



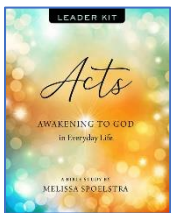
Resources added this fall - list 1! (selected titles)

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DVDs:



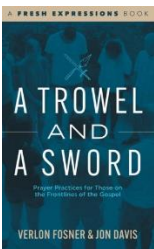
ACTS: AWAKENING TO GOD IN EVERYDAY LIFE (101110) Author: Spoelstra, Melissa. Whether it's because of distractions, busyness, or a case of the blahs, we can experience a drift toward indifference in our spiritual lives. We have a need for an ongoing spiritual awakening if we want to become more aware of God's presence and activity in our everyday lives. In this six- or seven-session DVD study with Melissa Spoelstra, you will journey with the first followers of Jesus and witness the birth and growth of the early church through spiritual awakening to the power of God's Spirit, message, freedom, grace, mission, and direction. Sessions:

Introduction/optional session (11 min.); 1) Awakening to God's power (32 min.); 2) Awakening to God's message (27 min.); 3) Awakening to freedom (24 min.); 4) Awakening to grace (25 min.); 5) Awakening to God's mission (28 min.); 6) Awakening to God's direction (23 min.). Includes leader guide and sample participant book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 170 Minutes.



MARK: IN THE COMPANY OF CHRIST (113093) Author: Manion, Jeff. Mark's gospel has an urgency to it that's hard to ignore. It's as if he is breathless, trying to get the information out as quickly as he can, as a response to the great persecution of Christians by Nero that was taking place when Mark wrote this book. In his rapid-fire account, he pulls no punches in answering these important questions: Who is this Jesus? What does he expect of me? Is suffering a normal part of the Christian life? What will encourage and strengthen my trust in Jesus? These questions are not born of a lack of faith, but serve to strengthen and stabilize our relationship with the Savior. In this six-session DVD study, Jeff Manion guides you through Mark's biography of Jesus, revealing what the author's words meant to his original readers and how they apply to you today. Part of the 40 Days Through the

Book series, designed to help believers more actively engage with God's Word. Each study encourages participants to read through one book in the New Testament at least once during the course of 40 days (approximately 6 weeks of meetings) and will provide them with a clear understanding of the background and culture in which the book was written, insights into key passages of Scripture, and clear applications and takeaways from the particular book that participants can apply to their lives. Sessions: 1) The invitation – Mk 1 - 3:6 (21 min.); 2) Lessons for disciples - Mk 3:7 – 5:43 (20 min.); 3) Hearing and seeing – Mk 6:1 – 8:26 (21 min.); 4) The way of the cross – Mk 8:27 – 10:52 (19 min.); 5) Purchased by God – Mk 11:1 – 13:37 (20 min.); 6) A new beginning – Mk 14:1 – 16:20 (21 min.) Includes guide. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 122 Minutes.



TROWEL AND A SWORD: PRAYER PRACTICES FOR THOSE ON THE FRONTLINES OF THE GOSPEL (120086) Author: Fosner, Verlon. On the front lines of the gospel, Christians are in the business of kicking in the front door of the strongman and plundering his house—removing people he has worked hard to oppress. Accordingly, prayer must take on a declarative, bold, and authoritative tone. To show up on the front lines of the gospel without this form of prayer is the equivalent of bringing the proverbial knife to a gunfight. This conflict becomes more acute as a church becomes more effective at reaching lost people. In Nehemiah, after the group became effective at working with the trowel in building the wall, there came a time when their enemies gathered, and they had to become skilled with the sword. What a picture for an effective gospel worker: a trowel of evangelism in one hand

and a sword of prayer in the other. In this DVD study, Verlon Fosner shares a vision of what happens when an effective prayer strategy pairs with an effective evangelism strategy. This kit includes a DVD (with a video segment for each chapter of the book) and the paperback book. Sessions: 1) Prayer billabongs (7 min.); 2) Effective evangelism and subsequent war (10 min.); 3) A simple theology of prayer (10 min.); 4) Inviting the Kingdom onto Earth (13 min.); 5) Focused on the family rescue business (11 min.); 6) Willing to wait upon God (12 min.); 7) The historic cry for boldness (11 min.); 8) Dispelling darkness (11 min.); 9) The unparalleled power of prayer walks (11 min.); 10) The least, the last, and the left behind (12 min.); 11) Special sessions of prayer (12 min.); 12) The needful union of trowel and sword (15 min.). CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 135 Minutes.

