide* includes the full text of the Student Guide, featuring:

- 26 lessons that survey the Bible
- Questions to answer at the end of each lesson
- Pronunciation guide
- Maps
- Charts
- Diagrams

The church depends on volunteer workers to staff educational ministries. This Bible survey course academically prepares Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, and other volunteers for Christian service.

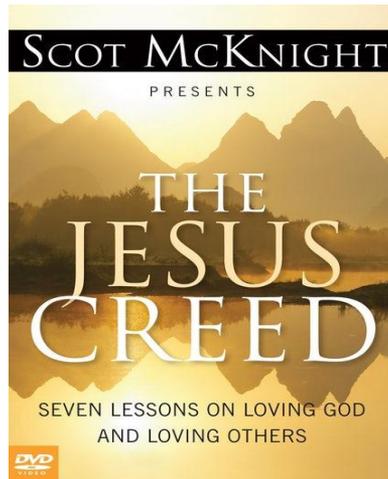
### **Series Description:**

This 26-lesson Bible survey elective provides well-rounded Bible knowledge and motivates students to commit to Christian service.

### **Author Bio:**

Herbert Moninger wrote the original *Training for Service* in 1907, summarizing the content of his popular teacher-training seminars. Cecil James (C. J.) Sharp, minister and high school principal, revised Moninger's work in 1934. Orrin Root a former editor at Standard Publishing, revised the book in the 1960s, reducing the original 40-lesson format to the current 26 sessions. Eleanor Daniel, seminary professor and Christian education expert, revised the book in the 1980s. Jim Eichenberger, a former schoolteacher and principal who is currently a writer and editor, authored this revision.

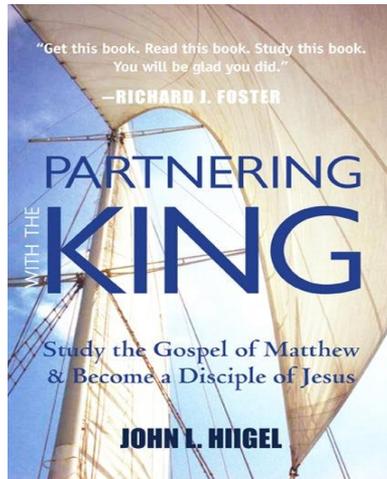
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What was spiritual formation like during the time of Jesus? As Scot McKnight points out, the early Christians didn't sing in the choir or go to weekly Bible studies, and yet they matured inwardly in relationship with God as well as outwardly in their relationships with each other. How did this happen?

In The Jesus Creed DVD, explore with Scot how the great Shema of the Old Testament was transformed by our Lord into the focal point for spiritual maturity. According to the Jesus Creed (found in Mark 12:29-31), loving God and loving others are the greatest commandments.

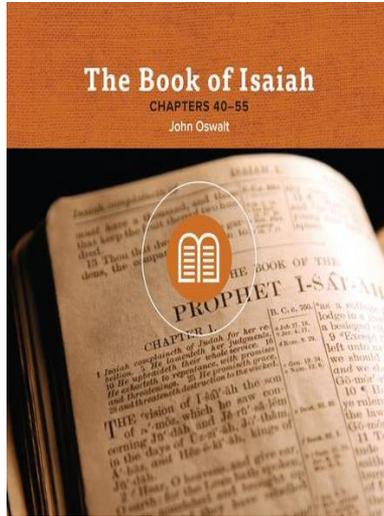
Scot uses biblical characters such as John the Baptist and Peter to explore themes important to every Christian: What are you living for? What has God called you to become? How is God calling you to compassion? What happens when disciples fail? This DVD provides a seven-week study with Scot that is excellent for any high school or adult spiritual formation process. Use it alongside The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others, for nurturing officers, teachers, senior citizens, men's fellowship groups, and any others who are looking for direction in their spiritual growth. The Jesus Creed DVD plus study guide provide lessons on how to mature following the model that Jesus provided for his first disciples.



The very meaning of life is to live and serve with Jesus, who brings the reign of God. In a word, it is discipleship. We dwell with him and learn from him and embrace his mission as our own. As we do, he remakes our hearts, binds us to one another, and

empowers us to partner with him in his penetrating action to transform the world. Partnering with the King presents thirty-one readings about discipleship, meditations covering the whole Gospel of Matthew, to be read by individuals daily for a month or by groups, for example, weekly from fall to spring. Discussion questions are included. For newcomers to faith, the book can serve as a guide into the Christian life. For more seasoned Christians, it is a source of renewal and vision.

