



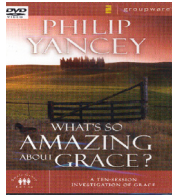
Community Group Leader's Resource Toolbox

DVD Studies



Rob Bell- NOOMA series- These are short films with communicators that really speak to us. Compact, portable and concise. Each NOOMA touches on issues that we care about, that we want to talk about, and it comes in a way that fits our world.

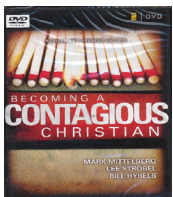
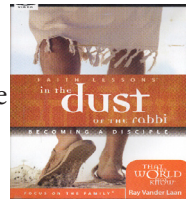
Liquid series- A revolutionary new way to study the Bible. Translating ancient stories into the language of today's culture, gives entertaining episodes that ask relevant questions to help you discover truth. Jesus was the master storyteller, teaching truths so that people would investigate, think and learn.



What's So Amazing About Grace?- Philip Yancey- 10 sessions, approx 15 minutes each. This DVD takes your group for gut-level encounters with radical, life-changing grace. Through candid video interviews, Philip Yancey integrates true-life faces and experiences with ten powerful sessions that will rock your preconceptions about grace.

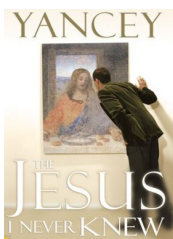
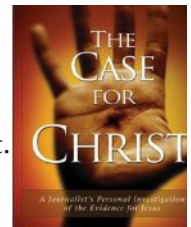
Faith Under Fire- Lee Strobel- four session series- Faith Under Fire features fascinating debates and riveting interviews with Christians, atheists, muslims, and proponents of other faiths as they tackle today's hottest spiritual topics. Interviewer and facilitator Lee Strobel concludes each session by offering his own perspective.

Faith Lessons in the dust of the Rabbi- Ray Vander Laan- A six volume series. Journey to Galilee in Israel where Jesus called his first disciple to follow Him. Then on to Priene and Didyma in Turkey where the disciples learned what it meant to follow the Rabbi.



Becoming A Contagious Christian- Mittelberg, Strobel, Hybels- Six 50-minute sessions. A resource designed to equip believers for relational evangelism. It avoids stereotyped approaches that feel intimidating to many Christians- and to their friends! Instead, it shows ordinary believers how share the gospel in natural and effective ways while being the person God made them to be.

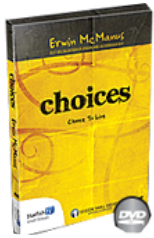
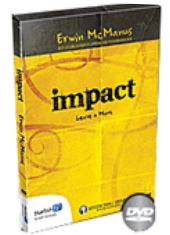
The Case for Christ- Lee Strobel- Skeptics dismiss the Jesus of the Gospels claiming there is no evidence in the case for Christ. Lee Strobel disagrees. The formal legal journalist and one-time atheist knows how to ask tough questions. His own search for the truth about Jesus led him to faith in Christ.



The Jesus I Never Knew- Philip Yancey-The Jesus I Never Knew emerged from a groundbreaking Bible study led by the author. Now your group can share in the same exciting dynamics and discoveries. This small group DVD will engage hearts, minds, emotions and senses. Prepare for life-changing encounters with the Jesus of the Gospels...and discoveries as refreshing, unpredictable, and exciting as the person you're about to meet.

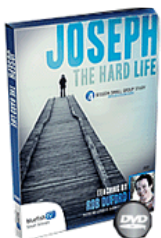
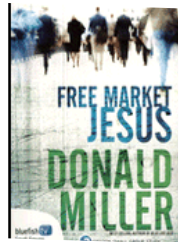
DVD Studies continued

Impact- Erwin McManus- Impact- A forcible contact between two or more things. This is an accurate description of how men and women are used by God to shape the course of human history, Whenever God is doing a new thing, He does it through people. But, we can often feel alone. We may feel alone around others, but we're never alone when it comes to God.



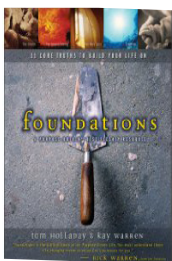
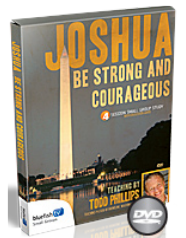
Choices- Erwin McManus- The most spiritual activity you will engage in today is making choices. Our choices either move us toward God and all the fulfillment that comes in Him or steer us away from Him to a life of shame and fear.