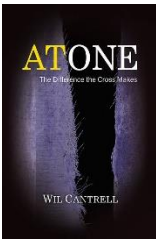


YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS MOMENT: HOW THE STORY OF ESTHER INSPIRES US TO STEP UP AND STAND OUT FOR GOD (125017) Author: Lucado, Max. In this five-session DVD study, Max Lucado explores the story of Esther. The promise for God's people in the book of Esther is the same promise that we have today. Our God triumphs in troubled times. Will you, like Mordacai and Esther, realize you are a position "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14)? God is calling you to rise up in these chaotic times. Sessions: 1) Cozy in the culture, Esther 1:1–2:18 (17 min.); 2) A moment of decision, Esther 2:19–4:14 (17 min.); 3) Heaven set in motion, Esther 4:15–6:14 (16 min.); 4) The God of great turnarounds, Esther 7:1–8:17 (17 min.); 5) Remembering God's faithfulness, Esther 9:1–10:3 (16 min.). Includes study guide and hardback book. **CLOSED CAPTIONED.** Age: Adult. 83 Minutes.

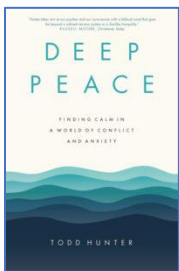
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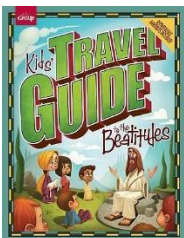
5 VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY: PERSPECTIVES ON WHAT COULD OR SHOULD BE (821124) Author: Oestreicher, Mark, editor. Is youth ministry thriving? Stagnant? Evolving? Dying? What does any of that mean for us as youth workers, or, more critically, for the young people we care about? In this book, a group of youth ministry thought leaders are asked two key questions: What are the problems youth ministry currently faces? And what is the pathway forward? Each chapter represents a thoughtful, practical, and challenging viewpoint. At the end of each chapter, there is a sidebar from an in-the-trenches youth worker whose ministry is currently living out the future the chapter's writer foresees. Chapters and contributors: Stranger things – embracing the oddness of Jesus in youth ministry (Kenda Creasy Dean); The future is young, urban, and multiethnic (Tommy Nixon); The curious case of the disappearing youth worker (Mark DeVries); Engaging ALL families (Virginia Ward); Reflecting from this side of the pond - our reality and your future? (Chris Curtis); Re-weirdifying youth ministry – case studies (Kenda Creasy Dean). Age: Adult. 141 Pages.



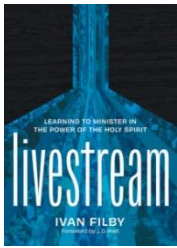
ATONE: THE DIFFERENCE THE CROSS MAKES (821096) Author: Cantrell, Wil. Christians have always agreed that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross made it possible for humanity to once again be at one with God. The church has never agreed on exactly how Jesus' sacrifice made this possible. Instead, many theories of atonement were offered as explanations - each of which offers a compelling, yet incomplete glimpse into the saving work of Jesus on the cross. In this book, Wil Cantrell explores the great mystery behind all the theories of how Jesus' sacrifice enables us to be at one with God, ourselves, and others. Readers will be challenged to move beyond solely intellectual discussions to atonement and to experience for themselves the transformation made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Written especially for the Lenten season (but appropriate at any time), ATONE is divided into six chapters. Chapters: Why did Jesus have to die?; Forgiveness and everything that comes with it; The great war; A new nature; The family you never knew you had; For all. Larger than average print. Age: Adult. 129 Pages.



