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Study/Resource Name	Author	Description	Misc.	Leader Resources	Experience Required	Target Audience	Homework	Reviews	Location*
24 Hours that Changed the World	Hamilton, Adam	No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this Lenten journey, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before. Whether readers are long-time Christians or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, they are invited to join the author in retracing the last 24 hours of Jesus' life.	Great Lenten Study; DVD that contains session video filmed in the Holy Land and a leader's guide 7 sessions	DVD, Participant (2) & Leader's Guide printed materials. A paperback devotional book is also available but not in the resource center. Offsite - Book & DVD	None	All	<30 minutes/day	Great Study	Glen Mar Offsite
A Disciple's Path Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church	Harnish, James	A Disciple's Path is an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. Whether used as an introduction for new members or a renewal course for existing members, the program guides individuals to take the next step in discipleship and become dynamic, engaged followers of Jesus Christ. The study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the membership vows to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Participants will develop spiritual practices, discover their unique gifts, and become engaged in ministry that brings transformation in their own lives, the lives of others, and the world.	6 weeks This Daily Workbook contains six weeks of daily readings (five per week) that guide participants in learning and practicing seven essential spiritual disciplines: Prayer, Scripture Meditation, Corporate Worship, Small-group Community, Financial Generosity, Gifts-based Service, and Invitational Evangelism Each day's reading includes a Scripture, a message for the day, questions and prompts for personal reflection (with space provided for recording responses), and prayer. A special introductory section includes material on the history, beliefs, and structure of the church and answers to frequently asked questions.	Numerous Copies of Companion Reader & Daily Workbook	None	All	Yes - Daily readings		Glen Mar Workbook
A Mom's Book of Encouragement	Group Publishing	Participant's Guide for use with Where Moms Connect Ministry Curriculum		Participant's Guide	None	Women			Glen Mar
Advent Conspiracy Can Christmas Still Change the World?	McKinley, Rick	Worship More, Spend Less, Give Presence, Love All Are you tired of how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas? This year, take a stand! Join the groundswell of Christ-followers who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be—a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us, not a retail circus that depletes our pocketbooks and defeats our spirits. Advent Conspiracy shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts: Worship Fully—because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus! Spend Less—and free your resources for things that truly matter. Give More—of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart. Love All—the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, and the sick in ways that make a difference. Find out how to have a Christmas worth remembering, not dreading. Christmas can still change the world when you, like Jesus, give what matters most—your presence.	4 weeks, Advent study 2009	Book (contains discussion guide) & DVD	None	All			Glen Mar Offsite (Book & DVD)
AHA - Awakening.Honesty.Action	Idleman, Kyle	We've all had "aha!" moments in our lives, times when a sudden revelation surprises us with insight. According to pastor and bestselling author Kyle Idleman, we can experience this same kind of "aha!" in our spiritual lives. With everyday examples and trademark testimonies, Idleman draws on Scripture to reveal how three key elements can draw us closer to God and change our lives for good. Awakening to the reality of our true spiritual condition, we see ourselves and our need for a Savior with renewed honesty. This realization leads to action, obeying God's commands and following the example set by Christ. As we see in the transformation of the prodigal son, the result is a life-changing, destiny-altering collision—an AHA moment that leads us home to our loving Father.		Book (2)	None	All	Yes		Glen Mar
All Things New - A Study on 2 Corinthians	Minter, Kelly	The city of ancient Corinth was much like our own modern-day cities: a melting pot of electrifying cultural experiences to be had, along with the myriad pitfalls of spiritual depravity. Still, Paul wrote to the church of God in Corinth. Meaning God's church is meant to thrive in any city and every circumstance in which we find ourselves. Paul's letter is as timely as ever. Over 8 sessions, Kelly Minter will lead you through the Letter of 2 Corinthians, exploring the anchoring truths of bearing treasures in jars of clay, meeting Christ through a pressing thorn, opening wide your heart in the midst of hurtful relationships, and what it means to embrace the lost and lonely as ministers of the new covenant. Each of us has a message to proclaim and live by: Because of Jesus the old has gone, the new has come.	8 Sessions.	Participants Book with Leader's Guide & DVD	None	Women	<30 minutes/day	Good study. Video was good, liked the singing & recipes. Really went into detail on 2 Corinthians. Kelly Minter has a good way of presenting things.	Glen Mar

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Anything - The Prayer that Unlocked My God and my Soul	Allen , Jennie	<p>What if you told God you would do anything . . . and he took you up on it?</p> <p>In the years since the initial release of Anything, God continued to stretch Jennie Allen and her faith because of the courageous prayer of surrender that she and her husband, Zac, prayed, "God, we will do anything. Anything." Previously caught in the dizzying haze of worldly happiness and empty pursuits, Jennie went on to begin living out the adventure God had written for them—to include becoming the founder of IF: Gathering, an organization to gather, equip, and unleash the next generation to live out their purpose.</p> <p>Anything is a prayer of surrender that will spark something. A prayer that will move you to stop chasing things that just make you feel happy and start living a surrendered life that matters.</p> <p>This newly revised edition is updated throughout to include a new introduction and an in-depth Bible study component for those who have been wanting to lead a study on this topic.</p> <p>Join Jennie on an adventure to discover your anything, those things that actually mean nothing until you know the God truly worth giving it all up for. And when you do, that will change everything</p>	8-week Bible Study Guide with a main Scripture passage to study along with the books chapters, power-packed questions, two projects for personal reflection and application and at least six conversation cards for small group discussions	Book (2)	In-Depth	Women	Yes		Glen Mar
Beginnings A ChristCare Group Experience	McKay , William J.	Through eight carefully designed sessions group members are introduced to small group life, build valuable caring and relational skills, and learn the process of Biblical Equipping.	8 sessions 1996	Leader Guide, Group Member Guide	None	All	Yes		Glen Mar
Beginnings: Along the Way	Langford/Ralls ,	Beginnings: An Introduction to the Christian Faith introduces twelve core beliefs and practices of believers in Christ. We invite inquirers to begin an intentional journey with Jesus. By the end of this study, participants will decide to explore the Christian life more deeply. The participant's companion book is an optional book that explores each session topic in more detail. These individual readings will enhance the participant's experience and can also be read separately for a personal study.	15 copies available; Published in 2003, 224 pages	Participant's guide, book	None	All			Glen Mar
Being United Methodist in the Bible Belt A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and Other Confused United Methodists	Joyner , F. Belton	Written in a humorous, accessible style, this book is an easy-to-understand guide to the kinds of theological questions that many United Methodist youth and others are asking today. Being United Methodist in the Bible Belt will help any United Methodist youth, parent, or educator better understand their unique brand of Christianity in light of the understandings of those from the evangelical tradition. With helpful sidebars explaining United Methodist history and polity and questions after each chapter for reflection and action, this book is ideal for Christian education courses for youth and adults, new member classes in United Methodist churches, as well as personal reading.	2007	None	None	All			Offsite
Believing God	Moore , Beth	<p>"Is it working? Your belief system, that is. Is it really working? God's intention all along has been for the believer's life to work. From divine perspective toward terrestrial turf, God meant for his children to succeed. . .</p> <p>Are our Christian lives successful? Are they achieving and experiencing what Scripture said they would? In a recent sermon my son-in-law preached, Curt told us the only way we were going to impact the world and the next generation is to prove that our faith in Christ is real and that it works. For countless Christians I'm convinced it's real. My concern is whether or not we have the fruit to suggest it works."</p>	Moore encourages everyone to make a five statement pledge of faith: "1) God is who He says He is, 2) God can do what He says He can do, 3) I am who God says I am, 4) I can do all things through Christ, and 5) God's Word is alive and active in me."	Leader's Kit (DVD, leader's guide, participant's workbook)	None	Women	45 min./day		Glen Mar
Believing Jesus A Journey Through the Book of Acts	Lisa Harper	Join out-of-the-box Bible teacher Lisa Harper as she retraces the revolutionary steps of the early Christians in the book of Acts. Although His followers didn't have much of a road map after Jesus ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit catapulted them forward with so much power, grace, and authority that they dramatically impacted first-century culture and ultimately changed the world as we know it today.	Eight week study	DVD, Book, Study Guide (extra books & study may be available offsite)	None	Women	<30 minutes/day	Good	Glen Mar
Bible Studies for Life Productive: Finding Joy in What We Do & Let Hope In	Floyd, Ronnie	<p>Productive: Finding Joy in What We Do - We benefit greatly when we find the balance between work and rest, between earning, spending, and giving. This study leads us to the Scriptures that help us achieve that balance. As we apply these biblical principles, we move from living and earning for ourselves and we discover our jobs and paychecks are resources we can invest for the kingdom of God.</p> <p>Let Hope In - We all need hope. We've made mistakes. We feel shame or regret over something in our past. We've tried to fix things in our lives and we've failed. "Let Hope In" doesn't let us off the hook - it acknowledges that we've blown it and we need hope - but it also shows us we are never beyond hope.</p>	2014	Leader's Guide & Personal Study Guide	None	All	Yes		Glen Mar

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Breaking Free The Journey, The Stories	Moore , Beth	Beth considers Breaking Free her life message. This in-depth Bible study leads you through Isaiah 61:1-4 to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom by drawing parallels between the captive Israelites and the spiritual strongholds in our lives. First released in 1999, this updated edition includes 11 new video teaching messages, along with updated Bible study content and testimonies from women like you who have found freedom from their personal captivity. No matter what life stage you're in or struggles you're going through, if where you are isn't where you want to be, don't stay there. Break free.	11 sessions	3 Participant's Guide, DVD, Leader's Guide Missing DVD #6	In-Depth	Women	Yes, Daily		Glen Mar
Celebration of Discipline The Path to Spiritual Growth	Foster , Richard J.	In the twenty years since its publication, Celebration of Discipline has helped over a million seekers discover a richer spiritual life infused with joy, peace, and a deeper understanding of God. For this special twentieth anniversary edition, Richard J. Foster has added an introduction, in which he shares the story of how this beloved and enduring spiritual guidebook came to be. Hailed by many as the best modern book on Christian spirituality, Celebration of Discipline explores the "classic Disciplines," or central spiritual practices, of the Christian faith. Along the way, Foster shows that it is only by and through these practices that the true path to spiritual growth can be found. Dividing the Disciplines into three movements of the Spirit, Foster shows how each of these areas contribute to a balanced spiritual life. The inward Disciplines of meditation, prayer, fasting, and study, offer avenues of personal examination and change. The outward Disciplines of simplicity, solitude, submission, and service, help prepare us to make the world a better place. The corporate Disciplines of confession, worship, guidance, and celebration, bring us nearer to one another and to God. Foster provides a wealth of examples demonstrating how these Disciplines can become part of our daily activities-and how they can help us shed our superficial habits and "bring the abundance of God into our lives." He offers crucial new insights on simplicity, demonstrating how the biblical view of simplicity, properly understood and applied, brings joy and balance to our inward and outward lives and "sets us free to enjoy the provision of God as a gift that can be shared with others." The discussion of celebration, often the most neglected of the Disciplines, shows its critical importance, for it stands at the heart of the way to Christ. Celebration of Discipline will help motivate Christians everywhere to embark on a journey of prayer and spiritual growth.	13 sessions 1988	Book, study guide	None	All			Offsite
Chasing Daylight, Seize the Power of Every Moment	McManus , Erwin Raphael	Chasing Daylight is a call to live a life of blazing urgency. We have but one life. We are given one opportunity to pursue our dreams and fulfill our divine purpose. Every moment counts, and we must engage them with fierceness and zeal. Put an end to passive observation, paralyzed by the need for perfect opportunity, and start seizing the raw, untapped potential of your life with God. Are you willing to risk failure? Are you ready to get in the game? You may stumble, but you will find yourself falling forward, propelled toward the God-inspired adventure He intends you to live.	10-week Bible Study on the life of Jonathan 2006	Book, DVD, Workbook (10), Leader's Guide	None	All			Glen Mar
Children of the Day	Moore , Beth	Join Beth Moore and walk the shores of Thessalonica with this verse-by-verse Bible study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. During this nine week study , you'll learn how to let go of past mistakes and discover your circumstances are not coincidental - God's timing is impeccable! Whether you're facing family crises, medical diagnoses, relationship troubles, doubts, or fears, you'll come away encouraged that even though it may not feel that way, you are exactly where Christ wants you to be! "You are children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:5	#1 The Lord's Message Rang Out #2 Entrusted With the Gospel #3 Destined for This #4 Taught By God #5 Children of Light #6 Mobilized Ministry #7 To Love the Truth #8 The Lord of Peace DVD is 58-66 minutes each.	Leader's Kit - includes Participant's guide, Leader's Guide, DVD	In-Depth	Women	45 min./day Greek word studies included in homework A 28-day challenge (beginning week 5)		Glen Mar
Choices of the Heart	Miller , Kathy Collard	My Precious Princess and Daughter, Will you trust My love for you? Will you lay your will, your desires, your decisions at the foot of My throne? Will you place your heart in My unseen hand and trust Me? Others have walked that path before you. Rebekah and Rahab Jezebel and Deborah Job's wife and the Woman of Shunem Bathsheba and Hannah Naomi and the Syrophenician Woman Sarah and Lydia There are many more. Each of these women faced a choice: Jealousy, obedience, power, prayer, forgiveness, temptation. The heart of the Father offers His daughters a priceless gift, a treasure chest of encouragement. Lean back against His love. Open His Word. Listen as He asks: My Precious Princess and Daughter, Will you trust My love for you?	10 sessions 2002	10 sessions	None	Women			Offsite
Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places	Peterson , Eugene	Reunites spirituality and theology in a cultural context where these two vital facets of Christian faith have been rent asunder. Lamenting the vacuous, often pagan nature of contemporary American spirituality, firmly grounds spirituality once more in Trinitarian theology and offers a clear, practical statement of what it means to actually live out the Christian life. The foundational book in a five-volume series on spiritual theology emerging from Peterson's pen, Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places provides the conceptual and directional help we all need to live the Christian gospel well and maturely in the conditions that prevail in the church and world today.	14 weeks 2008 1st in series.	Book & study guide Offsite - Book & Study Guide	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar Offsite