Free Market Jesus- Donald Miller- In Free Market Jesus, Donald Miller illustrates how culture always serves as a lens for our understanding of Christianity. He then addresses how scripture defines spirituality and why the scripture is still relevant in our modern culture.



Joseph: The Hard Life- Rob Duford- For a man with so much hope for the future, Joseph spent a good part of his life rejected, abandoned, and imprisoned. How did he endure the abuse, betrayal, disappointment and injustice so prevalent in his life? This four-part series takes a look at how the choices Joseph made helped him overcome every overwhelming obstacle life threw at him.

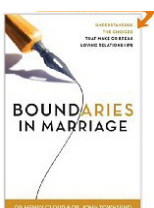
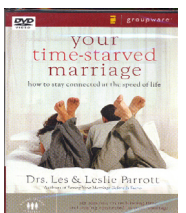
Joshua: Be Strong and Courageous- Todd Phillips- Whether a slave making bricks or a leader of a nation, Joshua lived a life defined by courage, humility, prayer and worship. His life serves as an example and encouragement to us all. Join author, Todd Phillips in the heart of the nation's capitol as he uses familiar landmarks in American history to illuminate the story of Joshua in a way never before experienced. This 4-part series will challenge everyone in your small group to be strong and courageous.



Foundations- Tom Holladay & Kay Warren- Each Foundations DVD study contains four sessions and looks at one of the core truths of the Christian faith. This study on the church focuses on the necessity of fellowship and community among believers. The sessions will delve into the five purposes of the church and key metaphors that will help you understand your part in the life of the Christian church.

Marriage DVD Studies

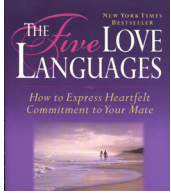
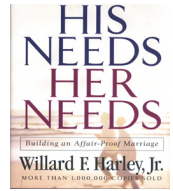
Your Time-starved Marriage- Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott- Reclaim your time. Reconnect your marriage. Do you feel overscheduled and underconnected? Do you wish there was a surefire way to create more meaningful time together each day? Your time-starved marriage isn't about being more productive--it's about being more connected.



Boundaries in Marriage - Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend- Exercises and activities in the eight sessions help partners connect principles with marriage-strengthening application. Boundaries in Marriage will pay huge dividends in your church or group or wherever couples desire to understand friction points or serious hurts and betrayals in their marriage

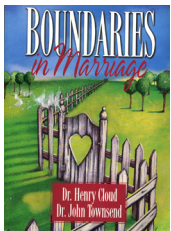
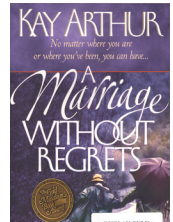
Marriage Books

His Needs Her Needs- Willard F. Harley, Jr.- This book addresses the failure to meet each other's most important emotional needs. Ignorance contributes to this failure because men and women have great difficulty understanding and appreciating the value of each other's needs.



The Five Love Languages- Gary Chapman- He sends you flowers when what you really want is time to talk. She gives you a hug when what you really want is a home-cooked meal. The problem isn't your love- it's your love language. In this international best seller, Dr. Gary Chapman reveals how different people express love in different ways. In fact, there are five specific languages of love.

A Marriage Without Regrets- Kay Arthur- God has a plan for your marriage, so that someday you can look back and know you did it God's way -- with no regrets. A Marriage Without Regrets is bold, honest, practical, and, above all, biblical. Through real-life stories and God-given precepts, Kay Arthur shares the truths that have transformed her own life and countless other marriages over the past 20 years.

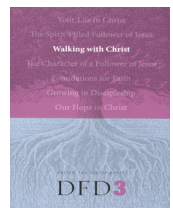


Boundaries in Marriage- Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend- You long for a marriage marked by lifelong love, intimacy, and growth. And it can be yours -- if you set wise boundaries. Boundaries are the "property lines" that define and protect each of you as individuals. Get them in place and you can make a good marriage better and possibly even save a less-than-satisfying one.

Bible Studies

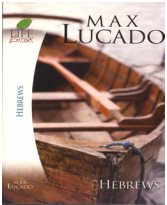
Life-Guide Bible Studies- includes Topical Studies, Character Studies, Seeker Studies, Small Group Books, Old Testament Books, New Testament Books.