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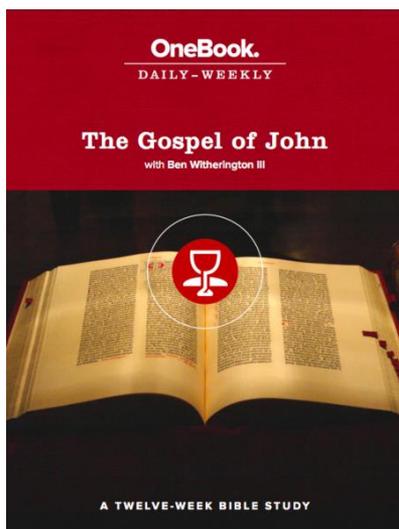
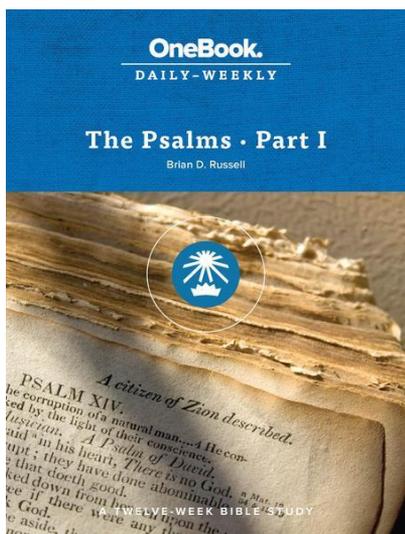
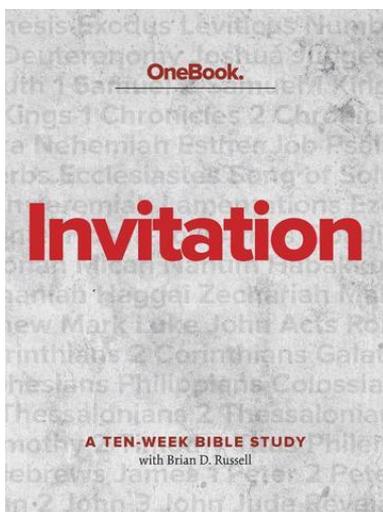
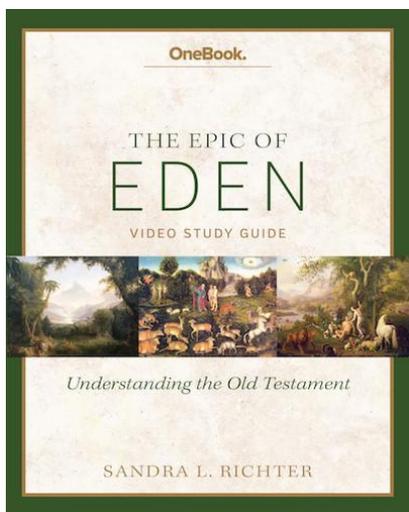


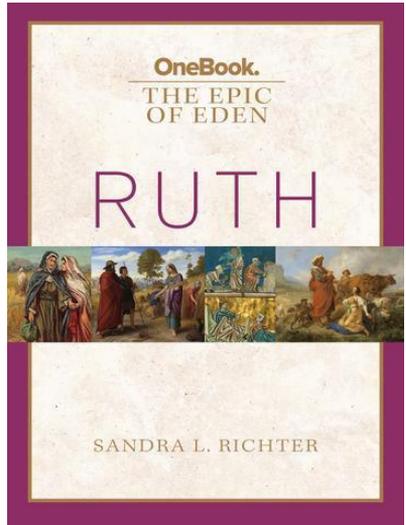
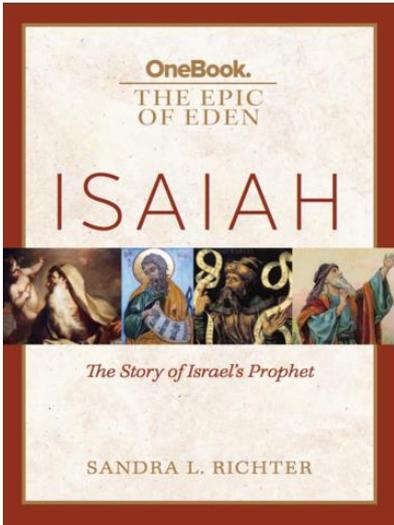
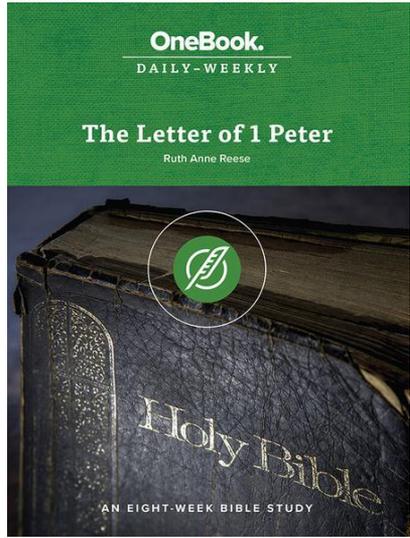
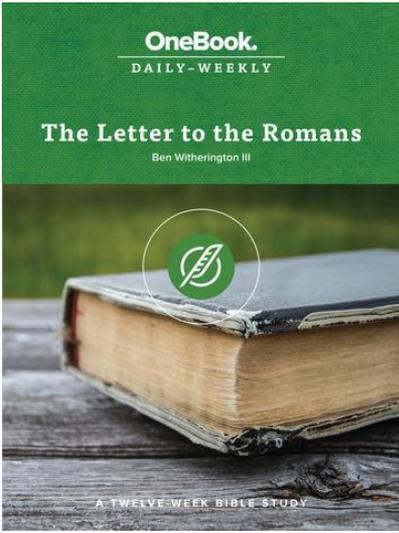
### About the Study