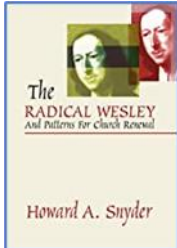
DEEP PEACE: FINDING CALM IN A WORLD OF CONFLICT AND ANXIETY (821104) Author: Hunter, Todd. In this book, Todd Hunter analyzes the anxiety and desperation of our current moment and leads readers to receive the peace of Jesus and experience the deep wholeness that comes from the peace of God. He articulates a biblical framework for peace and provides practices to help Christians value and seek peace, becoming people of peace in ordinary life. He reveals the heart issues from which these problems arise and introduces spiritual practices for becoming different sorts of people and different kinds of communities. Chapters: Peace killers – fear, anger, aggression, attachments; Peace killers – pain, unanswered prayer, self-centeredness; Peace killers – life online, obsession with failure, fear of missing out; The God of peace; The peace of God's Kingdom; Choosing peace with God; An apprentice to Jesus in peace; The Jesus of justice, mercy, and humility; The Spirit of peace; The Spirit of the Lord's favor; Cultivating a mellow heart; Why so anxious, O my soul?; Peace for an anxious mind; Rejecting fear-based hostility; Loving the other; Pursuing peace with others; Welcoming peace; Peace building – Sabbath and poverty of spirit; Peace in social relations; Peace in trials and temptations; Conclusion. Includes questions for reflection or discussion. Age: Adult. 261 Pages.



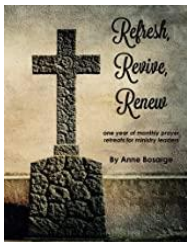
KIDS' TRAVEL GUIDE TO THE BEATITUDES (821120) Author: Bosarge; Christy; Haslett; Nappa. Use these 13 travel-themed lessons to explore the beatitudes in a fresh, new way with children (ages K-5th grade). Session titles: Jesus calls his disciples (Mt. 4:18-22); The crowd follows Jesus (Mt. 4:23-25); The Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5:1-2); God blesses those who are poor (Mt. 5:3); God blesses those who are sad (Mt. 5:4); God blesses those who are gentle and kind (Mt. 5:5); God blesses those who are fair (Mt. 5:6); God blesses those who are merciful (Mt. 5:7); God blesses those whose hearts are pure (Mt. 5:8); God blesses those who work for peace (Mt. 5:9); God blesses those who are punished for doing right (Mt. 5:10); God blesses those who are made fun of (Mt. 5:11); A great reward awaits (Mt. 5:12). Age: Adult. 151 Pages.



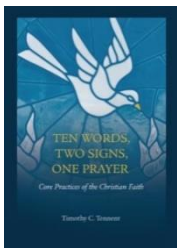
LIVESTREAM: LEARNING TO MINISTER IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (821106) Author: Filby, Ivan. “Does God want to use me?” “Am I good enough? If you resonate with these words, then this book is for you. It’s not only crammed full of faith building stories of healings, visions, and life-changing prophetic words, it contains unique insights to help you to learn how to minister the Holy Spirit’s power right where you are. As you read this book, you’ll catch Ivan Filby’s enthusiasm for living a life attentive to the Holy Spirit’s whispers to step out in faith and change lives. He gives examples and practical insights to help you learn to flow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit including healing, words of knowledge and prophetic words. He has the knack of making God’s supernatural gifts seem very natural and accessible, and he’ll give you plenty of practical steps to help you on your journey. Chapters: Livestreaming; Cutting remarks; That’s bananas; Shirt and tie; Praying the course; Holy wind. Includes questions for reflection and discussion. Age: Adult. 166 Pages.