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Christ Basic Christianity	Stott , John	God himself is seeking you. Through his Son, Jesus Christ, God offers you his love. How can you know God's love? How can you trust Jesus? Six studies based on John Stott's Basic Christianity explore the life and character of this man who altered history forever. Discover him here for the first time; or meet him again in a new and deeper way.	6 sessions 1994		None	All			Offsite
Christian Believer - Knowing God with Heart and Mind		The Christian Believe program focuses on classical teachings of the Christian faith—presenting, explaining, and interpreting them in a way that participants can understand, through the use of words, symbols, and hymns. Over a 30-week period, participants will examine the writings of ancient and modern Christian commentators and view video presentations by leading Bible scholars.	The CHRISTIAN BELIEVER reading package consists of a study manual and a book of readings. You will use both books in your daily study. The study manual guides daily reading in Scripture and in the Book of Readings. It encourages daily prayer while providing space for taking notes for use in weekly group discussion. Each lesson includes an explanation and commentary on the doctrines being studied, raises questions for reader reflection and written response, and suggests ideas for additional reading and study.	Readings Book (3), Study Manual, Handbook, Music Disk, DVD Set, Pins (23), Certificates (16)	In-Depth	All	>45 minutes/day		Glen Mar
Christian, Established 33 A.D.	Stanley , Andy	In this 8-part series, Andy explores the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history.	8 sessions	DVD-ROM (for computer) with MP3 (audio file), MOV (video file) and PDF (text file) of study questions for each of the 8 parts to their series.	Beginning to Moderate	All	None	None	Offsite
Climb Higher - Reaching New Heights in Giving and Discipleship	McKenzie , Scott	Climb Higher challenges the negative connotations associated with "stewardship" and invites congregations to completely change the conversation around this critically important topic. Instead of talking about the needs of the church budget, Climb Higher suggests a discovery of your congregation's compelling vision for ministry. Instead of selecting your stewardship leaders by default, CLIMB encourages the development of strong leadership through setting clear and challenging expectations. Climb Higher involves changing the entire culture of your congregation to one of gratitude, where conversations revolve around sharing God's abundance rather than holding on fearfully. Climb Higher encourages the sharing of ministry stories rather than pledging to a budget. And, finally, Climb Higher asserts that if you truly believe expressing generosity results in a deeper connection to God, you have no choice but to boldly ask others to become more generous givers.	160 pages - No Leader's guide or DVD	Book only	Beginning to Moderate	All			Glen Mar
Community with Children and the Poor A Guide for Congregational Study	Task Force for the Bishop's Initiative on Children and Poverty	Six sessions. Community with Children and the Poor" A Guide for Congregational Study provides help for churches who are seeking to implement the goals of the Bishops' Initiative on Children and Poverty. Designed to be used in small group settings, the study challenges participants to examine the life of their own congregation and to stretch their vision beyond the local congregation to look at systemic and global issues in the light of the Scriptures as informed by our Wesleyan heritage.	Based on the United Methodist Bishops' Letter Community with Children and the Poor 2003	Participant book with Leader helps.	None	All			Glen Mar
Connecting with God A Spiritual Formation Guide	Renovare	How can we experience god? God has communicated with his people throughout the ages in many ways. Adam and Eve encountered him directly in the Garden of Eden, Teresa of Avila experienced him through visions, and Francis of Assisi heard his voice in nature. This book gives practical advice for connecting on a deeply personal level with God. It uncovers new places to look for God, while providing reflection questions and activities to reinvigorate communication with God in such traditional areas as prayer and Bible study. Divided into twelve chapters conveniently organized for individual or group study, each section explores a different area in which we can deepen our individual communion with God. Geared for either individual study or use in small groups, each Renovar's Spiritual Formation Guide explores one facet of our life with God, providing readings from Scripture as well as classic and contemporary works of spirituality. The combination of readings, reflection questions, exercises, and activities makes these books invaluable interactive guides that prompt true spiritual growth.	2006	Includes reflection questions, exercises and activities.	Moderate	All			Offsite

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Converge Bible Studies - Sharing the Gospel	Zackery , Curtis	Evangelism has become a virtual four-letter word in some circles. Sharing one's faith can be intimidating, and Christians through the ages have disagreed on what evangelism means. But at its most basic level, it's simply sharing the good news that the Son of God became human and died for the sins of humanity. Join popular speaker Curtis Zackery as he uses Scripture to explore the questions of evangelism. Sharing the Gospel will help you discover how to share your faith in a way that works for you. Converge Bible Studies is a series of topical Bible studies based on the Common English Bible. Each title in the series consists of four studies on a common topic or theme. converge can be used by small groups, classes, or individuals. Primary Scripture passages are included for ease of study, as are questions designed to encourage both personal reflection and group conversation. The topics and Scriptures in Converge come together to transform readers' relationships with others, themselves, and God.	Sessions: 60 minutes 1. What is Evangelism: Sharing the message of Christ 2. How do I do it: Understanding Spirit-led Evangelism 3. Who's the Gospel for: Learning to reach out to everyone 4. When, where and why: Figuring out what to do next	Book. Additional information available online, including companion articles, blog posts, extra questions, sermon ideas, and podcasts.	In-Depth	All	<30 minutes/day		Glen Mar
Converge Bible Studies - Who Is Jesus?	Thomas , Adam	Have you ever stopped to think just how much better Jesus Christ knows you than you know him? It's a pretty staggering thought really. Not only that, Jesus knows you better than you know yourself. And although you'll never know Jesus as well as he knows you, part of following the Son of God is getting to know him better. But you don't want to fall into the trap of learning stuff "about" Jesus. Rather, you want to know Jesus himself. This study invites you to get to know four elements of what makes Jesus who he is: his name, his voice, his life, and his peace. Who is Jesus? you'll discover that the more you know Jesus, the more Jesus will teach you who you are. Converge Bible Studies is a series of topical Bible studies. Each title in the series consists of four studies on a common topic or theme. Converge can be used by small groups, classes, or individuals. Primary Scripture passages from the Common English Bible are included for ease of study, as are questions designed to encourage both personal reflection and group conversation. The topics and Scriptures in Converge come together to transform readers' relationships with others, themselves, and God.	Sessions: 60 minutes 1. The names of Jesus: Christ's presence and salvation 2. The voice of Jesus: Listening to the shepherd 3. The life of Jesus: Surrendering our lives to Christ 4. The peace of Jesus: The abiding presence of God	Book. Additional information available online, including companion articles, blog posts, extra questions, sermon ideas, and podcasts.	None	All	<30 minutes/day		Glen Mar
Couplehood as a Spiritual Path	Hendrix , Harville	Is a theory of couplehood and a process of helping couples deepen and transform their relationship	2004	4 sets of DVD, Participant's Guide, Leader's Guide	None	Couples			Glen Mar
Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God	Chan , Francis	Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts — it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.	10 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
Cultivating Fruitfulness: Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations	Schnase	Focus on the Five Practices: A Congregation-Wide Initiative Based on the book, Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation, by Bishop Robert Schnase Imagine a congregation-wide focus on these practices that includes a five week sermon series, five weeks with every household reading daily devotions and sharing prayers on these practices, five weeks of leadership teams and small groups stimulated to take new initiatives, five weeks of conversation and commitment focused on the mission of the church. These are the practices that lead to excellence and fruitfulness, and they can change your church. Imagine! Cultivating Fruitfulness is a congregational resource that inspires participants through 5 weeks of prayer and devotion. Each day includes a Scripture, a short story or concept from book, a personal question and a prayer. Other resources for the "Focus on the Five Practices: Congregation-Wide Initiative":	The five practices include: Radical Hospitality Passionate Worship Intentional Faith Development Risk Taking Mission Service Extravagant Generosity	Book only	None	All		Glen Mar	
Dare to Dream - Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement for your Life	Slaughter , Mike	Are your goals too small? Are you living the "just get by" plan? Or is there a greater "God dream" for you that, if lived to the fullest, could permeate and inform every move you make? Dare to Dream is a startling and inspiring program by popular author and pastor Mike Slaughter that draws on the Bible and a lifetime of ministry to help us discern God's dream for us and learn to live it out, prayerfully and enthusiastically. Participants will learn how to develop a life mission statement that helps them fully commit to a God-directed lifestyle.	Chapters include: Dreaming the Dream – Wake up to God's dream inside you. Discovering Your Birthright – You were created with a purpose. Your Burning Bush – Be aware of those illuminating God moments in your life. Lose Your Big Buts – Allow God's strength to be displayed in your weakness. What is in Your Hand – Identify and utilize the ordinary gifts God has given you. Perseverance – Discover a dream for your life far greater than your own.	Youth Book, Children's Leader Guide, DVD, Preview Book (5), Youth DVD	None	All		Glen Mar	

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David (Ancient-Future Bible Study: Experience Scripture through Lectio Divina)- Shepherd and King of Israel	Binz , Stephen J.	This Bible Study incorporates contemporary study of the Bible with an experience of the church's most ancient way of reading Scripture, lectio divina. Designed for use by individuals or groups, these guides offer a transforming experience of the Word of God. An introduction to lectio divina and leader's notes are included. "In the Ancient-Future Bible Study series, Stephen Binz opens our minds, imaginations, and hearts to the experience of Scripture that God intends. In each book he leads us through the movements of lectio divina so that by understanding the Word and meditating on it we are drawn closer to the Lord in prayer and prompted to act on it. I believe that users of this series will encounter the Holy Spirit and find themselves enfolded in God's love." --Bert Ghezzi, author, Adventures in Daily Prayer	Experience Scripture through Lectio Divina	Study Guide (Leader's notes are included).	None	All			Glen Mar
Decisions Seeking God's Guidance	Baker , Donald	Do you sometimes wish that the Bible could make your decisions for you? Donald Baker is familiar with this desire. He writes, "God has given me free will, and while I appreciate his confidence in my ability to choose, there are times when I wish that he would make the decisions for me." The Bible won't give you a direct answer to each choice--or dilemma--you face. But the Bible will teach you how to make decisions wisely, confidently and in harmony with God's will. These studies introduce you to the Bible's lessons on decision-making--and show you how to apply what you learn to your own decisions, big and small. This LifeGuide Bible Study in IVP's revised format features questions for starting group discussions and for meeting God in personal reflection, as well as a new "Now or Later" section following each session to help you act on what you learn.	9 studies 2001	Discussion questions are included.	None	All			Offsite
Defining Moments: What to Do When You Come Face-To-Face with the Truth	Stanley , Andy	It is no secret that what you don't know can hurt you. In spite of that, we still go out of our way at times to avoid the truth. Men avoid doctors; women deny evidence of adultery. While the truth often hurts, deceiving ourselves ultimately will hurt worse. In this 9-part series, Andy Stanley recounts how Jesus introduced some rather perplexing truth to seven individuals who had grown comfortable with their misinformed lifestyles and belief systems. For those who had the courage to embrace the truth, their lives were changed forever. They discovered firsthand that the truth can set you free.	9 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
Devotional Classics: Revised Edition Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups	Foster , Richard J.	A New, Expanded Edition of Renovar's Classic Companion to the Devotional Life Updated to incorporate all six traditions, or "streams," that comprise a healthy and holistic life of faith, these fifty-two selections have been organized to introduce the reader to the great devotional writers over the course of one year. Edited by James Bryan Smith, each reading is accompanied by an introduction and meditation by Richard J. Foster. In addition, each entry includes a related biblical passage, discussion questions, and individual and group exercises. With devotional readings in 1. The Prayer Filled Life 2. The Virtuous Life 3. The Spirit Empowered Life 4. The Compassionate Life 5. The Word Centered Life 6. The Sacramental Life, Foster and Smith sift through works from the great spiritual writers of the past as well as readings from contemporary spiritual leaders to create a guide that is indispensable for those looking for a deeper and more balanced spiritual life.	2005	Discussion questions and exercises are included	In-Depth	All			Offsite
Disappointment with God Three Questions No One Asks Aloud	Yancey , Philip	Philip Yancey has a gift for articulating the knotty issues of faith. In this 25th Anniversary edition of Disappointment with God, Yancey poses three questions that Christians wonder but seldom ask aloud: Is God unfair? Is he silent? Is he hidden? This insightful and deeply personal book points to the odd disparity between our concept of God and the realities of life. Why, if God is so hungry for relationship with us, does he seem so distant? Why, if he cares for us, do bad things happen? What can we expect from him after all? Yancey answers these questions with clarity, richness, and biblical assurance. He takes us beyond the things that make for disillusionment to a deeper faith, a certitude of God's love, and a thirst to reach not just for what God gives, but for who he is. Included in this anniversary edition is a study guide with questions about these perplexing questions of faith that the author confronts.	2015	Study guide with discussions questions included.	None	All			Offsite

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Disciple 1 - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study (DVD)	Disciple Series	DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible. This is a thirty-four week overview of the entire Bible. Meetings are 2 1/2 hours long.	Each member of the group needs a study manual and a Bible. The Bible is the text for the study and the study manual will guide group members in their study and preparation for the weekly group session. The study manual also includes suggestions for individual research and study-related activities. Space is provided for taking notes while reading Scripture, for recording thoughts and questions arising out of daily study, and for notes during the weekly group session. The titles of the sessions along with theme words and theme verses, and major persons, events, and topics will set the sequence of the biblical story in the minds of the participants. The principle Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical story.	DVD Set (3), Study Manuals (16), Teacher's Helps (7), Implementation Resource (1), Handbook (1), Training DVD (1), Pins(16), Certificates (8)	In-Depth	All	30 minutes daily		Glen Mar
Disciple 2 - Into the Word Into the World - Basic Resource Library	Disciple Series	Disciple: Into the Word Into the World is the second study in the four-phase Disciple program and is prepared for those who are graduates of Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study. This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. The importance of keeping Bible study related to witness is reinforced while participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines arising out of Scripture for the purpose of changing habits and transforming lives. The study also emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately. This study understands the growing Christian as under discipline in community and in ministry to the world. Disciple: Into the Word Into the World approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service. This is a 32 week study. Meetings are 2 1/2 hours long.	Consists of a set of books that will be used weekly by group members for reading, study, and research. Some of the books will provide historical, cultural, and geographical information; some will enhance Bible study skills; some will explore topics related to the Scripture being studied; and some will aid personal spiritual growth. Each week the books in the library will be circulated among group members, and specific assignments will be made. Not every person in the group will have a special assignment every week, but those who do will report on the assignment in the next weekly group meeting. Instructions and assignments related to the Basic Resource Library will appear in the teacher helps and the study manual.	DVD Set, Set of books (Note: Barclay book (red) is missing). Study Manual (2), Pin, Certificates (2), Handbooks, Oxford Bible Atlas (2) - 3rd & 4th edition	In-Depth	All	30 minutes daily		Glen Mar
Disciple 3 - Remember Who You Are -	Disciple Series	Disciple III Remember Who You Are is the third study in the four-phase DISCIPLE program. The driving idea in this study is the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. The word You in the title is meant to be heard both in its singular form (the individual) and its plural form (the community). We are a community of memory. Participants in this thirty – two week 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 draw also on the books of Deuteronomy through Chronicles. Several themes weave their way through the study – the call to remember; the call to repentance; the need for renewed vision; and the place of community. The prophets and Paul are continually calling hearers and readers back to their God and to a sense of who they are as a people “set apart”. This is a 32 week study. Meetings are 2 1/2 hours long.	Each member of the group needs a study manual and a Bible. The Bible is the text for the study and the study manual will guide group members in their study and preparation for the weekly group session. The study manual also includes suggestions for individual research and study-related activities. Space is provided for taking notes while reading Scripture, for recording thoughts and questions arising out of daily study, and for notes during the weekly group session.	DVD Set, Study Manual (12), Context Materials (Visual Aides), Handbook, Pins (9), Certificates (11)	In-Depth	All	30 minutes daily		Glen Mar
Disciple 4 - Under the Tree of Life	Disciple Series	Disciple IV Under the Tree of Life is the final study in the four-phase DISCIPLE program. The study concentrates on Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and finally, Revelation. Emphasis on the Psalms as Israel's hymnbook and prayer book leads naturally to an emphasis on worship in the study. Present through the entire study is the sense of living toward completion – toward the climax of the message and the promise, extravagantly pictured in Revelation. The image of the tree and the color gold emphasize the prod and promise in the Scriptures. The word under in the title is meant to convey invitation, welcome, sheltering, security, and rest – home at last.	32-week study Three and one-half to four hours of independent study each week (40 minutes daily for leaders and 30 minutes daily for group members) in preparation for weekly group meetings. Attendance at weekly 2.5 hour meetings.	DVD Set, Study Manuals (4), Teacher's Help, Handbook, Pins (26), Certificates (10)	In-Depth	All	In-depth		Glen Mar