The book of Isaiah is centered on the theme of servanthood. Just as Isaiah had his lips cleansed so he could speak a message to the nation, so the nation of Judah was to experience a similar fiery cleansing so it could convey God's message to the world. During this time, the Judean people asked many of the same questions we ask today. Has God rejected us? Is God capable of delivering us? If God *wants* to deliver us, both from circumstances and from our sins, and he *can* deliver us, is he actually going to deliver us?

In this OneBook Daily-Weekly, Dr. John Oswalt takes learners on a deep dive into chapters 40–55, where we discover that often we experience the fire of captivity is not for the purpose of destroying us, but rather for the purpose of cleansing us and revealing to us the strength and sovereignty of God.

## Other OneBook Titles





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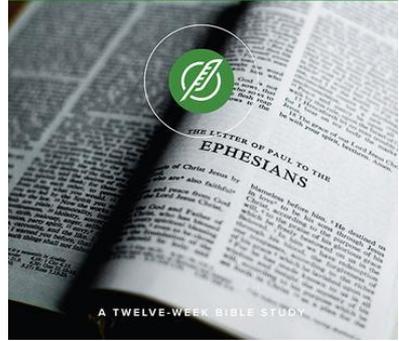
**The Gospel of Mark**  
Brad Johnson



A TWELVE-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

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**The Letter to the Ephesians**  
Fredrick J. Long



A TWELVE-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

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DAILY - WEEKLY

**The Psalms • Part II**  
Brian D. Russell



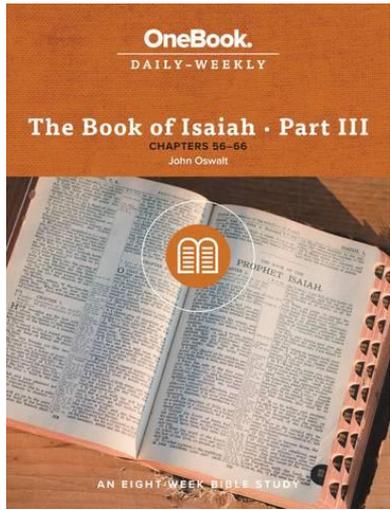
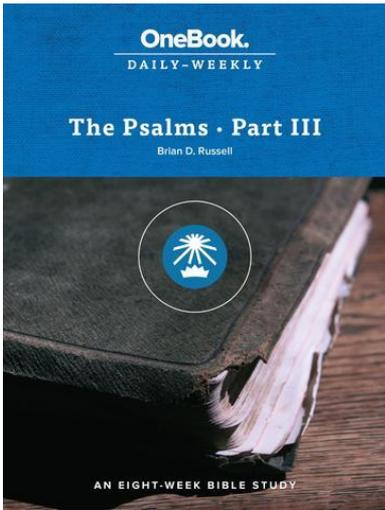
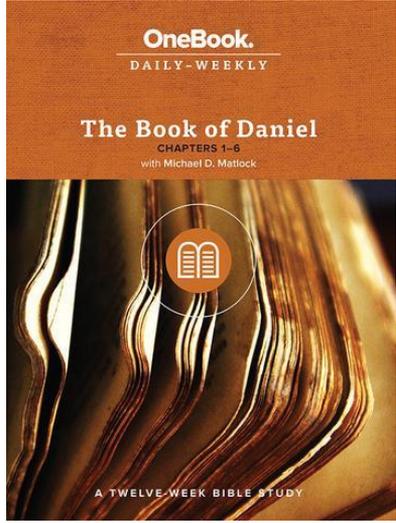
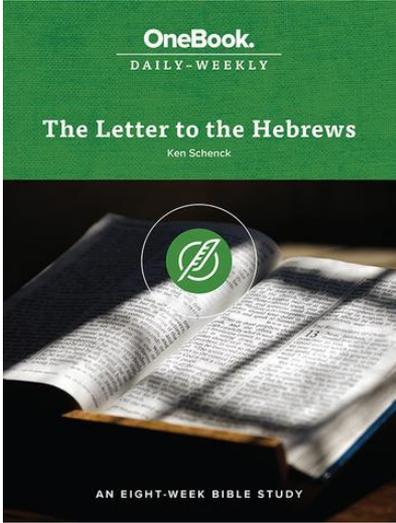
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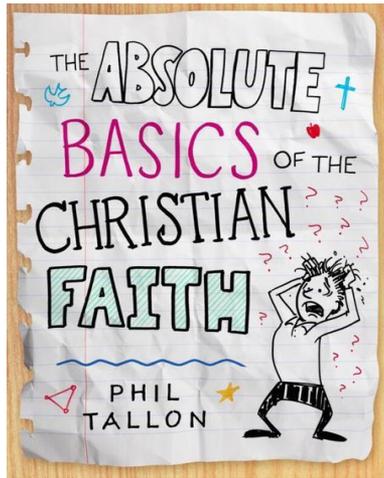
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**The Book of Amos**  
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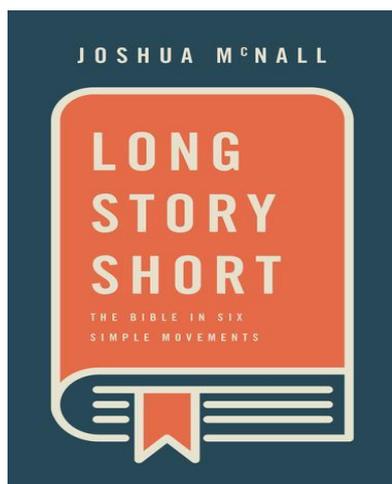