Design For Discipleship- Walking with Christ- Navpress- This is book 3 in a series of 7. The series was developed by The Navigators to help you discover how to develop Christian character, have victory over sin, and grow toward maturity in your walk with Christ.



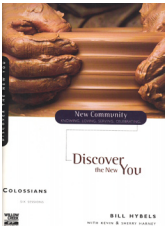
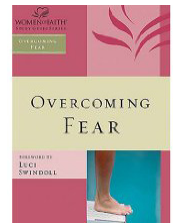
Transforming Life Series- Community- Navpress- This is book 2 in a series of 4. In this study on Community, your group will explore what it takes to combat isolation and build true Christian community. Put these principles into practice by identifying and sharing life stories with others, participating in community the way it was done in the early church.

Bible 101- Study Methods Series- Willow Creek Resources- Experiencing the Power of God's Word- Just as a carpenter needs the right tools to do accurate work, you need certain tools to do fruitful Bible study. These guides will help you learn how to use concordances, dictionaries and other resources. You will practice key study methods, word study, character study and so on- that will reveal the truths of God's Word. With these tools and methods at hand, you will handle God's Word with confidence and anticipation.



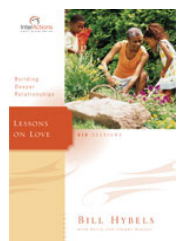
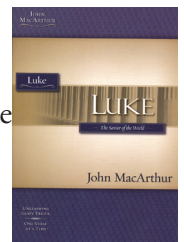
Lucado Life Lessons Series- Max Lucado- This book is 8 in a 12 series collection that brings the New Testament to life in twelve lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational storytelling, profound reflections, and space for journaling. Revised and updated, Lucado Life Lessons continues to be one of the best-selling study guide series available for small groups.

Overcoming Fear: Women of Faith- forward by Luci Swindoll- Has fear stolen your joy? Do the thoughts of your ability to enjoy the present? Have you experienced moments when your stomach clenches at the thought of what's to come or what could happen? Does anxiety wear you out and leave you longing for peace of mind? You don't have to let unhealthy fears control you! Join us as we dive into scripture to discover that God is bigger than any fear you may face and He has the power to fill your life with unshakeable peace.



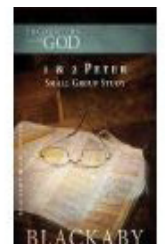
New Community Series- Bill Hybels- Willow Creek Resources- This is book 5 in an 8 series series collection. This cutting edge series lets you explore life-changing topics from a biblical perspective in community with others in your small group. Challenging questions encourage you to reflect on scripture and its impact on your life, both as an individual and as part of a community of Christ followers.

Unleashing God's Truth- Luke- John MacArthur- The MacArthur study guides series provides a twelve week, verse-by-verse examination of the books of the New Testament. This series continues to be one of the best-selling study guide series currently available for individuals or small groups.

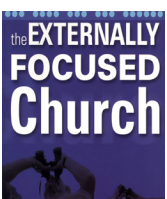


Building Deeper Relationships- Lessons on Love- Bill Hybels- A bold yet compassionate love is a trademark of Jesus Christ. Love without limits. A world-changing love. Can such a love be reproduced in the lives of sinful men and women like us? Is it possible to follow Jesus' model of giving and receiving love? In Lessons on Love, you'll find out how. You'll learn about the various kinds of love, beginning with forms of love you'll recognize and ending with a supernatural love so awesome it can utterly transform lives.

Encounters with God- 1 & 2 Peter- Blackaby- The Encounters with God small group studies offer you an opportunity to grasp the fundamentals of the faith in Jesus Christ with some of today's most skilled Bible scholars and practitioners. As a result of using this series, you will uncover personal and timeless lessons from God's Word with the guidance and wisdom of the Blackabys. Encounters with God- 1 & 2 Peter looks at Peter's words of encouragement and assurance about our eternal inheritance made possible by the priceless shed blood of Christ.



Miscellaneous Recommended Books



The Externally Focused Church- Rick Rusaw & Eric Swanson- Externally focused churches ask for little from many people, not great things from a few. And rather than changing or creating ministries, they partner with organizations that already help people in need. Learn from churches that have made serving their communities a priority- with dramatic results.

250 Big Ideas- Steve Gladen & Lance Witt- This is a book of 250 ideas to help implement the 5 purposes into your group life.