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Disciple Short Term Bible Study - Invitation to Genesis	Enns , Peter	"In the beginning..." These first words in Genesis may be among the most familiar words in all the Bible. Many readers of the Bible recognize Genesis as a book that describes the beginning of all things: the Creation. This is certainly true, but that is only part of the story—the creation of the world only takes up the first two chapters of a fifty-chapter book. What are the other forty-eight chapters about? This study approaches the book of Genesis not simply as a story of the Beginning, but as a story of beginnings from start to finish. Through this study, participants will be invited to listen afresh to the witness of this opening book of the Hebrew Bible, 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. This study takes groups into the rich tapestry of Genesis exploring the interaction between God and very human people - pride, family relationships, conflict and journey all showcase the best known stories of Creation, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Rebekah and Joseph.	Sessions: 60-90 minutes 1. The Beginning...and What Went Wrong (Click here to read Session 1) 2. Another Beginning: The Flood...and What Went Wrong 3. Another Beginning: Abraham and the Patriarchs 4. Abraham and a Glimpse to the Future 5. The Promise Fulfilled: Isaac 6. Another Beginning: Jacob and the Uneasy Birth of a People 7. Jacob: The Struggle Continues 8. Another New Beginning: Joseph and the Family of Israel 9. The Trek Into Egypt 10. An End and Another Beginning: Israel's Story	Participant's guide (17), DVD, Leader's Guide	None	All	<30 minutes/day		Glen Mar
Disciple Short Term Bible Study - Invitation to John	Kysar , Robert D.	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. During the weekly video segments, travel into the scripture as you hear the Word, experience the grand artwork connected with each story and interview the scholar. Each week wraps up with a small group discussion on video to spark your own conversation. Participants for this Invitation to John do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy and benefit from participation. Reading just two chapters of John a week, they will discover the life altering stories that will invite them to follow Christ as true disciples. This study includes a video component providing interpretation and context for the biblical texts.	Sessions: 60-90 minutes 1. Come and See (John 1-2) (Click here to read session 1) 2. How Is It Possible? (John 3-4) 3. Taste for Yourself (John 5-6) 4. To Believe or Not to Believe (John 7-8) 5. Are We Blind? (John 9-10) 6. I Couldn't Believe My Eyes! (John 11-12) 7. Would You Believe It? (John 13-14) 8. What Time Is It? (John 15-16) 9. Look Out! (John 17-18) 10. Believing Without Seeing (John 19-20) 11. Do You See Him? (John 21)	Participant's guide (13), DVD (3) & Leaders guide (2)	In-Depth	All	<30 minutes/day		Glen Mar
Disciple Short Term Bible Study - Invitation to Psalms	Jenkins , Michael	When we read, hear, and pray the Psalms, we stand before texts that struggle mightily between the great promises of God and the sense of our own great need. In the Book of Psalms, the grand promise of the reign of God is constantly colliding with the gritty, historical experience of God's people. The struggle of God's people to make sense of who God is and who they are becomes as volatile as the grinding plates of continents. In response to this struggle, the writers of the Psalms can be heard both praising God's faithfulness and lamenting God's absence; both thanking God and complaining to God; both hoping in God and fearing for their future. In so doing, these writers have left behind profound texts of grace and glory unmatched in sacred literature. This study invites us to engage the Psalms at the deepest levels of our hearts, to plumb the depths of our own experience of God where God's faithfulness confronts the most challenging aspects of our lives, compelling us to ask, "How long, O Lord? Will you hide your face forever?" (Psalm 89:46a), and in the same breath pray, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised". Make a deeper connection to the world of the Psalms so that these well-known scriptures can help you give voice to all aspects of our human experience—joy, faith, uncertainty and sorrow. During two weekly video segments, experience a varied presentation of individual psalm texts, including dramatic reading, music, dance, and images.	Sessions: 60-90 minutes 1. Word of God, Words of Prayer 2. The Prayerbook of God's People 3. Praying the Psalms 4. The Language of the Heart 5. The Geography of the Imagination 6. A Theology of the Imagination 7. Lament and Praise 8. Grace and Repentance 9. Love and Wrath 10. Hallelujah and Amen	Participant's guide, Leaders guide, DVD	In-Depth	All	<30 minutes/day	A lot of reading, but worth the effort	Glen Mar
Disciple Short Term Bible Study - Invitation to Romans	Eisenbaum , Pamela	Exploring how people have interpreted Romans through the ages is a good lens to view the history of Christianity itself. Compare what Paul writes in Romans to what theologians like Augustine, Luther and Calvin say in trying to understand Paul in their time. At the end of this study your group will have a more informed commitment to Paul's radical vision of God's relationship to both Christians and Jews and to their relationship to each other, thanks to the "love of God in Christ Jesus." The weekly video segments first present text read aloud against a backdrop of a wide variety of church settings followed by a conversation between a church historian and a church theologian about the text. The second weekly video is led by story teller, Michael Williams, who shares snapshot views of how Romans has been read through history. This study is meaty and extremely enjoyable for those students with some familiarity of Romans and with a strong biblical foundation to rely on.	Sessions: 60-90 minutes 1. An Orientation to Romans (Click here to read Session 1) 2. The Righteousness of God and the Faith of Jesus 3. Abraham, Father of All 4. Christ, the New Adam 5. Sin, Law, and Grace 6. Divine Purpose and Human Responsibility 7. The Salvation of Israel and the Nations 8. Love and Humility Are the Making of God's Kingdom	Participant's guide (14), DVD (2) & Leaders guide (2)	None	All	<30 minutes/day		Glen Mar
Disciple Short Term Bible Study - Invitation to the New Testament	deSilva , David A.	Explore the writings of the New Testament using the story of Jesus as the starting point. This survey of the testament looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith. Participants find a deeper conversation with the writers of the NT and a renewal of our commitment to be shaped—personally and communally—by the story of Jesus. In the weekly video segments, listen as scholars fascinate you with facts and information that opens new understanding and enlightenment for your group. In the second video, sit in on a table conversation between guest scholars and debate key issues in the text.	Sessions: 1. Jesus Calls Us Into God's Redemption Story 2. Jesus Calls Us to a Transformed Life 3. Jesus Calls Us to Minister to a Hostile World 4. Jesus Calls Us to Complex Communities of Faith 5. Jesus Calls Us to Serve One Another 6. Jesus Calls Us to a New Relationship With Tradition 7. Jesus Calls Us to Live in Light of His Coming Again 8. Jesus Calls Us to Experience the Gifts of His Dying and Rising	Participant's Book (7)	In-Depth	All	<30 minutes/day		Glen Mar

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Disciple Short Term Bible Study - Invitation to the Old Testament	Marshall , Celia Brewer	Explore the Old Testament's story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the biblical text. Hear the magnificence of a Creation hymn, discover the law and wisdom teachings, listen to the warning of the prophets and explore the poetry of the Song of Solomon. In the two weekly video segments, first gain insight from biblical scholars and then take a visual tour of archaeological sites, ancient artifacts, and other physical remains, related to and illuminating scripture and events. Participants gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Old Testament as an integral part of the Christian Bible and a renewed discovery of our identity in God and God's vision for all things.	Sessions: 60-90 minutes 1. The Making of the Hebrew Bible 2. The Creation Story of Israel 3. Out of Bondage 4. Promise and Problem in the Land 5. Israel Has a King 6. Division and the Rise of Prophecy 7. Exile and Response 8. Restoration and Renewal	Participant's guide (9), DVD & Leaders guide	None	All	<30 minutes/day		Glen Mar
Discovering God's Will	Stanley , Andy	Discovering God's will can be a difficult process, especially when we need to make a decision in a hurry. Andy Stanley discusses the providential will of God, the moral will of God, and the personal will of God. He describes how God uses other people and the principles of scripture to guide us as we attempt to discover the personal vision God has for our lives.	4 sessions	Enhanced CD	Beginning to Moderate	All	None	None	Offsite
Eat This Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading	Peterson , Eugene	Eugene Peterson is convinced that the way we read the Bible is as important as that we read it. Do we read the Bible for information about God and salvation, for principles and "truths" that we can use to live better? Or do we read it in order to listen to God and respond in prayer and obedience? The second part of Peterson's momentous five-volume work on spiritual theology, Eat This Book challenges us to read the Scriptures on their own terms, as God's revelation, and to live them as we read them. With warmth and wisdom Peterson offers greatly needed, down-to-earth counsel on spiritual reading. In these pages he draws readers into a fascinating conversation on the nature of language, the ancient practice of lectio divina, and the role of Scripture translations; included here is the "inside story" behind Peterson's own popular Bible translation, The Message.	9 weeks 2nd in series 2005	Book & study guide Offsite - Book & 2 Study Guides	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar Offsite
Elijah - Remaining Steadfast Through Uncertainty	Getz , Gene A	Modern idols come in many forms: money, power, position, prestige. The story of Elijah is a vivid illustration that idolatry leads inevitably to divine judgment, and that as Christian men, we must take a strong stand against this world's system. The MEN OF CHARACTER series highlights the lives of men in the Bible and demonstrates that we can still learn from their relationship-both with God and man. Each of these Bible characters faced trials, frustration and failure, yet they were inspired by God to achieve great goals. In a world where Christian role models seem increasingly rare, this series reminds us that some of the most worthy examples of godly characters are still the biblical figures who brought power, wisdom and inspiration to God's people throughout the ages. Principles flow from their lives that will guide us through the maze of challenges we face in today's world and can help us to emerge victoriously.	One in a series of twelve books by Gene Getz examining role models of the Old and New Testaments in situations relevant to modern times.	Book	None	All			Glen Mar
Embracing the Journey - Participant's Book	Christ , Companions in	Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ focuses on an exploration of spiritual formation as an individual and corporate journey toward wholeness and holiness through the grace of God.	This book is the first segment of a five-volume study of the original 28-week Companions in Christ resource. The five-piece participant series is designed for groups who will take breaks between the other four volumes: scripture in Feeding on the Word prayer in Deepening Our Prayer vocation in Responding to Our Call spiritual companionship in Exploring Spiritual Guidance	Participants' Guide (2)	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar
Ephesians A Life-Changing Encounter with God's Word from the Book of Ephesians	Navigators	To a young church needing a fuller knowledge of Christ, Paul sent this call to Christian maturity. His letter to the Ephesians carries priceless truths about our new identity in Christ and our special calling in His body. The 14 sessions of this Bible study on the book of Ephesians explores the book's historical context, purpose, and meaning while teaching how to apply its powerful wisdom. Includes study aids and discussion questions. If using in a group, personal study is needed between meetings.	Personal study between meetings A good Bible study tool	Study & Discussion Questions are contained in the book	In-Depth	All	Some		Glen Mar
Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman	Moore, Beth	Join Beth in a very personal examination of the Old Testament story of Esther as she peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story is to our lives today. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the Bible study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives.	9-week women's Bible study	DVD, leader's book, workbook	In-Depth	Women	Yes, Daily	Good	Glen Mar
Excellence Run with the Horses	Peterson , Eugene	Life is difficult. Daily you must choose whether to live cautiously or courageously. God calls you to live at your best, to pursue righteousness, to drive toward excellence. Six studies, drawn from Eugene Peterson's much-loved Run with the Horses, will help you discover God's goals and equip you to achieve them.	6 sessions 1996		None	All			Offsite