## About the Study

Like a tattoo, the fundamental truths of the faith are supposed to be permanently etched into us. However, a lifetime of learning, loving, and living the scriptures requires that at some point, we really begin to understand where they come from and what they mean.

*The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith* is a visual introduction to the core beliefs of the Christian faith. While it assumes no background knowledge of the scriptures or church teachings, this eight-week study is stocked with rich explanation and engaging videos that bring catechesis to life for people of all ages, backgrounds, and stops along their spiritual journey. Like all books, it is possible to read this one alone, but it is designed specifically to be studied in community—to lead small and large groups through the big ideas of the faith. The memory verses, catechism, text, and videos in each lesson work together seamlessly to provide a clear, compelling introduction to Christian belief.

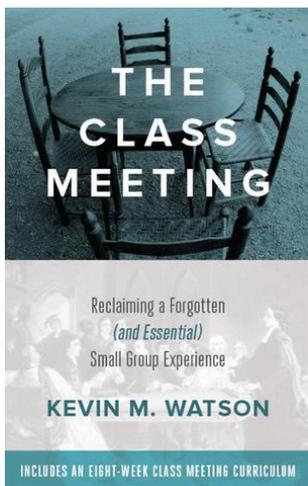
In working through this study, you'll be binding the truth about God on your head, hands, and house through scripture memorization and by learning the answers to important questions about God. Obeying Jesus takes a lifetime of learning. As you enter this study, let God's grace shape and change you. This is what it means to be a disciple.



## About the Study

The Bible can be daunting. It's ancient, enormous, and sometimes challenging to understand. *Long Story Short* opens up the Christian Scriptures by sharing the biblical narrative in a way that requires no prior engagement with the Bible. It traces the big story of who God is and how he is saving the world through six simple movements: Creation; Fall, Israel; Jesus; Church; New Creation. With this framework in place, readers will not only understand how the little stories of the Bible fit together into a seamless whole, they will also be compelled to step into the drama to be part of its performance.

McNall writes in a compelling tongue-in-cheek style and has pop culture references scattered throughout. But rather than distract from the biblical story, it engages unchurched, de-churched, or over-churched groups with substantive truth about God's character and the story of redemption. This book is for anyone who may find the Bible confusing, irrelevant, or inaccessible. Included at the end of each chapter are group/reflection questions, and references for sections of Bible reading that accompany that part of the scriptural story.



### **Perfect for:**

- Small groups struggling with the traditional small group model that focuses more on information than relationship (each week includes a group discussion guide; DVD sold separately)
- Churches leaders looking to remodel their small group approach
- Individuals looking to understand more about John Wesley's approach to discipleship and the origins of Methodism

### **In these pages you'll:**

- Be inspired to live out your faith in your community
- Find practical ways to practice following Jesus in your day-to-day life
- Grow closer as a group as you challenge one another in discipleship

## **About the Study**

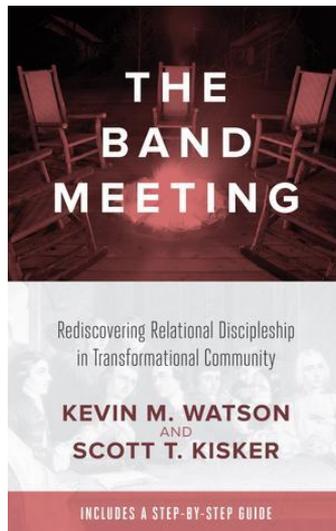
In *The Class Meeting*, Kevin Watson pulls a play from the playbook of John Wesley and brings it to life for today's Church.