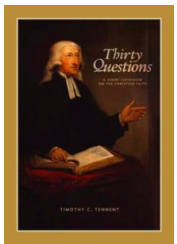
RADICAL WESLEY AND PATTERNS FOR CHURCH RENEWAL (821101) Author: Snyder, Howard. Chapters: Introduction – new-but-old truths; Wesley’s roots; Aldersgate and Fetter Lane; Preaching to the poor; A people called Methodists; New wineskins; What is the church?; The church in history; Ministry and sacrament; What kind of radical?; Patterns of renewal; The Wesleyan synthesis; Wesley and the church today. Includes index. Age: Adult. 189 Pages.



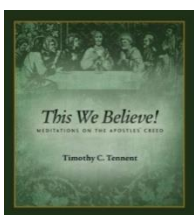
REFRESH, REVIVE, RENEW: ONE YEAR OF MONTHLY PRAYER RETREATS FOR MINISTRY LEADERS (821116) Author: Bosarge, Anne. Prayer should be the foundation of every ministry, the driving force of every decision, and a natural part of the way leaders relate to each other. Within the church, we talk about the importance and power of prayer, yet church staff and key leaders often spend very little scheduled time together praying for the direction and vision of church ministries. If prayer is the way we hear from God and learn His direction for our lives and ministry, time spent together in prayer should be a priority. This book is a collection of monthly prayer retreats for church staff and key leaders. As a leadership team, set aside a few hours each month and follow the simple guidelines in this book to create corporate and individual prayer experiences that help you seek God’s will for your church and ministries. As you pray and share what God has revealed, your team will grow closer as a community, and deeper in their personal faith. As a result, church programs and ministries will develop a richness that can only be found through knowing and doing God’s will. Schedule time for your church leadership to break away from the unending list of to-dos and take advantage of these regular opportunities to refresh, revive, and renew your focus and direction. Age: Adult. 92 Pages.



TEN WORDS, TWO SIGNS, ONE PRAYER: CORE PRACTICES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH (821109) Author: Tennent, Timothy. The Christian faith is rooted in both what we believe and how we are to live. This brief book is an exploration of the practices and shared life which we celebrate together as Christians. It follows a long tradition of discipleship and catechesis in focusing on the Ten Commandments (11 short chapters), the two sacraments of baptism and Communion (3 short chapters), and the Lord’s Prayer (6 short chapters). This book serves as the third, and final installment, in a series of books dedicated to catechesis. The earlier books are ‘This We Believe!’ (#821107) and ‘Thirty Questions’ (#821108). Together, these three volumes set forth the basic core of Christian discipleship. These books are designed to be practical resources for a small group study, a guide for parents in training their children, a personal devotional guide, or a core sermon series for pastors. Age: High school - Adult. 113 Pages.



THIRTY QUESTIONS: A SHORT CATECHISM ON THE CHRISTIAN FAITH (821108) Author: Tennent, Timothy. This brief book translates the historic faith of the Church into a basic training resource for both believers and those yet to believe. Here you will find the very core and essence of the Gospel set in the framework of short questions and thought-provoking responses. This book serves as the second in a series of books dedicated to catechesis. The other books are ‘This We Believe!’ (#821107) and ‘Ten Words, Two Signs, One Prayer’ (#821109). Together, these three volumes set forth the basic core of Christian discipleship. These books are designed to be practical resources for a small group study, a guide for parents in training their children, a personal devotional guide, or a core sermon series for pastors. Age: High school - Adult. 99 Pages.



THIS WE BELIEVE! MEDITATIONS ON THE APOSTLES’ CREED (821107) Author: Tennent, Timothy. Broken into twelve short chapters, one for each of the great faith declarations of the Apostles’ Creed, this brief book makes for an excellent introduction or refresher course on the essentials of the Christian faith. This book serves as the first in a series of books dedicated to catechesis. The other books are ‘Thirty Questions: A Short Catechism on the Christian Faith’ (#821108) and ‘Ten Words, Two Signs, One Prayer’ (#821109). Together, these three volumes set forth the basic core of Christian discipleship. These books are designed to be practical resources for a small group study, a guide for parents in training their children, a personal devotional guide, or a core sermon series for pastors. Age: High school - Adult. 79 Pages.