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Experiencing God - How to Live the Full Adventure of Knowing and Doing the Will of God	Blackaby, Henry T.	Experiencing God shows you how to deepen your own personal relationship with God and discover your special place in His Kingdom. This is a newly revised edition of a book that has profoundly changed the lives of Christians around the world.		Book, Workbook, Study Questions	None	All			Glen Mar
Favorite Bible Passages Volume 1	Whitehead, Brady B	Refreshing insights into popular, well-loved Scripture. Each lesson offers a biblical basis for facing life's decisions and encourages a deeper personal faith. 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.		Leader's Book is also available but not in the library	None	All			Glen Mar
Final Words From the Cross	Hamilton, Adam	In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words"--statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves: Father Forgive Them Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me? Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise I Thirst It Is Finished Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit In 24 Hours That Changed the World, Adam Hamilton took us on a Lenten journey through the last day of Jesus' life. Now in this inspiring follow-up book, Hamilton explores these final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. Each chapter begins with the biblical account followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Following the last statement, a postscript recounts the words Jesus spoke following his resurrection, including what truly were the final words Jesus spoke while walking this earth. Join the crowd now and experience the final words from the cross. Final Words from the Cross offers six chapters/sessions plus a postscript chapter/session, so that classes have the option of a seventh session on Easter Sunday.	6 or 7 sessions. 2011	Book	None	All			Offsite
Finding Balance Loving God with Heart and Soul, Mind and Strength	Stevens, Becca	In this six-week Sisters study, Becca Stevens will help you consider the question of balance in your life--between service and worship, duty and devotion, doing and being. She does this by examining narratives of New Testament women such as Mary and Martha, Lydia, Mary the mother of Jesus, the Canaanite woman, and Mary Magdalene. Becca concludes the study by exploring the anointings of Jesus Christ, in which women played a crucial role. Throughout the study, Becca brings powerful insights from her work in Magdalene, a residential community she founded for women with a criminal history of prostitution and drug abuse. As a part of the study, you will read from this Participant's Workbook each week, reflecting on the ideas presented and recording your thoughts and responses. Then, in weekly meetings with your Sisters group, you will share your thoughts and hear the insights of others. Each meeting will include a video in which Becca Stevens discusses the week's topic with a group she leads, followed by the discussion in your own Sisters group. Finding Balance will help you weigh and resolve some of the conflicting impulses in your life, as you seek to follow Jesus Christ.	6 sessions	Leader's Guide, DVD	None	Women	Yes		Glen Mar
Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations	Schnase, Robert	People are searching for a church shaped and sustained by Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These fundamental practices are critical to the success of congregations. Their presence and strength demonstrate congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness. By repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.		Leader's Manual, DVD, Cultivating Fruitfulness - Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations (11)	None	All			Glen Mar
Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith	Stanley, Andy	Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith, by Andy Stanley is an exciting small group bible study that establishes the biblical case for five things God uses to grow an unshakable faith in you. Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you. Imagine how differently you would respond to difficulties, temptations, and even good things if you knew with certainty that God was in all of it and was planning to leverage it for good. In other words, imagine what it would be like to have PERFECT faith. In this new small group bible study, Andy Stanley builds a biblical case for five things God uses to grow BIG faith. This Participant Guide is filled with helpful discussion starters, video overviews, a helpful Leader's Guide and much more. It's designed to be used with the companion Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith DVD (sold separately). When used together they provide a powerful catalyst for spiritual growth.	Sessions include: 1. Big Faith 2. Practical Teaching 3. Providential Relationships 4. Private Disciplines 5. Personal Ministry 6. Pivotal Circumstances 15-20 minutes of teaching from Andy Stanley each week on the DVD. 2009	Participant's guide (7) & DVD (2) - Glen Mar DVD & participant's guide - Offsite	None	All	Yes		Glen Mar Offsite

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Game Plan - Winning Strategies for the Second Half of your Life	Buford , Bob	Thousands of readers have found an exciting new vision for the second half of life in the best-selling book, <i>Halftime</i> . Bob Buford showed us that we aren't experiencing a midlife crisis that's winding us down to our retirement years, but a break in the game that can prepare us for the most exciting half of life. In <i>Game Plan</i> , Buford gives you a practical way to move from success to significance and create an individual strategy that can get you where you want to be five . . . ten . . . twenty . . . thirty . . . or more years from now. If you sense it's time for a positive change in your life, <i>Game Plan</i> gives you the tools to uncover your best self, aim for your highest dreams, and make your career and personal life more meaningful and fulfilling than ever.	Among some of the excellent points Buford mentions are: 1. The first half of life is spent on someone else's agenda while the second half is more about your true self. 2. Learn to say no to many good things. 3. We must have time alone with God and let Him speak to us. 4. Eventually, you will have to take a chance in the second half of your life (career, relationships, interests, etc.). 5. The second half of your life can be much better than the first half.	Book	None	Men			Glen Mar
Get Acquainted with Jesus	Bruce , Barbara	A basic introduction to the life and teachings of Jesus that's easy to use and easy to understand. Here's a way for adults to get acquainted with Jesus in a short period of time. This survey of Jesus' life and teachings is ideal for newly organized church groups or class, new church members, and adults with little or no background in the Christian faith.	8 sessions 1997	Participants Book, Leader's Guide	None	All			Glen Mar
Get Out of that Pit - Straight Talk about God's Deliverance	Moore , Beth	From her first breath of fresh air beyond the pit, it has never been enough for Beth Moore to be free. This best-selling author and Bible teacher who has opened the riches of Scripture to millions longs for you to be free as well—to know the Love and Presence that are better than life and the power of God's Word that defies all darkness. Beth's journey out of the pit has been heart-rending. But from this and the poetic expressions of Psalm 40 has come the reward: a new song for her soul, given by her Saviour and offered to you in <i>Get Out of That Pit</i> —friend to friend. This is Beth's most stirring message yet of the sheer hope, utter deliverance, and complete and glorious freedom of God: I waited patiently for the Lord He turned to me and heard my cry He lifted me out of the slimy pit He set my feet on a rock He put a new song in my mouth It is a story, a song—a salvation—that you can know too.	1-life in the pit 2-when you're thrown into the pit 3-when you slip in the pit 4-when you jump into the pit 5-getting out of your pit 6-the three steps out of your pit! 7-waiting on God for Deliverance 8-make up your mind 9-singing a new song--a the melody of the LORD's songs of deliverance, no sweeter tune, other than the praises we can sing because of them! 10-our pitless future	Book	None	Women	Yes, Daily		Glen Mar
Getting to the Love You Want	Hendrix , Harville	Originally published in 1988, <i>Getting to the Love You Want</i> has helped millions of couples attain more loving, supportive, and deeply satisfying relationships. The 20th anniversary edition contains extensive revisions to this groundbreaking book, with a new chapter, new exercises, and a foreword detailing Dr. Hendrix's updated philosophy for eliminating all negativity from couples' daily interactions, allowing readers of the 2008 edition to benefit from his ongoing discoveries during his last two decades of work. Harville Hendrix, Ph.D., in partnership with his wife, Helen LaKelly Hunt, PhD., originated Imago Relationship Therapy, a unique healing process for couples, prospective couples, and parents. Together they have more than thirty years' experience as educators and therapists and their work has been translated into more than 50 languages, with Imago practiced by two thousand therapists worldwide. Harville and Helen have six children and live in New York and New Mexico.	Companion to Couplehood as a Spiritual Path.	Book (7)	None	Couples			Glen Mar
God & Country	Stanley , Andy	In this 2-part series, Andy Stanley explains a conflict that if resolved, could pave the way for our nation to come together and address our issues.	2 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
God is Great, God is Good	Stanley , Andy	Tragedies in the world and in our lives cause us to question who God is. To raise the question, is to recognize that things are not as they should be. The Bible calls this understanding "the knowledge of good and evil" and it is a direct consequence of original sin. Though we live in a fallen world where we experience the devastating effects of sin, we need not question whether God is great or whether God is good.	2 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
Godspelled Lives - Encounters with Jesus	Indermark , John	A provocative study focusing on both the positive and negative responses of people who encountered the living Christ and his offer of good news. It is a collection of stories about those who have encountered Jesus. Telling their stories and then offering advice for worship for either one person or a small group.	Lenten study; 6 week Bible Study	Book	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar

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Gospel in Life Grace Changes Everything	Keller, Timothy	Join author and pastor Timothy Keller in this eight-week small group Bible study, Gospel in Life, to explore how the gospel can change your heart, community, and how you live the Gospel out in everyday life. In week one you and your group will study the city, your home now, the world. Week eight closes with the theme of the eternal city, your heavenly home, the world that is to come. In between you'll learn how the gospel can change your heart, your community, and how you live in this world. This Discussion Guide is filled with helpful discussion starters, video overviews, thought-provoking narrative from Keller, a helpful Leader's Guide and much more. It's designed to be used with the companion Gospel in Life DVD (sold separately). Sessions include: 1. City - The World That Is 2. Heart - Three Ways To Live 3. Idolatry - The Sin Beneath The Sin 4. Community - The Context For Change 5. Witness - An Alternate City 6. Work - Cultivating The Garden 7. Justice - A People For Others 8. Eternity - The World That Is To Come	8 sessions 2010 Sessions include: 1. City - The World That Is 2. Heart - Three Ways To Live 3. Idolatry - The Sin Beneath The Sin 4. Community - The Context For Change 5. Witness - An Alternate City 6. Work - Cultivating The Garden 7. Justice - A People For Others 8. Eternity - The World That Is To Come	Book, DVD	None	All			Offsite
Gospel Project for Adults Atonement Thread	Stetzer, Ed Wax, Trevin	The scarlet thread of atonement is woven throughout the Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation. Once Adam and Eve thasted the forbidden fruit in Eden, the need for atonement was made painfully clear. Their separation and shame required the first drop of blood in God's good creation as He covered them with animal skins. The need for blood and sacrifice set the stage for humanity's need of a Savior. The Old Testament stories and prophecies foreshadow the coming One who would make atonement for sins with His own body and blood. From a rock struck for water and a serpent raised for healing to a man in the depths for a sign and a Servant suffering for the sins of others, the thread drives forward with a purpose and meaning. Finally, the image of the tapestry of Word and history is revealed. The crux of the creation is the Savior crucified for the sin of the world and raised again. The atonement is at the heart of the gospel, which is why God's people call everyone everywhere to believe in Jesus, to find their place in the thread that continues in a life of reconciliation and peace both now and for eternity in the city of the Lamb.	2014	Personal Study Guide, Leader Guide	None	All	Yes		Glen Mar
Half Truths - God Helps Those Who Help Themselves & Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say	Hamilton, Adam	They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include: Everything happens for a reason. God helps those who help themselves. God won't give you more than you can handle. God said it, I believe it, that settles it. Love the sinner, hate the sin.		DVD, Leader's Guide, Book (3). A Youth study is also available but not in the resource center.	None	All			Glen Mar
Happily Ever After	Stanley, Andy	This four-part series explains how happily married couples stay that way.	4 sessions	Audio CD	None	Couples	None	None	Offsite
He's Still* Got the Whole World In His Hands	Stanley, Andy	How do we remain hopeful in a world that seems hopelessly broken? How do we continue to trust a God that seems conspicuously absent? How do we find peace in a world that is spinning out of control? If you've ever asked questions like these, you're not alone . . . and you're not the first. Uncertainty is nothing new. And the uncertainty we face today is no different from the uncertainty faced by the men and women of the Bible. And like them, we are left to question God's faithfulness, his presence, his concern. In this 3-part series we're reminded that . . . He's Still* Got the Whole World in His Hands.	3 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
Hearing God Developing a Conversational Relationship with God	Willard, Dallas	"God spoke to me." "The Spirit spoke to my heart." "God revealed the idea to me." Being close to God means communicating with him—telling him what is on our hearts in prayer and hearing and understanding what he is saying to us. It is this second half of our conversation with God that is so important but that can also be so difficult. How do we hear his voice? How can we be sure that what we think we hear is not our own subconscious? What role does the Bible play? What if what God says to us is not clear? The key, says best-selling author Dallas Willard, is to focus not so much on individual actions and decisions as on building our personal relationship with our Creator. In this updated classic, originally published as In Search of Guidance, the author provides rich spiritual insight into how we can hear God's voice clearly and develop an intimate partnership with him in the work of his kingdom.	1999	Book, DVD	None	All			Offsite
Here & Now...There and Then	Moore, Beth	Here and Now...There and Then by Beth Moore is a lecture series on the book of Revelation. Beth presents many points of view, allowing women to decide for themselves when the interpretation varies among scholars. She teaches that God is as specific about what He does reveal as He is about what He does not reveal. Each of the 11 sessions is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.	11 sessions	Listening Guide & Weekly Assignments (4)	In-Depth	Women	Yes, Daily		Glen Mar

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Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret	Taylor , Howard	A spiritual biography of the "father of modern missions," Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret poses the question: What empowered Hudson Taylor's ministry in China? The answer: a fierce faith that believed God truly would fulfill the promises in His Word. Written by the missionary statesman's son and daughter-in-law, this book is intended for Christians who "need and long for just the inward joy and power that Hudson Taylor found." Hudson Taylor's secret, it turns out, is available to any who call on Christ's name. Compelled to share the gospel with the unreached people of China, Hudson Taylor devoted his life to this purpose. He modeled a life of utter dependence on Christ for both his spiritual and material needs. That was his secret and the reason for his lasting impact on the people of China and missions. "An easy, non-self-denying life will never be one of power," Taylor said. "Fruit-bearing involves cross-bearing. There are not two Christs—an easygoing one for easygoing Christians, and a suffering, toiling one for exceptional believers. There is only one Christ. Are you willing to abide in Him, and thus to bear much fruit?"	18 chapters	Book	None	All	<30 minutes/day		Glen Mar
If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat	Ortberg , John	Winner of the 2002 Christianity Today Book Award! You're One Step Away from the Adventure of Your Life. Deep within you lies the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the wind-swept Sea of Galilee toward Jesus. In what ways is the Lord telling you, as he did Peter, "Come"? John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you in ways that will change you forever, deepening your character and your trust in God. The experience is terrifying. It's thrilling beyond belief. It's everything you'd expect of someone worthy to be called Lord. The choice is yours to know him as only a water-walker can, aligning yourself with Go's purpose for your life in the process. There's just one requirement: If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.	6 sessions 2001	Book, DVD, Participant's Guide, Leader's Guide	None	All	Yes		Offsite
IMarriage	Stanley , Andy	In this 3-part series, Andy Stanley explains that you must learn to transform your expectations and look to God if you are to experience marriage as it was designed.	6 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
It Came from Within! The Shocking Truth about What Lurks in the Heart	Stanley , Andy	Examine 4 conditions of the heart that are at the root of sour attitudes, hurt-filled relationships and regretful actions: guilt, jealousy, greed and anger.	5 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
James Mercy Triumphs	Moore , Beth	James: Mercy Triumphs - Member Book by Beth Moore provides a personal study experience five days a week plus viewer guides for the 8 video sessions of this in-depth women's Bible study. James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways, James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any other New Testament book. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. 8 video sessions with 7 weeks of print study.	8 session	DVD, Leader's Guide, Participant's Guide	None	Women	Yes - Daily		Glen Mar
Jeremiah - Daring to Hope in an Unstable World	Spoelstra , Melissa	When we look around at today's world, hope usually isn't the first word that comes to mind. In many ways we live in an unstable world where marriages fail, bank accounts run low, friendships end, and the everyday demands of a fast-paced life get us down. In the Book of Jeremiah, we find God calling out to His people with a message of hope—a message that intentional living is possible even in an unstable world. But how do we do this? Where do we start? Jeremiah offers women hope for living in an uncertain world by learning to navigate the challenges and circumstances of their lives. This six-week study examines God's words of instruction to His wayward people through the prophet Jeremiah, and provides women six guidelines for intentional living to overcome fear, worry, and doubt as they surrender their wills to God's and put their hope in Him alone. Combining rich study of the Book of Jeremiah with practical life application that resonates with the realities and experiences of today's women, this study inspires all women to dare to hope, remembering that God is rich in mercy and love and has good plans for us.	The Leader Guide contains six session plan outlines, complete with discussion points and questions, activities, prayers, and more—plus leader helps for facilitating a group.	DVD, Participant & Leader's Guide	None	Women	<30 minutes/day	Great Study	Glen Mar
Jesus in the Gospels	Keck , Leander E	This is part of the Disciple Bible Study series and is to be used in a small group setting with other supporting media. This bible study covers the gospels and similarities and differences.	32 week course	Gospel Comparisons (2), Study Manual, DVD Sets (2), Handbook	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar
Jesus the One and Only	Moore , Beth	Based primarily on the Book of Luke, this study is a careful examination of the life of Christ. You will be introduced to an intimate Savior as you get a close-up and personal portrait of the life of Jesus the Messiah. You'll see Jesus come to a funeral and raise the dead, confront conniving religious leaders, teach on a hillside, and even walk on the waves.	11 sessions	2 Participant's Guides, DVD, Leader's Guide, Music CD Missing DVD # 6	In-Depth	Women	Yes, Daily		Glen Mar