"Because most small groups are built around curricular study resources, people rarely get down to the real substance of what small groups are all about: transformation, or becoming like Christ. Most Christians know much more than they are practicing or

applying to their lives. Class meetings were essential for the first Methodists, and they are essential today, because they helped people grow in faith in Christ and learn how to follow Jesus with their lives." - Kevin Watson

The Class Meeting turns decisively to a time tested and proven method presenting a new solution. Though the early Methodists were a “people of one book,” they utilized the small group structure not to study the bible, **but rather to lovingly engage one another in conversations about their souls.** They developed a language and vocabulary to talk at deep levels about what the Holy Spirit was doing in their lives.

Watson's book unfolds a vision and a practical strategy for developing small groups that are much simpler than the typical group, while being more productive and with greater spiritual depth. The Class Meeting is structured into an eight-week study resource designed for a small group to work through together. **Along the way, your group will be progressively equipped with a shared language to talk about the work of the Holy Spirit in the inner person and a structure for holding these kinds of meetings.** After eight weeks, the book is laid aside and the class meeting is born.



**Perfect for:**

- Those wanting a transformation-oriented, authentic small group experience
- Churches leaders looking to remodel their small group approach
- Individuals looking to understand more about John Wesley's approach to discipleship and the origins of Methodism
- A pastor's bookshelf

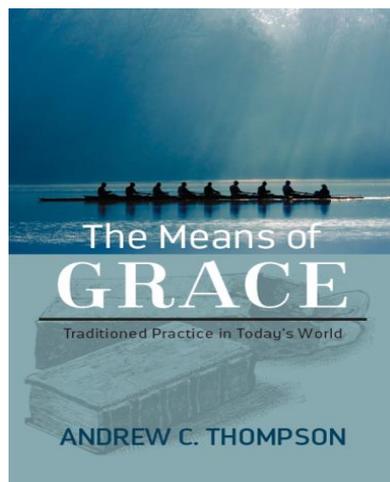
**In these pages you'll:**

- Discover a proven discipleship model for growing in love of God
- Learn a practical approach to accountability with same-gender groups
- Appreciate that richness of the early Methodist tradition of spiritual formation

**About the Study**

The band meeting, a proven discipleship model for growing in love through the accountability of small, same-gender groups, was one of the defining characteristics of the Methodist movement started by John Wesley in the mid-1700s. In reflection on Wesley's class meeting and band meeting structure, George Whitfield once said, "My Brother Wesley acted wisely, the souls that were awakened under his ministry he joined in class, and thus preserved the fruits of his labor. This I neglected, and my people are a rope of sand."

In *The Band Meeting*, Kevin Watson and Scott Kisker give an overview of the richness of this early tradition and introduce a practical approach for growing toward an authentic, transformation-oriented small group experience.

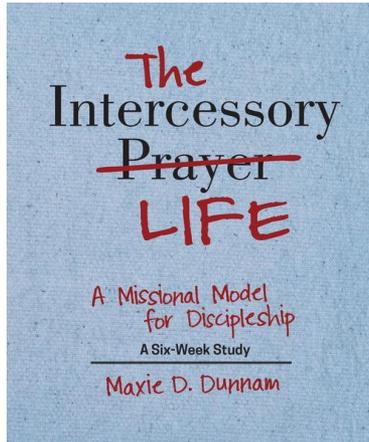


## About the Study

The Bible tells us that Jesus' followers are called disciples. If we want to be counted among those followers, then doesn't it make sense that we figure out just what being a disciple looks like in everyday life?

In *The Means of Grace*, Andrew C. Thompson presents a clear and accessible explanation of the core tenets John Wesley instilled in the early Methodist movement—baptism, searching the scriptures, prayer, The Lord's Supper, fasting, fellowship, accountability, works of mercy, and exercising the presence of God. Each means of grace is drawn from biblical examples and paired with a framework to offer a real, practical model for a life marked by holy love and holy transformation.

Wesley had a phrase for what it means to live faithfully as a disciple of Jesus: walking in the ways of God. Together, the means of grace demonstrate a Wesleyan pattern of discipleship and help us understand what these ways of God are.



### Perfect for:

- Small groups (each week includes a group discussion guide; DVD sold separately)
- Individuals who feel stuck along their spiritual journey
- Wednesday night studies and/or Sunday school classes requiring approximately 60-minutes of meeting time

### In these pages you'll:

- Discover practical ways to unleash the power of prayer in our everyday world
- Grow in deeper relationship as group members gain new awareness of their relationship with God and one another

### About the Study

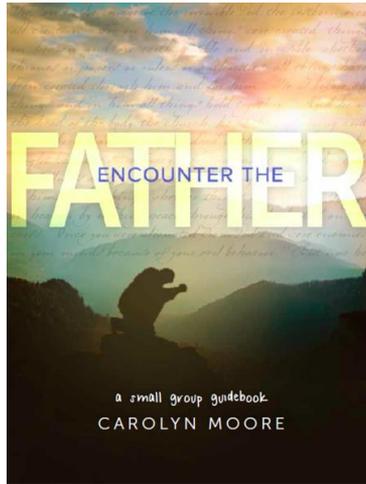
Maxie Dunnam's six-week study challenges us to get beyond the cozy comforts of a devotional life and break into ways of living prayer that open new horizons of possibility. *The Intercessory Life: A Missional Model for Discipleship* is the pattern for our interior growth in prayer as well as the outward expression of a missional Christ-life in the world.

*The Intercessory Life* is about discipleship. To be sure, intercession is prayer, but prayer is only one expression of intercession, though much more. Intercession is the pattern for discipleship. Yes, right now. In your world. In your church. In your home. In a prison. In a school. On the bus. In the office. On the street. This book teaches practical ways to bring the world into the

prayer closet and to unleash the power of prayer in our everyday world.

Through his patented way of teaching the Bible, Dunnam inspires faith with personal experience and contemporary witness, providing inspiring and challenging models of persons living an intercessory life who are standing in the gap and taking light into dark places.

God can do a lot through those willing to take risks on the journey of faith. Maxie Dunnam gives us bold guidance in what may be his best work yet.



### **In these pages you'll:**

- Gain a right understanding of the Father's heart
- Explore the names of God and understand the true nature of the Father
- Learn what it means to truly be called a child of God

### **About the Book**

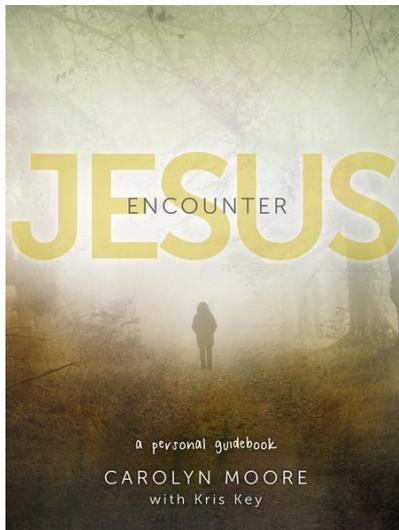
Of his days as a missionary, still striving heavily to earn the favor of God, John Wesley once said, "I had even then the faith of a servant, though not that of a son." He lamented years of being "beaten with his own staff," anguished by his own misunderstanding of God's place in his life.

Wesley's experience of God is far too common. Too many of us who follow Jesus still cling to a shame-based relationship with God that keeps us at arm's distance and in constant expectation of His condemnation.

Isn't it time we claim a more biblical image of God? Isn't it time, brothers and sisters, for us to encounter the Father as He is—as the One who loves us infinitely?

How do you know God? How do you define His place in your life? *Encounter the Father* offers us the option to experience the Father's blessing and encounter the Father's heart. In this study, you will gain a right understanding of the Father's heart and experience freedom from shame and unholy expectation. You will explore some of the many names of God in Scripture and use them to enhance your understanding of the Father's true nature.

Encounter your Father through seven weeks of daily study, journaling and prayer, and through weekly teaching and conversations with others who are on this journey with you. Discover the freedom that comes in the revelation that your heavenly Father calls you His own. You are not a servant, but a child of God.



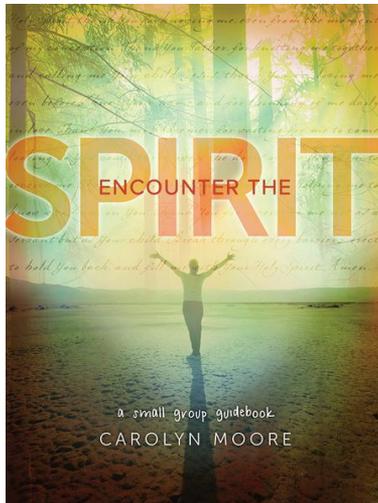
**In these pages you'll:**

- Gain and better understanding about the character of Jesus

- Explore passages from the four gospels that highlight Jesus's life
- Discover practical, proven ways to encounter Jesus today

## About the Book

*Encounter Jesus* is an eight-week Bible study and video series that teaches and encourages you to walk with *THE* Jesus of the Bible and not just the Jesus you want him to be. In this study, Moore explores eight passages from across the four gospels, each highlighting a key facet of Jesus's life and work. The video sessions are 30 minutes each with an accompanying workbook that offers a daily study and faith exercises. *Encounter Jesus* is an outstanding book for personal, small group, or church-wide use.\*



## In these pages you'll:

- Discover the treasure of a deep relationship with God, through the power of the Holy Spirit
- Learn about our inheritance as followers of Jesus
- Gain clear understanding for what it looks like to be filled with the Holy Spirit

## About the Book

Ask Christians today how they best connect with God and they'll likely talk about their relationship with Jesus or their experience of a heavenly Father who loves and cares for them. Ask them to focus on *how* they connect with God and they may shake their heads in wonder.