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Jesus Seeing Him More Clearly	Hybels, Bill	Jesus is someone you need to know. Teacher. Physician. Servant. Shepherd. King. Jesus filled each of these roles in His walk on earth—revealing in them all a richly accessible identification with our humanity in His role as a Man. In Jesus, you'll explore these six roles one by one to arrive at a better understanding of the character and person of Christ. Each study is another brushstroke in a compelling portrait of the Master—one that will come alive inside you and make a practical difference in your life. You'll discover the opportunities that await you every day to have an impact for Jesus. But best of all, you'll grow closer to him than ever before. Interactions—a powerful and challenging tool for building deep relationships between you and your group members, and you and God. Interactions is far more than another group Bible study. It's a cutting-edge series designed to help small group participants develop into fully devoted followers of Christ.	6 sessions 2005	Book	None	All			Offsite
John for Everyone	Wright, N. T.	Making use of his scholar's understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Tom Wright manages to unravel the great complexity of the extraordinary Gospel of John. He describes it as "one of the great books in the literature of the world; and part of its greatness is the way it reveals its secrets not just to a high-flown leaning but to those who come to it with humility and hope." Wright's stimulating comments are combined with his own fresh and inviting translation of the Bible text. Tom Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament, and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of the book. The series is suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions.	2 Copies 2003	Discussion questions are included in the book	None	All			Offsite
John Wesley Holiness of Heart and Life	Yrigoyen, Charles	John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life is a six-week 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. The Study Guide offers step-by-step plans for each session.	6 sessions 1999	Questions included	None	All			Offsite
John The Gospel of Light and Life	Hamilton, Adam	The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. It includes some of the loftiest and most loved verses in all the Bible: "And the Word became flesh..." "For God so loved the world..." "You who are without sin cast the first stone..." "I am the resurrection and the life..." "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that his readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name." Join Adam Hamilton and experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while reading the entire Gospel of John. Topics Include: The Word Made Flesh The Miraculous Signs of Jesus The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus The Farewell Discourse The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King Eternal Life	2015	Book, DVD, leader guide	None	All			Offsite
Just Walk Across the Room - Four Sessions on Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith	Hybels, Bill	Building on the solid foundation laid in Becoming a Contagious Christian, Just Walk Across the Room signals the next era in personal evangelism. Pastor Bill Hybels's firm conviction is that the highest value in personal evangelism is being attuned to and cooperative with the promptings of the Holy Spirit. This means playing only the role you are intended to play—walking when the Spirit says to walk, talking when the Spirit says to talk, and falling silent when the Spirit suggests that you've already said enough. More than two thousand years ago, Jesus himself introduced the perfect model for evangelism. He left the marvelous adoration of the angels and the perfection of heaven, and he chose to "walk" clear across the cosmos. He had no memorized script, no forced formulas. Instead, he was armed only with an offer of redemption to people just like you and me, many of whom were neck-deep in pain of their own making. Today, the goal for every Christian is to reflect Christ's love and follow his example by taking simple walks across rooms—leaving our circles of comfort and extending hands of care, compassion, and inclusiveness to people living far from God. Hybels encourages Christ-followers to "live in 3-D"—developing friendships, discovering stories, and discerning appropriate next steps—as a means of learning to understand the Spirit's promptings. With fresh perspectives from his own reflections and experiences collected during his most recent decade of ministry, Hybels shows with undeniable clarity the power of this approach to evangelism. The stakes are high. The implications are eternal. And you may be only a conversation away from having unparalleled impact on someone's life—if you will just walk across the room.	Sessions Include: Session 1 - The Single Greatest Gift Session 2 - Living in 3D Session 3 - The Power of Story Session 4 - Grandeur Vision Living	Study Guide (7), Book, DVD, Resource CD-ROM	None	All			Glen Mar
Life Lessons with Max Lucado - The Touch of the Masters Hand (Topical Bible Study Series)	Lucado, Max	Challenging topical Bible study based on Max Lucado's bestselling book Just Like Jesus. Topical Bible Study Series God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus. Join Max in this challenging new topical Bible study based on his bestselling book, Just Like Jesus. Excellent for personal, small-group, or classroom settings. You, too can learn to be just like Jesus.		Journal	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar

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Life on Mission - God's People Finding God's Heart for the World	Harlow , Tim	<p>Most of us who know and follow Jesus want to tell others about him, to share our faith. We want to live life on mission, obeying Jesus' final command to us: "Go into all the world and make disciples."</p> <p>But when it comes to actually engaging in evangelism, we hesitate. We get intimidated, uncertain, or even confused. Sharing our faith should be natural, easy—but it isn't always.</p> <p>Until now.</p> <p>Life on Mission offers clear Bible teaching designed to empower you to share your faith with people right in your own neighborhood. Pastor Tim Harlow walks you through topics like how to connect with unbelievers, how serving others can open their hearts to the gospel, and how paying attention to your own spiritual growth can strengthen your witness.</p> <p>People who really matter to God are all around you, and God has given you the incredible assignment of inviting them to come home. Life on Mission will inspire and equip you to do that.</p>	Primer for Christians world-wide. Not a book on theology but a book on 'loving God with all our hearts, mind and soul' as well as 'love your neighbor as yourself'. H	Book, Participant's Guide & DVD	None	All			Glen Mar
Life Rules: Instructions for Life	Stanley , Andy	In this 6-part series, Andy Stanley clearly explains God's basic set of life rules, which, when lived, hold the power to improve your current relationships and mend hurting ones.	6 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit	Moore , Beth	Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of The Spirit - Member Book by Beth Moore provides a personal study experience five days a week plus viewer guides for the group video sessions of this in-depth women's Bible study of the fruit of the Holy Spirit as presented in the book of Galatians. Beth walks participants through each trait listed in the fruit and encourages women to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life. Through this study participants will look at 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. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself.	10 weeks of personal interactive study for five days a week Viewer guide for use with the DVD teaching sessions	Participant's guide (4), DVD	In-Depth	Women	45 min./day		Glen Mar
Losing Your Religion	Stanley , Andy	Religion can get pretty strange pretty quickly. Mystical. Superstitious. Legalistic. Judgmental. Hypocritical. But religion isn't going away. The human race has an insatiable curiosity regarding the divine. Since the beginning of time, men and women have established elaborate rituals and traditions in an attempt to bridge the gap between the seen and the unseen; between the sacred and the secular. And while each of these systems provided formulas for communicating with and securing the blessings of a particular deity, none provided the one thing humankind most desires—assurance. But with the birth of Christianity, all of that changed. In this 4-part message series, Andy Stanley explains how the message of Christ serves as the fulfillment of religion.	4 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
Loved by God	Higgs , Liz Curtis	Loved By God is a verse by verse Bible study exploring the lives of Jacob.	2004	Participant's guide (4), Leader's Guide, DVD	In-Depth	Women	Yes		Glen Mar
Luke for Everyone	Wright , N. T.	Tom Wright's guide to Luke, which includes a wealth of information and background detail, provides real insights for our understanding of the story of Jesus and its implications for the reader. His clear style is accessible for new readers of the Bible, as well as to those who are further on. His exciting new translation of the biblical text brings to life, passage by passage, the immediacy and drama of Luke's Gospel. Tom Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament, and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of the book. The series is suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions.	2003	Discussion questions and background information are included.	In-Depth	All			Offsite
Making Sense of the Bible Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today	Hamilton , Adam	In this six week video study, Adam Hamilton explores the key points in his new book, Making Sense of the Bible. With the help of this Leader Guide, groups learn from Hamilton as his video presentations lead groups through the book, focusing on the most important questions we ask about the Bible, its origins and meaning.	6 sessions 2014	Book, leader's guide, DVD	None	All			Offsite
Mark for Everyone	Wright , N. T.	Tom Wright's eye-opening comments on the Gospel of Mark and what it might mean for us are combined, passage-by-passage, with his fresh translation of the Bible text. Making use of his true scholar's understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Wright captures the urgency and excitement of Mark's Gospel in a way few writers have. Tom Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament, and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of the book. The series is suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions.	2003	Discussion questions and background information are included.	In-Depth	All			Offsite

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Mary Had A Baby	Press , Abingdon	Mary Had a Baby is a 4-week Advent study based on 4 African American spirituals. Each session provides the historical background of the spiritual being studied, a devotional for use during the session, and activities designed to prepare group members for the coming season of Christmas.	A 4-week Advent Study based on African American Spirituals	Leader's Guide with Audio CD enclosed, Student Book	None	All			Glen Mar
Matthew for Everyone Part Two Chapters 16-28	Wright , N. T.	Tom Wright's eye-opening comments on the Gospel of Matthew and what it might mean for us are combined, passage-by-passage, with his fresh translation of the Bible text. Making use of his true scholar's understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Wright captures the urgency and excitement of Matthew's Gospel in a way few writers have. Tom Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament, and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of the book. The series is suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions.	2004	2 copies	In-Depth	All			Offsite
Miracles The Power and Presence of Jesus	Nelson , Thomas	A study of the miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew	2002	Participant's Guide	None	All			Glen Mar
Momentum for Life	Slaughter , Michael	Our culture constantly shows how leaders have failed—from Bill Clinton's indiscretions to Martha Stewart's deception, from the business collapse at Enron to the military meltdown at Abu Ghraib prison. Many church problems likewise can be traced back to a failure of leadership. Such problems are nothing new. Stories of leadership failures are chronicled throughout the Bible. "If you can't lead yourself, you won't be effective at leading others. Self leadership precedes strategic leadership." With this perspective, Michael Slaughter, lead pastor and chief visionary at Ginghamburg, explains his model for daily living, which he has adapted from the Psalms of Ascent. His five life practices for balance and self-leadership together form the acronym D-R-I-V-E: Devotion to God, Readiness for lifelong learning, Investing in key relationships, Visioning for the future, and Eating and Exercise for life. Taken together, these practices shape life as an upward momentum. They remind us that leadership is not about entitlement, but example. Every follower of Christ needs to find the self-management practices that create momentum for life and guard against the temptation to downsize God's dream. "God can't steer a parked car," Slaughter says. "God is looking for people who will take their lives out of park and shift them into drive." These leadership tools will inspire and show you how to sustain personal health, integrity, and strategic focus as a leader.		Participant DVD Journal (5), Leader Guide with DVD (6), Group DVD (5)	None	All	Yes		Glen Mar
Money, Possessions, and Eternity	Alcorn , Randy	What does the Bible really say about money? This completely revised and updated version of the classic best-seller provides a Christian perspective about money and material possessions based on the author's painstaking study of the Bible. Randy Alcorn uses the Scriptures to approach this often touchy subject head-on. Thought-provoking arguments challenge readers to rethink their attitudes and use their God-given resources in ways that will have an eternal impact. Alcorn deals straightforwardly with issues of materialism, stewardship, prosperity theology, debt, and more. An excellent choice for group study as well as individual financial guidance.	2003	Includes a study guide and appendix with additional resources.	None	All			Offsite
Next Door Savior	Lucado , Max	Jesus. Holy or human? According to the Bible, he was—and is—both. Fully God and fully man. Our next door Savior. The Christ of your galaxies is the Christ of your Mondays. The Stormaker manages your travel schedule. Relax. You have a friend in high places. There is no person he won't touch. No place he won't go to find you. For even though he is in heaven, he never left the neighborhood.	2004 6-sessions	Participant's Guide. DVD is available, but not in the library.	None	All			Offsite
Parables of Jesus	Kalas , J. Ellsworth	One of today's most exciting biblical writers, J. Ellsworth Kalas, explains nine of the parables Jesus used to present eternal truths. Scripture passages referenced are from the New Revised Standard Version. Parables covered include:-The House on the Rock (Matthew 7:24-27)-The Sower (Mark 4:1-20)-The Father and His Two Sons (Luke 15:11-32)-The Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:3-32) -The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) -The Widow and the Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-8)-The Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1-13)-The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)-The Nobleman and the Pounds (Luke 19:11-27). Parables of Jesus is an excellent resource for use with adult study groups, or for independent study.	9 Sessions 1998	Leader helps and discussion questions are included with each chapter. Includes a study guide.	None	All			Offsite
Paul and the Romans - The Life and Letters of Paul	Stringer , Denise L.	Paul and the Romans is the third in the series The Life and Letters of Paul. This study explores the letter to the Romans. Drawing on the historical data about the Roman congregation, this study examines major issues facing them and Christians today.	The study has seven sessions: The Apostolic Ministry of Paul Establishing Common Ground: The Universal Need for Salvation The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ The Spiritual Life of the Christian The Sovereignty of God The Practice of the Gospel in Community Life The Church Dynamic: Then and Now	Book only	In-Depth	All	N/A		Glen Mar