The Holy Spirit is our connection to the heart of the Father. And yet, too many Christians have missed out on the richness, power, and presence of the Holy Spirit. Too many of us have no idea the Holy Spirit loves us and desires to draw us into the heart of God. After all, it is the Holy Spirit Himself who empowers us to encounter God.

The Holy Spirit is our inheritance as followers of Jesus. To access the power and fullness of this gift, however, is a choice. What if you could tap into that power? What if you could walk in confidence and pray with authority? Wouldn't you like to know how to hear the voice of God and how to read the Bible so it becomes a Living Word for you? Wouldn't you benefit from a deeper, more intimate connection with Father, Son, *and* Holy Spirit? *Encounter the Spirit* is a seven-week small group guidebook aimed at helping you discover the treasure of a deep relationship with God, through the power of the Holy Spirit.



### **In these pages you'll:**

- Understand how stargazing as a metaphor for discovering important scriptural patterns
- Make the connection between John 3:16 and 1 John 3:16
- Be introduced to what J.D. Walt calls "the second half of the gospel"

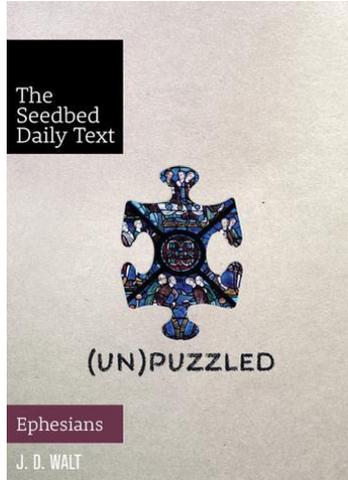
### **About the Book**

One of the great realities of scripture seems to be that the most common verses hold the greatest mysteries until the Holy Spirit opens our eyes. So it is with John 3:16—the most well known Bible verse among Christians and non-Christians alike. If the Bible has a Big Dipper, this is it. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Then what? Surely there's more to the Christian life than just believing.

In *This Is How We Know*, J.D. Walt invites us on a 44-day devotional journey to explore what he refers to as "the second half of the gospel" as presented in 1 John. Just as the Big Dipper points us to true north, John 3:16 points us to the much less commonly recited 1 John 3:16: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." The journey of awakening is

the Spirit empowered, hard fought movement of John 3:16 to 1 John 3:16. This is how we know.



### **In these pages you'll:**

- Learn how many seemingly disparate pieces of the Christian faith fit together
- Work through the Letter to the Ephesians in its entirety
- Read a text, pray, and reflect on questions (all provided)

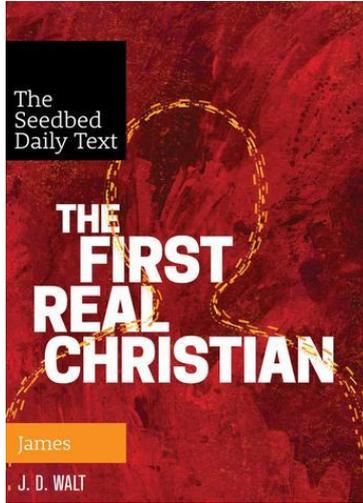
### **About the Book**

We live in a puzzled world; all at once created by God and decimated by people. Reading the first two chapters of the Bible is like looking at an artistic masterpiece. Read the next nine chapters and it's like someone shattered the masterpiece into a million fragmented puzzle pieces.

In his masterful letter to the Church in Ephesus, it is as if Paul is putting together a massive jigsaw puzzle. He shows how spiritual and material fit together, how male and female, slave and free, and even ethnicity and nationality connect and interrelate in this new creation of the kingdom of God. He reveals for us how the disparate pieces, powers, and principalities insert themselves into the affairs of heaven and earth. He gets granular at the level of husbands and wives, employers and employees, and even parents and children and how the gospel must work itself out from

cosmic dimensions to everyday practicalities. The puzzle comes together in a marvelous way through this ancient letter to the Church in Ephesus.

In the reflective, witty, and honest style he has become known for, J. D. Walt leads readers through this ancient letter as though it were addressed to them; only to discover it is. Get ready to be (un)puzzled.



### **In these pages you'll:**

- Come to grips with what genuine Christian faith looks like
- Work through the Letter of James in its entirety
- Read a text, pray, and reflect on questions (all provided)

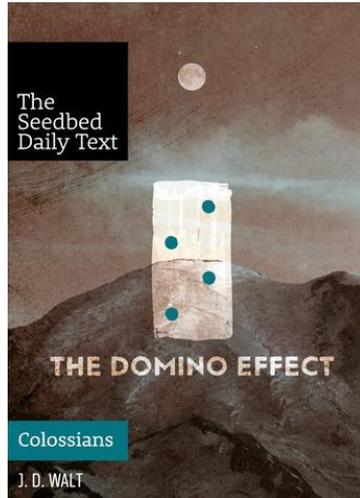
### **About the Book**

Do you remember the first real Christian you ever met? There's a quality about these kinds of people.' They step up, put their money where their mouth is, and do the Word of God. Their lives beckon the followers of Jesus to stop phoning it in.

James was like this, a true agent of awakening. His life and words operate like a reverse snooze bar. As we start to drift into sleep, his words offer a wake-up call.

Through this Daily Text discipleship resource, James will implore us day after day to become real Christians. There are

many people all around us who have been hurt by hypocrisy and who will only be healed by seeing the genuine article. Widows, orphans, and so many caught in the cruelty of inescapable poverty wake up every day with hopes of meeting their first real Christian. Jesus has all their numbers, and James has ours. He's looking for more friends like us. Let's join him and add to his tribe of the first real Christians.



### In these pages you'll:

- Understand dominos as a metaphor for the tipping points of transforming faith
- Make new connections throughout the book of Colossians
- Playfully stand these texts end over end, and invite them to tip your faith to the next level

### About the Book

When people mention “the domino effect,” they are typically talking about setting up regular dominos into some kind of design in order to tip the first one and begin a chain reaction. But there’s another type of domino effect in which a 2-inch tall domino can topple a larger domino, which can topple an even larger domino, and by the thirty-first domino you knocked over something 3,000 feet higher than Mt. Everest.

And so it is with Colossians, a treasure trove of proverbial dominos, each holding enormous capacity to topple things far exceeding its size. When arranged together they hold the possibility of tipping fresh movements of awakening. That's what happened from the moment Jesus began calling disciples to follow him. One life tipped into another life, which tipped into a family, which tipped into a village, and a town, and a region.

The dominoes tipped from the Upper Room with 120 people to the Day of Pentecost with 3,000 and all the way to the present day and some two billion Christians around the world. The dominoes are still falling. Impossible things keep happening. And Great Awakenings are still on the horizon.



**Perfect for:**

- Families looking for a Advent devotional
- Small Groups
- Individuals desiring to recenter this holiday season

**About the Book**

Advent is about beginning with the end: preparing for the final stage of God's new mission that resulted from our mission failure.

For many of us, Advent is the launching pad to Christmas morning; a twenty-four-day countdown to stockings and presents. We don't think about Advent as first being about the second

coming. After all, it's been two millennia since Christ was born, crucified, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit. And for two thousand years, we've been living somewhere between forgetting about or fretting over his return.

John 3:16-17 gives us Christ's mission: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it" (1996 NLT).

Jesus' silent-night arrival in the manger is the first part of that mission. His trumpet-blasting arrival in the clouds is the last part.

Taking the two seasons together, Omar Rikabi shows how preparing for this kind of Advent before we celebrate Christmas is how we get in on God's rescue mission.



**Perfect for:**

- A Lenten study
- Daily devotional readings
- Sunday school classes
- Small groups (including class meetings and band meetings)
- [Seedbed Daily Text](#) readers

## **In these pages you'll:**

- Follow the gospel story from Luke 9:18 through Luke 24:8, beginning atop Transfiguration Mountain and finishing up with the Resurrection
- Let not only the words, but the journey of the Gospel itself serve as your discipleship curriculum
- Read a text, pray, and reflect on questions (all provided)

## **About the Book**

It happened on perhaps the best day of his life so far—the day before the day Jesus would make the journey to the worst day of his life. Jesus and three of his disciples gathered on a high mountain where Jesus was transfigured right before their eyes. The voice of God spoke three thunderously piercing words into he minds and hearts of those disciples. They were as follows: LISTEN TO HIM.

Those words now come to us, the present-day disciples of Jesus. The forty days of Lent open up a journey for the top of Transfiguration Mountain to the bottom of the Valley of the Cross. These forty days provide forty steps, if you will, to lean in and listen deeply to Jesus. As we do so we find the way of the cross is the road to resurrection. Listening to Jesus—it's our highest calling to the lowest place where we discover our lives transformed and our worst days breaking forth into our best life.



## About the Book

It is easy to become confined by our prayers. We say these words at those times and at that place in the morning or before a meal or at this point in the Sunday service. Prayer slips into a faithful practice when it was meant to be the core substance of a faith-filled life. That's the point of this book—to shake us free from a dutiful prayer life and launch us into a more expansive life of prayer.

Jesus is calling his disciples beyond a mere “prayer life” and into an unbounded life of prayer. He wants to lead us to a radical kind of intimacy with God and each other that becomes the very labor and delivery room of the Kingdom—the birthplace of divine love in the world. It's the place where prayer and justice and mercy and faith become inextricably intermingled and unleashed like a flood-tide onto a parched land. **While prayer may not be the secret formula to a great awakening, we can be assured it paves the only pathway that will lead us there.**

**\*\*For more info, sample chapters, and/or free sample video sessions that accompany many of these Seedbed series, please search for each resource at <https://store.seedbed.com>.**