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Paul for Everyone The Prison Letters : Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon	Wright , N. T.	Making use of his scholar's understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Tom Wright captures the verve and sparkle of these letters. Paul wrote the letters while in prison facing possible death, but their passion and energy are undimmed. They reveal Paul's longing to see young churches grow in faith and understanding, rooted in Jesus himself, and to see this faith worked out in practice. Wright's stimulating comments are combined with his own fresh and inviting translation of the text. Tom Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament, and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion, with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of the book. The series is suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions.	2004	Book only	In-Depth	All			Offsite
Paul for Everyone: Romans: Part 1 Chapters 1-8	Wright , Nicholas Thomas	Writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Tom Wright helps us see the great sweep of this letter. Romans has long been viewed as the book above all in which Paul puts forth the basic doctrines of the faith, and the picture of God's life for us. It is the classic setting-out of the Gospel. In this series, Tom Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion, with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of each book. The series is suitable for group study, personal use, or daily devotions.	2004 2 Copies	Book Only	In-Depth	All			Offsite
Permission to Speak Freely. The Prayer Plan to Get, and Keep, You Connected	Stanley , Andy	In this 3-part series, Andy Stanley unpacks the words of Jesus to help us understand what God had in mind when he gave us the ability and the opportunity to talk to him.	3 sessions	N/A	None	All	None	None	Offsite
Perseverance A Long Obedience in the Same Direction	Peterson , Eugene	When the going gets tough, what does a Christian do? The world around you is, more often than not, unjust and unmerciful. But God has given you resources to see you through tough times. As you grow in hope, patience, repentance and joy, you also grow in your ability to persevere. Six studies, based on Eugene Peterson's classic on Christian commitment, A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, will encourage you to continue in the path Christ has set before you.	6 sessions 1996	N/A	None	All			Offsite
Priorities Tyranny of the Urgent	Hummel , Charles	Have you ever wished for a thirty-hour day? Does your list of unfinished tasks--unanswered letters, unvisited friends, unread books--grow larger and larger each week? If so, you desperately need relief. Six studies drawn from Charles Hummel's Tyranny of the Urgent will help you put your life back in order by focusing on God's "to do" list instead of your own.	6 sessions 1994	Book Only	None	All			Offsite
Radical Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream	Platt , David	WHAT IS JESUS WORTH TO YOU? "It's easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said his followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, he said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily... BUT WHO DO YOU KNOW WHO LIVES LIKE THAT? DO YOU? In "Radical," David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple--then invites you to "believe "and "obey "what you have heard. And he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a "successful" suburban church decides to get serious about the gospel according to Jesus. Finally, he urges you to join in The Radical Experiment -- a one-year journey in authentic discipleship that will transform how you live in a world that desperately needs the Good News Jesus came to bring.	Session 1: Radical Abandonment Session 2: Radical Grace Session 3: Radical Focus Session 4: Radical Strategy Session 5: Radical Vision Session 6: Radical God 2010	Participant's Guide. DVD is also available but not in our library	None	All			Glen Mar Offsite
Raising Great Kids	Cloud , Henry	What does it take to raise great kids? If you've read any books on parenting, conflicting opinions have probably left you feeling confused. Get tough! Show acceptance. Lay down the rules. Lighten up, already! - There's got to be a balance -- and there is. Joining their expertise with the wisdom of MOPS International (Mothers of Preschoolers), Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend help you provide both the care and acceptance that make grace real to your child, and the firmness and discipline that give direction. Avoiding the twin extremes of permissiveness and over-control, Drs. Cloud and Townsend show how you can help your child cultivate six necessary character traits: attachment, responsibility, reality, competence, morality, and worship/spiritual life. - At last, here is an effective middle ground for raising up children who will handle life with maturity and wisdom. Raising Great Kids will help you equip your son or daughter to accept life's responsibilities, grow from its challenges, and freely and fully explore all that it has to offer.	Only VHS format - no DVD	Leader's Guide, Book, Participant's book	None	Parents			Glen Mar
Renegade Gospel The Rebel Jesus	Slaughter, Mike	Who was Jesus, really? Wasn't the central figure to the Christian faith a man who denied all preconceived notions about what God should look like? Wouldn't associating with him have meant joining a rebel movement? Doesn't it still? Renegade Gospel is a church study that challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus--the rebel Jesus.	Six-session program Perfect as a Lenten study.	Leader guides and materials for adult small groups, including a DVD, are available, but not in the resource center. Youth and children's studies can also be purchased.	None	All			Glen Mar

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Renovation of the Heart Putting on the Character of Christ	Willard , Dallas	Renovation of the Heart explains the common misunderstandings about human nature and the discipleship process by outlining the general pattern of personal spiritual transformation - not as a formula, but as a systematic process. This bestseller by Dallas Willard explains that as intentional apprentices of Jesus, we are to move deeper into a relationship with God while becoming more like Jesus. In his unique, winning way, Dallas Willard will guide you in discovering your true identity while exploring spiritual growth in a new way. Includes discussion questions.	2002	Discussion questions are included.	None	All			Offsite
Responding to Our Call	Christ , Companions in	Reflect on Christ's call in your life and discover anew the gifts that God is giving you for living out your personal ministry.	5 sessions	Participant's Book (5)	None	All			Glen Mar
Restless - Because You Were Made For More	Allen , Jennie	In Restless, an 8-session, video-based small group Bible study, Bible study teacher and author Jennie Allen helps you discover a practical plan to identify the threads of your life and how to weave them together for God's glory and purposes. Restless explores this important question: "Do I matter?" And Jennie asks, "We live with lots of things, lots of people...but do we live for something?" Using the story of Joseph, Jennie explains how his suffering, gifts, story, and relationships fit into the greater story of God-and how your story can do the same. She also introduces Threads – a tool to help you see your own personal story and to uncover and understand the raw materials God has given you to use for his glory and purpose. Filled with practical tools and biblical teaching, Restless will equip you to: Make sense of the seemingly random relationships and activities of life Redeem life's hurts and scars Place your story in context with God's greater story	8 sessions	DVD Kit (Leaders Guide, Participants Guide, DVD & Discussion Cards)	None	Women	<30 minutes/day	Light on the study of the Bible – more self-reflection. Discussion cards were fun.	Glen Mar
Resurrection	Wright , N. T.	Why did Christianity begin, and why did it take the shape it did? To answer this question – which any historian must face – renowned New Testament scholar N.T. Wright focuses on the key points: what precisely happened at Easter? What did the early Christians mean when they said that Jesus of Nazareth had been raised from the dead? What can be said today about his belief? This book, third in Wright's series Christian Origins and the Question of God, sketches a map of ancient beliefs about life after death, in both the Greco-Roman and Jewish worlds. It then highlights the fact that the early Christians' belief about the afterlife belonged firmly on the Jewish spectrum, while introducing several new mutations and sharper definitions. This, together with other features of early Christianity, forces the historian to read the Easter narratives in the gospels, not simply as late rationalizations of early Christian spirituality, but as accounts of two actual events: the empty tomb of Jesus and his "appearances." How do we explain these phenomena? The early Christians' answer was that Jesus had indeed been bodily raised from the dead; that was why they hailed him as the messianic "son of God." No modern historian has come up with a more convincing explanation. Facing this question, we are confronted to this day with the most central issues of the Christian worldview and theology.		DVD lectures, Study guide 4 sessions	In-Depth	All			Offsite
Revolution Within A Fresh Look at Supernatural Living	Edwards , Dwight	Rather than the Gospel being about our fulfillment, Pastor Dwight Edwards knows that the Gospel is all about God's glory. He also knows that the Gospel not only changes our legal position before God but also who we actually are. Edwards "thought my job as a pastor was to persuade people to do what they really didn't want to do and act like people they really weren't. But my calling is to tell them what God has done, stir up their holy appetites, provide some basic direction and turn 'em loose." Revolution Within does just that! In this book, you'll discover your God-given design as a Christian. You'll be motivated to godly living, not because you should or want to, but because God has already changed your heart. In recognizing your new purity, new identity, new disposition, and new power, you'll be empowered to enjoy "new intimacy with God, new liberty in daily living, a new community with other believers, and a new ministry through the Spirit."	13 weeks 2001	Book & workbook - Glen Mar Book & Workbook - Offsite	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar Offsite
Serving God - Journey 101	Cartmill , Carol	Journey 101: Knowing, Loving, Serving God is a three-part basic faith course that helps to answer essential questions as it guides participants on the journey of growing as a Christian. The goal? Becoming a deeply committed follower of Jesus Christ. The three studies are grounded in 15 core traits of a deeply committed Christian--traits that paint a picture of what it looks like to follow Jesus Christ with increasing passion and dedication.		Participant's Guide (4)	None	All			Glen Mar

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Shattered Dreams God's Unexpected Path to Joy	Crabb , Larry	Learn How to Look Through Life's Tragedies and See the Lavish Blessings God Has For You! "Shattered dreams," writes Dr. Larry Crabb, "are never random. They are always a piece in a larger puzzle, a chapter in a larger story. The Holy Spirit uses the pain of shattered dreams to help us discover our desire for God, to help us begin dreaming the highest dream." To help you understand this neglected truth in the deepest and most helpful way, author and counselor Larry Crabb has written a wise, hopeful, honest, and realistic examination of life's difficulties and tragedies. He wraps insights around the bold story of Naomi in the Bible's book of Ruth. As Crabb retells and illuminates this sometimes disturbing and often profoundly touching story, we are shown how God stripped Naomi of happiness in order to prepare her for joy. And we gain an unforgettable picture of how God uses shattered dreams to release better dreams and a more fulfilling life for those He loves. Shattered dreams have the power to change our lives for good. Forever.	8 sessions 2002	Book, workbook	None	All			Offsite
Simple	Stanley , Andy	In this 3-part series, Andy Stanley unpacks the compelling simplicity of Jesus' message: Follow. Believe. Obey.	3 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
Soul Keeping Caring for the Most Important Part of You	Ortberg , John	In Soul Keeping, John Ortberg helps Christians rediscover their soul--the best connection to God there is--and find out why it's hurting and why neglecting it has set so many believers so far back spiritually. In this six-session, video-based small group Bible study, Ortberg shows that caring for your soul is necessary for your Christian life. John shows participants what your soul is, why it is important, how to assess your soul's health, and how to care for it so that we can have a meaningful and beautiful life with God and others. When you nurture your soul your life in this world will come to make sense again; you can find your way back to God from hopelessness, depression, relationship struggles, and a lack of fulfillment. Your soul's resting place is in God, and John Ortberg wants to take participants to that home. This study guide includes discussion questions, video notes, and in-between studies and is designed for use with the Soul Keeping DVD (sold separately). Sessions include: Filling the Hole in Your Soul Why God Made You With a Soul What's Soul Got To Do With It Finding Your Soul's True Home Empty Souls and Full Garages Why We Have a Soul, Brothers and Sisters	6 sessions 2014	Study Guide, DVD 6 sessions	None	All			Offsite
Spiritual Classics Selected Readings on the Twelve Spiritual Disciplines	Foster , Richard J.	The Brightest Lights of the Christian Tradition, St. Augustine, Thomas Merton, Fredrick Buechner, Evelyn Underhill, A.W. Tozer, G.K. Chesterton, Thomas More, Martin Luther King, Jr., Amy Carmichael, Simone Weil, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Hildegard of Bingen, John Milton, Dorothy Day, Leo Tolstoy, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and more. . . From nearly two thousand years of Christian writing comes Spiritual Classics, fifty-two selections complete with a profile of each author, guided meditations for group and individual use, and reflections containing questions and exercises. Editors Richard Foster and Emilie Griffith offer their expertise by selecting inspirational writings and including their own commentary and recommendations for further guided reading and exploration.	2000	Book, spiritual formation workbook, and journal	In-Depth	All			Offsite
Starting Point Find Your Place in the Story	Stanley , Andy	Find Your Place in the Story Welcome to Starting Point--a journey of discovering the broad arch of God's story and where you fit into the narrative. Whether you are new to the Christian faith, simply curious about it, or reexamining it after time away from church, you'll appreciate the accepting, conversational, small group environment. Come as you are, be who you are, and build enriching connections with fellow travelers as you explore who God is and what Christianity is really about. Starting Point is a natural, enjoyable, and potentially life-changing experience. Each of the ten sessions consists of three important parts: First, selecting one of the five CDs that come with this Conversation Guide, you'll listen to a teaching by Andy Stanley. Second, you'll use this guidebook to help you reflect, and to journal your thoughts on how what you're discovering connects with your life--with who you are, how you think, what you believe...with the things that matter most to you. Finally, in your weekly group meeting, you'll have the opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences with fellow travelers in a supportive environment that is designed to enhance sharing and connection. From Creation across history and into the future--from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation--God's story is a story of relationship, and your name is in it. Welcome to the journey of finding out how the story started...where it ends...and how God's story and your story unite.	2008	Starter kit (starter guide, Starting Point Bible, participant's package, leader training DVD, interactive resource DVD) 5 extra participant's packages (book and 5 audio DVD's)	None	All			Offsite
Staying in Love	Stanley , Andy	In this 4-part series, Andy teaches us how two people can fall in love and actually stay there.	4 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite

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The Christ-Centered Woman - Finding Balance in a World of Extremes (Women's Bible Study Based on Ephesians 3)	Reisman , Kimberly Dunnam	In this six-week in-depth Bible study, Kimberly Dunnam Reisman helps women to find balance at every age and stage of life. Confronting the daily chaos of competing demands from a new perspective, she asks not "How do I juggle my responsibilities?" but "How do I make choices that reflect my relationship with Christ and his direction for my life?" Using chapter three of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians as a biblical foundation, the study identifies barriers to balanced living and explores what the Bible teaches about Christ-centered living. Women will discover how being centered in the Savior can help us contemplate, sort, and prioritize our callings. Through it all, we come to experience Christ as Rock, Solace, and Guide and find him the calm center from which we can wisely navigate the responsibilities of our lives. The Participant Book guides women in a biblical study of Christ-centered living, using Ephesians 3 as a foundational framework. Five devotional readings are provided for each week. The interactive format includes space for responding to questions and recording personal reflections.	6-week study	Book, Participant's guide	In-Depth	Women			Glen Mar
The Christian Life Profile Assessment Tool	Frazeo , Randy	This comprehensive discipleship tool kit enables churches to assess the Christian beliefs, practices, and virtues of each member to help everyone grow. The training kit is based on the "Thirty Core Competencies" as outlined in the book The Connecting Church, also by Pastor Randy Frazeo. These thirty core competencies help churches know when they are making progress in guiding their members toward Christ-likeness. Each of the four sessions contains components such as video, lecture, leader-led discussion, large group discussion, and small group discussion. Individuals answer 120 questions about their Christian beliefs, practices, and virtues. Three friends also assess them in the virtues area. Using the results, individuals identify areas in which they would like to grow during the upcoming year. The resource guide provides plans to help realize the growth such as reading books, memorizing Scripture, attending a seminar, being mentored by a spiritual director, or engaging in a new spiritual discipline. The Christian Life Profile journey is experienced in a small group community that seeks to encourage, pray, and hold each other accountable for progress. The goal is to take the profile again, one year later, to monitor the journey. The complete kit includes a four-session Training Guide, a copy of The Christian Life Profile Assessment Tool, and a DVD to assist in training. The Christian Life Profile Assessment Tool and Training Guide are also available separately.	4 sessions	DVD, workbook, training guide	In-Depth	All	None	None	Offsite

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The Circle Maker - Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears	Batterson , Mark	According to Pastor Mark Batterson in his book, The Circle Maker, "Drawing prayer circles around our dreams isn't just a mechanism whereby we accomplish great things for God. It's a mechanism whereby God accomplishes great things in us." Do you ever sense that there's far more to prayer, and to God's vision for your life, than what you're experiencing? It's time you learned from the legend of Honi the Circle Maker—a man bold enough to draw a circle in the sand and not budge from inside it until God answered his prayers for his people. What impossibly big dream is God calling you to draw a prayer circle around? Sharing inspiring stories from his own experiences as a circle maker, Mark Batterson will help you uncover your heart's deepest desires and God-given dreams and unleash them through the kind of audacious prayer that God delights to answer.		DVD & Participant's Guide (2)	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar
The Common People Heard Him Gladly	Moore , James W.	Can you imagine the excitement that danced in the hearts of the people in Galilee some 2,000 years ago, when the word came that Jesus was heading their way? "Jesus is coming!" the cry would go up, and the people would drop what they were doing and rush out with strong anticipation to see him or hear him or touch him. This seven-session study, appropriate for both group and individual use, provides one lesson for each week in Lent. Each lesson includes a Scripture reference, a brief reflection, questions for study or discussion, a brief prayer, and a focus for the coming week.	A Lenten study for adults	Study (4)	None	All			Glen Mar
The Divine Conspiracy Rediscovering Our Hidden Life In God	Willard , Dallas	The Divine Conspiracy has revolutionized how we think about the true meaning of discipleship. In this classic, one of the most brilliant Christian thinkers of our times and author of the acclaimed The Spirit of Disciplines, Dallas Willard, skillfully weaves together biblical teaching, popular culture, science, scholarship, and spiritual practice, revealing what it means to "apprentice" ourselves to Jesus. Using Jesus's Sermon of the Mount as his foundation, Willard masterfully explores life-changing ways to experience and be guided by God on a daily basis, resulting in a more authentic and dynamic faith.	The primary source of Willard's theology is the Sermon on the Mount. By examining this sermon of Jesus' in light of Jesus' own perspective of the Kingdom of Heaven 10 sessions 1998	Book, study guide	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar Offsite
The Helper	Marshall , Catherine	After an intense study of the Holy Spirit, Catherine Marshall wrote The Helper, detailing lessons she learned by living them out. She offers forty inspirational "helps," or readings, that contain Scripture, a prayer, and insight into the provocative third person of the Godhead. Also included are the answers Marshall discovered to questions like: Who is the Helper? How do I experience the Helper's presence? How does the Helper meet everyday needs? What is the Helper's role and function in the Church? The forty "helps" are ideal as a devotional guide for the forty days of Lent and for group or individual study. Just as the power of the Holy Spirit is needed every day to help us cope with the problems and complexities of life, so he Helper is a book for all seasons.	1984	Devotions	None	All	N/A		Offsite
The Jesus I Never Knew	Yancey , Philip	What happens when a respected Christian journalist decides to put his preconceptions aside and take a long look at the Jesus described in the Gospels? How does the Jesus of the New Testament compare to the "new, rediscovered" Jesus – or even the Jesus we think we know so well? Best-selling author Phillip Yancey says, "The Jesus I got to know in writing this book is very different from the Jesus I learned about in Sunday school. In some ways he is more comforting; in some ways more terrifying." Yancey offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work -- his teaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection -- and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, The Jesus I Never Knew gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history. With a willingness to tackle difficult questions, Yancey looks at the radical words of this itinerant Jewish carpenter and asks whether we are taking him seriously enough in our own day and age. From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, Yancey presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers; a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith. The Jesus I Never Knew uncovers a Jesus who is brilliant, creative, challenging, fearless, compassionate, unpredictable, and ultimately satisfying. This honest book will help you discover a different Jesus from the flannelgraph Sunday school figure, the sweetly smiling Victorian Savior, and all the cultural clichés that have tamed Jesus and kept him in comfortable religious boxes. According to Yancey, "No one who meets Jesus ever stays the same. In the end I found the process of writing this book to be a great act of faith-strengthening. Jesus has rocked my own preconceptions and has made me ask hard questions about why those of us who bear his name don't do a better job of following him."	14 sessions 1995	2 books, leader's guide, 3 participant's guides, VHS tape	In-Depth	All			Offsite
The Jesus Way A Conversation on the Ways That Jesus is the Way	Peterson , Eugene	A way of sacrifice. A way of failure. A way on the margins. A way of holiness. In The Jesus Way Eugene Peterson shows how the ways of those who came before Christ — Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah, and Isaiah — revealed and prepared the "way of the Lord" that became incarnate and complete in Jesus. Further, Peterson calls into question common "ways" followed by the contemporary American church, showing in stark relief how what we have chosen to focus on — consumerism, celebrity, charisma, and so forth — obliterates what is unique in the Jesus way.	11 weeks 3rd in series 2007	Book & study guide	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar Offsite

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The Journey Walking the Road to Bethlehem	Hamilton, Adam	Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in 24 Hours That Changed the World, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.	Christmas Study 2011 5 session	DVD, Leader's Guide & Book. Participant's Guide must be purchased separately. Youth & Children's editions also available, plus "The Journey: A Season of Reflections" Offsite has Book & DVD	None	All	<30 minutes/day	Great study - the historical information is very interesting	Glen Mar Offsite
The Me I Want to Be	Ortberg, John	This book will show how God's perfect vision for you starts with a powerful promise. All those who trust in God "will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8). Ortberg urges you to recognize your brokenness, understand that God is the project manager, and follow His directions. The author first helps gauge your spiritual health and measure the gap between where you are now and where God intends you to be. Then he provides detailed tasks and exercises to help you live in the flow of the Spirit, circumventing real-world barriers—pain and sorrow, temptations, self-doubt, sin—to flourish even in a dark and broken world. As you start living in the flow, you will feel: — a deeper connection with God — a growing sense of joy — an honest recognition of your brokenness — less fear, more trust — a growing sense of being "rooted in love" — a deeper sense of purpose God invites you to join Him in crafting an abundant and joy-filled life. The Me I Want to Be shows you how to graciously accept His invitation.	Glen Mar Church-Wide Study 2016	Book, Participant's Guide, Leader's Guide & DVD	None	All	<30 minutes/day	Good study for self-reflection.	Glen Mar
The Miracles of Jesus	Otto, David	The Miracles of Jesus will help learners experience the miracles as part of the redemptive work of Jesus and to understand these miracles as a testimony to Jesus' identity, as depicted in the Gospels. Included are: Jesus as a miracle-working figure, Healing as symbolic action, such as rethinking the purpose of the Sabbath, Exorcisms, "Portents"—miracles showing Jesus' divine authority and Old Testament predecessors, such as Moses and Elijah, Miracles, or signs, in the Gospel of John, Miracles as signs of the early church, Miracles of healing and touch, and Jesus and miracles beyond the Gospels.	6-8 sessions 2000	None	In-Depth	All			Offsite
The Present Future Six Tough Questions for the Church	McNeal, Reggie	Many of the old beliefs held by church leaders and congregations read as if they are self-evident, irrefutable truths. If you build the perfect church they will come . . . Growing your church automatically makes a difference in the community . . . Developing better church members will mean better evangelism . . . Time has failed to produce the evidence of these claims. In this provocative book, author, consultant, and church leadership developer Reggie McNeal debunks these and other old assumptions and provides an overall strategy to help church leaders move forward in an entirely different and much more effective way. In The Present Future, McNeal identifies the six most important realities that church leaders must address including: recapturing the spirit of Christianity and replacing "church growth" with a wider vision of kingdom growth; developing disciples instead of church members; fostering the rise of a new apostolic leadership; focusing on spiritual formation rather than church programs; and shifting from prediction and planning to preparation for the challenges of an uncertain world. McNeal contends that by changing the questions church leaders ask themselves about their congregations and their plans, they can frame the core issues and approach the future with new eyes, new purpose, and new ideas. Written for congregational leaders, pastors, and staff leaders, The Present Future captures the urgency of a future that is literally now upon us, in a thoughtful, vigorous way. It is filled with examples of leaders and churches who are emerging into a new identity and purpose, and rediscovering the focus of their mission within new spiritual dimensions.	2003	Book, DVD, leader's guide, participant's guide	In-Depth	Leaders			Offsite
The Pressure's Off There's a New Way to Live	Crabb, Lawrence J.	There are two basic approaches to life's two pathways. One creates pressure, the other provides freedom. In the Old Way of life, as best-selling author, psychologist, and spiritual director Larry Crabb describes it, you have decided that what you most want out of life is within your reach, and you are doing whatever you believe it takes to get it's. But in the New Way of life, you have realized that what you most want is beyond your reach, and you are trusting God for the satisfaction you seek. You want Him. Nothing less, not even His blessings, will do. "The Old Way", the way most Christians define life and pursue fulfillment, is fundamentally wrong and harmful. It leaves us tired, in bondage, and feeling distant from God. But the New Way brings true freedom and refreshment as we tap into the power to draw closer to God in a personal way. We can't always make life work. But we can always draw near to God. There is a different way to approach our problems. There is a NEW WAY to live.	8 sessions 2004	Book, workbook	In-Depth	All			Offsite

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The Prodigal God Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith	Keller, Timothy	Newsweek called renowned minister Timothy Keller "a C. S. Lewis for the twenty-first century" in a feature on his first book, The Reason for God. In that book, he offered a rational explanation of why we should believe in God. Now, in The Prodigal God, he uses one of the best-known Christian parables to reveal an unexpected message of hope and salvation. Taking his trademark intellectual approach to understanding Christianity, Keller uncovers the essential message of Jesus, locked inside his most familiar parable. Within that parable Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. This book will challenge both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way. Look out for Timothy Keller's latest book, A The Songs of Jesus. From the Hardcover edition.	6 sessions 2008	2 books, DVD, 3 discussion guides	In-Depth	All			Offsite
The Pursuit of God with Study Guide	Tozer, A. W.	During a train trip from Chicago in the late 1940s, A.W. Tozer began to work on The Pursuit of God. He wrote all night long, the words coming to him as fast as he could put them down. By the next morning, when the train pulled into McAllen, Texas, the rough draft was done. Although written in such a remarkably short period of time, the depth, clarity and completeness of Tozer's message has made The Pursuit of God an enduring favorite. Prepare yourself for a deeply meaningful and enjoyable experience.	1998	Study guide included	In-Depth	All			Offsite
The Reason for God Belief in an Age of Skepticism	Keller, Timothy	A New York Times bestseller people can believe in--by "a pioneer of the new urban Christians" (Christian Today magazine) and the "C.S. Lewis for the 21st century" (Newsweek). Timothy Keller, the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics and non-believers bring to religion. Using literature, philosophy, anthropology, pop culture, and intellectual reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. To true believers he offers a solid platform on which to stand against the backlash toward religion spawned by the Age of Skepticism. And to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God. Look out for Timothy Keller's latest book, The Songs of Jesus.	6 sessions 2009	Book, discussion guide, DVD	In-Depth	All			Offsite
The Story: Getting to the Heart of God's Story	Frazer, Randy	To understand the Bible, says author and Pastor Randy Frazer, you need bifocal lenses, because two perspectives are involved. The Lower Story, our story, is actually many stories of men and women interacting with God in the daily course of life. The Upper Story is God's story, the tale of his great, overarching purpose that fits all the individual stories together like panels in one unified mural. The curriculum includes 31 ten-minute video sessions, that teach on how the story of Scripture intersects with the story of our life. The Story video curriculum will open your eyes to God's master-plan unfolding in the lives of the Bible's characters-and in your own life. Discover the heart of God's Upper Story, and the joy that comes as you align your story with God's.	Sessions: 1. Creating: The Beginning of Life as we Know It 2. God Builds a Nation 3. Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh 4. Deliverance 5. New Commands and a new Covenant 6. Wandering 7. The Battle Begins 8. A Few Good Men...and Women 9. The Faith of a Foreign Woman 10. Standing Tall, Falling Hard 11. From Shepherd to King 12. The Trials of a King 13. The King Who Had It All 14. A Kingdom Torn in Two 15. God's Messengers 16. The Beginning of the End (of the Kingdom of Israel) 17. The Kingdoms' Fall 18. Daniel in Exile 19. The Return Home 20. The Queen of Beauty and Courage 21. Rebuilding the Walls 22. The Birth of the King 23. Jesus' Ministry Begins 24. No Ordinary Man 25. Jesus, the Son of God	Participant's guide, DVD	In-Depth	All			Glen Mar
The Way, Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus	Hamilton, Adam	Using historical information, archaeological data, and stories of the faith, Hamilton follows in the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the parables he taught, the enemies he made, and the healing he brought.	6 weeks, Lent or anytime	DVD with Leader Guide	None	All			Offsite
This We Believe The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice	Willimon, William H.	For John Wesley, the Bible is the joyfully consistent testimony of God's never-ending grace and ever-seeking love. Likewise, studying the Bible is more than merely knowing what Scripture says; it is also about living every day as a child of God. Beginning with the Core Terms found in The Wesley Study Bible, Bishop Willimon systematically lays out key Wesleyan tenets of faith so that you will have a fresh way to hear God's voice, share in God's grace, and become more like Jesus Christ. This book can be used as an eight-week, small-group study. A Leader Guide is also available. Let this book be your trusted companion to The Wesley Study Bible as you grow to love God with a warmed heart and serve God with active hands.	8 sessions 2010	Leader's Guide is available but not in the library.	In-Depth	All			Offsite

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Through His Eyes - A Woman's Guide to Living with an Eternal Perspective	Miller, Kathy Collard	Learn the difference between earthly and heavenly perspectives on topics such as grace, identity, growth, purpose, service, and transcendence. Explore common attitudes that can blur your spiritual vision.	10 week Bible Study 1999	Includes questions for groups or individuals	None	Women			Glen Mar
Transformation Letting God Change You from the Inside Out	Hybels, Bill	Team up with God for the project of your life! Right now, God is ready to transform your life. But He wants your partnership. The strength and guidance for transformation come from Him-but the green light can only come from you. Transformation will help you recognize and cooperate with God's transforming influence in your life. Each session focuses on a critical area He has targeted for change and growth. You'll learn proven ways of responding to God's guidance that will keep you growing closer to Him. You'll also discover an inspiring picture of what awaits you as a fully devoted follower-membership in a joyous, supportive community of believers, infused with God's love. Interactions-a powerful, challenging tool for building deep relationships between you and your group member, and you and God. Interaction is far more than another group Bible study. It's a cutting-edge series designed to help small group participants develop into fully devoted followers of Christ.	6 sessions 2005	Leader notes and additional suggestions and helpful ideas are included.	In-Depth	All			Offsite
Transformed - How God Changes Us	Warren, Rick	Transformed is a 7-session study that guides you to grow by exploring what the Bible has to say about every essential area of our lives. This resource kit gives you what it takes to help your church members... Grow closer to God Live life with less stress Reconcile broken relationships Better handle money Be more confident at work	Participant's workbook contains the study guide for all 7 small group lessons, a daily devotional for each day of the campaign (49 total), space for weekly sermon notes, and suggestions for further study based on each week's topic. DVD messages are 25- to 35-minute video messages.	Includes Participant's Workbook, DVD & Music CDs. (NOTE: Missing Disk 1)	None	All			Glen Mar
Trusting God - Even When Life Hurts	Bridges, Jerry	In an effort to strengthen his own trust in God during a time of adversity, Navigator author Jerry Bridges began a lengthy Bible study on God's sovereignty. The revelations changed his life. In Trusting God, Jerry shares the scope of God's power to help you come to know Him better, have a relationship with Him, and trust Him more—even when unjust things happen. Tragedy, grief, loss, and death are part of life. Discover how Trusting God can reveal biblical truths about God. A study guide is also available separately.		Book. Study guide is also available but not in the resource center.	None	All			Glen Mar
Twisting the Truth Participant's Guide Learning to Discern in a Culture of Deception	Stanley, Andy	Join Andy Stanley for Twisting the Truth, a six-session small group Bible study developed to help you and your group understand how truth can get twisted and distorted, and how that impacts your life. Throughout the study Stanley exposes four destructive and all-too-prevalent lies about authority, pain, sex, and sin. They're deceptions powerful enough to ruin our relationships, our lives, even our eternities—but only if we let them. With his gift for straight, to-the-heart communication, Andy Stanley helps us exchange falsehoods for truths that can turn our lives completely around. Sessions include: 1. The Sound of Deception 2. All Is Not as It Seems 3. Says Who? 4. Facing Forward 5. It's Only Physical 6. It's No Mistake	6 sessions 2008 The Participant Guide is filled with helpful discussion starters, video overviews, space for writing down thoughts, a helpful Leader's Guide and much more. It's designed to be used with the companion Twisting the Truth DVD (sold separately) which features six 10-15 minute live teaching sessions from Andy Stanley.	Participant's guide, DVD	None	All			Offsite
Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism	Reese, Martha Grace	Based on a major, four-year study of superb evangelism, funded by the Lilly Endowment, Unbinding the Gospel sparkles with life, practicality and spiritual depth. Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism is a book for pastors who want to know the truth about the state of evangelism. Recently selected by The Christian Century as a featured "Take and Read" book (2007 book issue), Unbinding the Gospel is a book for Christians who want a hopeful, powerful, joy-filled way to learn to share their faith. (It's also a book for people who cringe when they hear the "E" word!) This book for congregational use has been enthusiastically endorsed by 8 heads of denominations, Brian McLaren, Richard Peace, as well as by countless pastors and church leaders. Unbinding the Gospel, 2nd ed. is the foundation of the Unbinding the Gospel Series, which can lead to a six-week, all-congregation saturation study with individual prayer, small group study and all-church worship and prayer dimensions. See Unbinding Your Heart (the 6 week version of GOSPEL, with a different 40 day prayer journal) and Unbinding Your Church (the Pastor's Guide). Follow up your all-church saturation study (the "E-vent") with a small group based Experiment in Christian Prayer & Community using Unbinding Your Soul. Small groups will double when members invite their unchurched friends into the Experiment. Unbinding the GOSPEL is in more than 12,000 congregations, in 49 denominations, all 50 states and 8 countries. The new second edition contains a personal 40 day prayer journal. Order one copy for each small group participant. From the Unbinding the Gospel Series.		A Leader's guide is available, but not in the resource center	None	All			Glen Mar

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Unbinding Your Heart: 40 Days of Prayer & Faith Sharing	Reese , Martha Grace	Unbinding Your Heart: 40 Days of Prayer & Faith Sharing is a brilliant book -- witty, engaging, and grounded in a four-year Lilly Endowment study. Unbinding Your Heart is a six-week individual and small-group study for your entire congregation. Part of the Unbinding the Gospel Series, by author, researcher, pastor and attorney Martha Grace Reese. Church leaders should first study Unbinding the Gospel (the church leaders' study) that was selected by The Christian Century as a featured Take and Read" book in its 2007 Book Issue. Then use Unbinding Your Heart as a study and devotional for the whole congregation. The third book in the series, Unbinding Your Church (the pastor's guide), will help you plan, teach, pray and organize your all-church study. The Unbinding Series has been enthusiastically endorsed by eight heads of denominations, Brian McLaren, George Hunter, Becky Garrison, Richard Peace, and countless pastors and church leaders. Important Note: Order a copy of Unbinding Your Heart for each person participating in the study. From the Unbinding the Gospel Series.		Book (3) , All Church Study & Personal Prayer Journal	None	All			Glen Mar
Unbinding Your Soul - Your Experiment in Prayer & Community	Reese , Martha Grace	NEXT in the Unbinding the Gospel Series. With 40 day personal prayer journal. For small groups ready to invite... Unbinding Your Soul is the "unbinding" model for actual, invitational evangelism. Typical mainline churches get ready for the Unbinding Your Soul small group study with Unbinding the Gospel/Unbinding Your Heart "pre-evangelism." SOUL helps them invite unchurched friends or recent visitors to try an "experiment" (some churches call it a "test drive") of Christian faith and community. Many people who aren't connected with a church would love to try a no-obligation "experiment" of substantial spiritual discussion, prayer, and community. Unbinding Your Soul prepares church members to invite their friends into a four-week small group experience with short study chapters, an individual prayer journal, prayer partner activities, and group exercises. Unbinding Your Soul works for: Growing, healthy churches, Churches that have done an all-church saturation study with the Unbinding the Gospel Series, New church starts, New members' classes, and "On fire" groups in typical churches. Note: Two copies will be needed per small group participant. Participants pray for the person to receive the extra book. Groups double. The Unbinding the Gospel Series is in over 12,000 congregations across the theological spectrum. The Christian Century, Alban Institute Congregations, Evangelism Connections, 8 heads of denominations, Brian McLaren, George Hunter & Richard Peace have endorsed it enthusiastically. The Series arises out of the only major national study of evangelism in mainline churches, funded by the Lilly Endowment. From the Unbinding the Gospel Series	This book is comprised of two four-week sets of "studies." One set is designed for church people, and the other is for "experiment" groups. The hope is that after working through the church-focused studies, the groups will want to invite others into the conversation. The twist to the book is its lay out. The series set for church people is found in Part Two (chapters 5-8), and the set designed for the experiment groups is found in Part One (chapters 1-4). You may, as the reader, begin to wonder why the book is laid out the way it is. After all, the set found in chapters 5-8 will likely be covered first. There is a rationale. Reese believes that it's rude to invite people to a study that is "half-way over." The introduction will make all of this clear.	Part three of the book includes information on how to use the prayer journal, a facilitator's guide, and a pastor's guide.	None	All	Yes		Glen Mar
Vanishing Grace Whatever Happened to the Good News?	Yancey , Phillip	In his landmark book What's So Amazing about Grace?, Philip Yancey issued a call for Christians to be as grace-filled in their behavior as they are in declaring their beliefs. He now returns to this vital subject, asking why Christians continue to lose respect, influence, and reputation in modern culture. Yet people everywhere still thirst for grace. How can Christians present truly Good News amid the changing landscapes of our time? Why do so many people dislike Christians? How can we communicate faith in an appealing way to future generations? Using his trademark journalistic style--story-filled, compelling, accessible--Yancey explores how grace can bridge the gap between Christian faith and a world increasingly suspicious of it.	5 weeks- approx. 20 minute DVD per week 2014 5 sessions	Study guide & DVD Offsite has 2 study guides & DVD.	None	All			Glen Mar Offsite
What Do Other Faiths Believe? A Study of World Religions	Stroble , Paul	This in-depth study will have 6-8 sessions. In it the author interviews leaders in Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and other faiths to explore how the beliefs and practices of these religions are similar to and different from basic Christian beliefs. Religious tolerance will be promoted by the understanding of other religions' beliefs about sin, forgiveness, salvation, future beyond death, ethics, etc.		Book	In-Depth	All	N/A		Glen Mar
What Does it Mean to be United Methodist - A 5-Session Video-Based Study	Church , United Methodist	A 5-session video prepared by The United Methodist Church explaining what it means to be a United Methodist.		Leaders Guide, DVD (2)	None	All	N/A		Glen Mar
What Love Is - The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John	Minter , Kelly	The letters of 1, 2, & 3 John were written to encourage followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the truth. Believers are challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world, and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness. This study reveals not only the heart of John but also the heart of Jesus.	6 week small group study	DVD. Participant's guides which contain Leader's guide are also available but not in the resource center	None	Women	<30 minutes/day	Great Study!!	Glen Mar
What the Bible is All About 101	Keefauver , Larry	Genesis through Esther - A reproducible 13 session Bible study on the first 17 books of the Old Testament.		Study Guide	None	All			Glen Mar

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What's So Amazing about Grace?	Yancey , Philip	In 1987, an IRA bomb buried Gordon Wilson and his twenty-year-old daughter beneath five feet of rubble. Gordon alone survived. And forgave. He said of the bombers, "I have lost my daughter, but I bear no grudge. . . . I shall pray, tonight and every night, that God will forgive them." His words caught the media's ear--and out of one man's grief, the world got a glimpse of grace. Grace is the church's great distinctive. It's the one thing the world cannot duplicate, and the one thing it craves above all else--for only grace can bring hope and transformation to a jaded world. In What's So Amazing About Grace? award-winning author Philip Yancey explores grace at street level. If grace is God's love for the undeserving, he asks, then what does it look like in action? And if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy? Yancey sets grace in the midst of life's stark images, tests its mettle against horrific "ungrace." Can grace survive in the midst of such atrocities as the Nazi holocaust? Can it triumph over the brutality of the Ku Klux Klan? Should any grace at all be shown to the likes of Jeffrey Dahmer, who killed and cannibalized seventeen young men? Grace does not excuse sin, says Yancey, but it treasures the sinner. True grace is shocking, scandalous. It shakes our conventions with its insistence on getting close to sinners and touching them with mercy and hope. It forgives the unfaithful spouse, the racist, the child abuser. It loves today's AIDS-ridden addict as much as the tax collector of Jesus' day. In his most personal and provocative book ever, Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. He asks, How can Christians contend graciously with moral issues that threaten all they hold dear? And he challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, What's So Amazing About Grace?"	10 sessions 2002	Book, DVD, participant's guide	In-Depth	All			Offsite
When Christians Get it Wrong	Hamilton , Adam	More and more young adults have opted out of Christianity and the church. The reason? Christians. When young adults talk about the problems they have with Christianity and the church, they often name certain attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual. With his familiar style, Adam Hamilton tackles these issues and addresses the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world. Those who read When Christians Get It Wrong will gain a different way of understanding the issues that keep people away from Christianity and keep Christians from living a more compelling faith. Because, honestly, if we don't start getting it right, we may lose an entire generation.	Topics include the ways in which Christians act that are not Christ-like; Creationism vs. evolution; Non-Christians and Christian Exclusivism, Christian Universalism, and Christian Inclusivism (who is saved and who is not); Is God a "micromanager"; and do bad things happen "because God has a reason that we don't understand", or do bad things "just happen"? 2010	DVD, Leader's Guide, Participant's Guide (7)	None	All	<30 minutes/day	Great study, but very basic	Glen Mar Offsite
When God Weeps - Why Our Sufferings Matter to the Almighty	Tada , Joni Eareckson	A 6-week study on why our sufferings matter to God		DVD, Participant's Guide (2), Leader's Guide	None	All			Glen Mar
When Godly People Do Ungodly Things	Moore , Beth	When Godly People Do Ungodly Things: Arming Yourself in the Age of Seduction - Member Book by Beth Moore provides a personal study experience five days a week plus viewer guides for the group video sessions of this in-depth women's Bible study. In this biblical guide to authentic repentance and restoration Beth examines why devoted followers of Jesus Christ can fall into the traps of Satan. Believers are still subject to Satan's attacks. He is determined to disrupt the lives of Christians, destroy their ministry, and steal their joy. Sadly, those who have "fallen" may not recognize the devil's schemes until they have already been caught in a snare of defeat. This six-week study is written in three parts. The first part is a warning to believers, while the second part shows women how to prepare for attacks by the Enemy. The third part is directed to those who have been snared by seduction, and compassionately points the way back to God.		Participant's Guide (7). Leader's Guide & DVD are available, but not in the Resource Center	In-Depth	Women	6 weeks of personal interactive study five days a week Viewer guide for use with the DVD teaching sessions		Glen Mar
Where Science and Religion Meet	Hamilton , Adam	Are science and religion mutually contradictory ideas? Or do they complement one another? Do the latest scientific discoveries threaten religious faith? Or confirm it? Has science moved humanity beyond its need for religion? Or is religious faith more important now than ever? This six-part video sermon series explores the relationship between science and the Christian faith. Reverend Hamilton interviews scientists from a variety of disciplines, reviews leading scientific ideas and explores the latest scientific discoveries -- all with an eye to understand where science and religion meet.	6 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
Where's God? There's God.	Stanley , Andy	God is not always easy to find in the circumstances of life, but that doesn't mean that he is not there. So how do we find him during difficult times? Where is He when a loved one dies, when you lose your job, or when you discover you have a life-threatening illness? In this 4-part series, we hear from people who found God in the midst of their "Where's God?" moments.	4 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite
Why Worry	Stanley , Andy	In this 3-part series, Andy explores where worry comes from, why it's so difficult to overcome, and what you can do to conquer it.	3 sessions	DVD	None	All	None	None	Offsite

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Why? Making Sense of God's Will	Hamilton, Adam	Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike? When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations; where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to infest his creation? In Why?, best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world, including: God will not take away our free will, even when we use it to grieve him. God will never abandon us, especially in the midst of our suffering. While God is not the author of suffering, God will bring blessing out of tragedy.	2011	Book (2 copies) Leader's Guide & DVD is also available, but not in the library.	None	All New believers	<30 minutes/day	Great study for new believers	Offsite
Woman After God's Own Heart	George, Elizabeth	Experience real peace and joy as you follow God in every area of your life--and become a woman after His heart. With warmth and grace, Elizabeth George shares practical, scriptural insights on how you can pursue God's priorities when it comes to... your husband--foster a deep commitment to serving and honoring him your children--pray faithfully for them and teach them God's Word your home--create a nurturing atmosphere and a tapestry of beauty your walk with the Lord--grow through love of Scripture and in spiritual maturity your ministry--learn to reach out and be a blessing to others Let God fulfill His greatest desire for you. Allow Him to transform you by embracing His plans for you. And find real purpose in a life of prayer, a life of priorities, a life as A Woman After God's Own Heart.		Participant's guide (12), Leader's Guide, DVD, CD	None	Women			Glen Mar

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