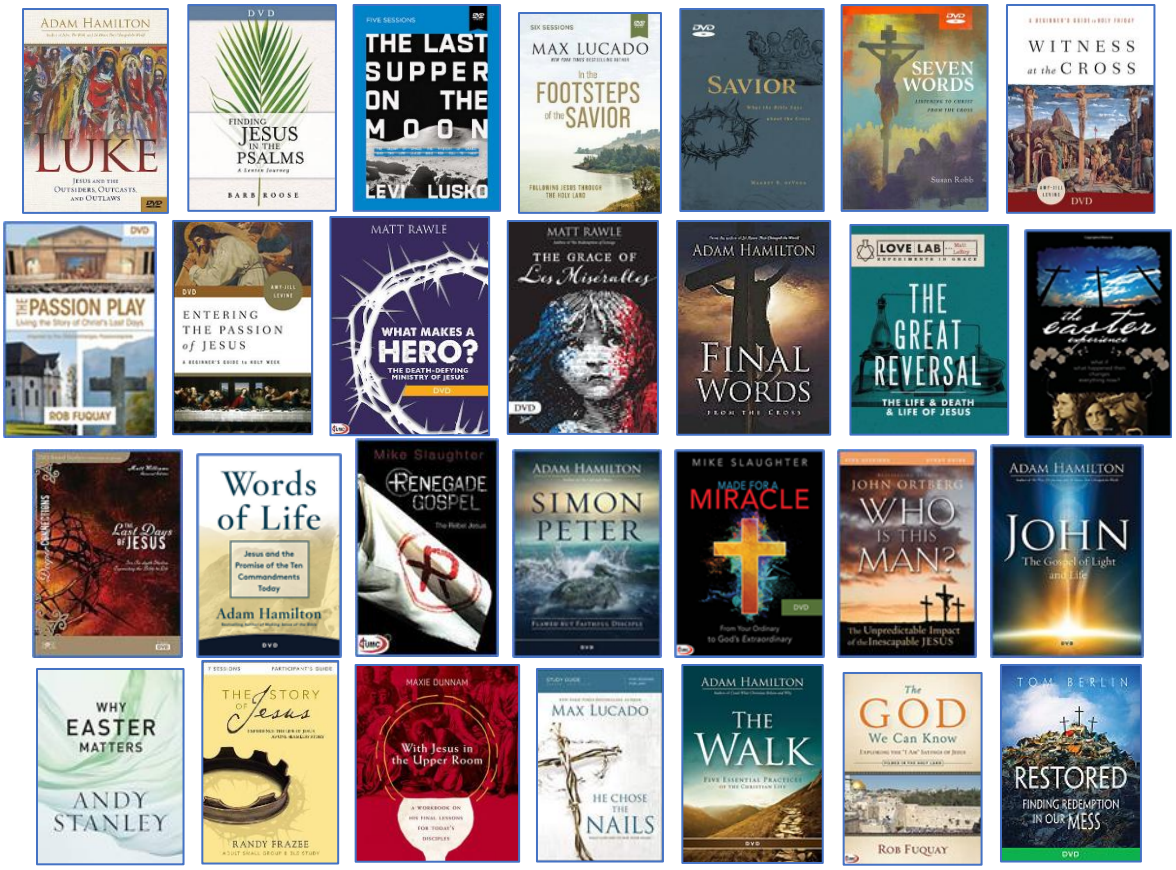


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DVD studies:

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD (120032) Author: Hamilton, Adam. This seven-session DVD study will help you better understand the events that occurred during the last 24 hours of Jesus' life; to see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death; and to reflect upon the meaning of these events for your life. DVD segments: Introduction (1 min.); 1) The Last Supper (11 min.); 2) The Garden of Gethsemane (7 min.); 3) Condemned by the Righteous (9 min.); 4) Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate (9 min.); 5) The Torture and Humiliation of the King (9 min.); 6) The Crucifixion (13 min.); 7) Christ the Victor (11 min.); Bonus: What If Judas Had Lived? (5 min.). Includes leader's guide and hardback book. Age: Adult. 77 Minutes

CASE FOR EASTER (103149) Author: Strobel, Lee. In this four-session DVD study, Lee Strobel reveals what he discovered as he went through the evidence of the empty tomb, inviting you to examine the evidence for yourself and consider why Easter is so important to your faith. Sessions: 1) Evidence for the resurrection (21 min.); 2) An excruciating execution (20 min.); 3) The case for the empty tomb (22 min.); 4) Eyewitnesses to the resurrection (21 min.). Includes guide. Age: Adult. 84 Minutes

CREED: WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE AND WHY -- EXPLORING THE APOSTLES' CREED (103136) Author: Hamilton, Adam. In this six-session DVD study, Adam Hamilton explores some of the major tenets of the Apostles' Creed.

Sessions: 1) God (15 min.); 2) Jesus Christ (15 min.); 3) The Holy Spirit (14 min.); 4) The church and the communion of saints (16 min.); 5) The forgiveness of sins (16 min.); 6) The resurrection of the body (15 min.). Includes leader's guide and large print paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: High school - Adult. 91 Minutes

DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE MESSIAH (104019) Author: Vander Laan, Ray. FAITH LESSONS Volume 4. Ten lessons give keys to Godly living today through Holy Spirit empowerment. Sessions: 1) When storms come -- Sea of Galilee (15 min.); 2) Piercing the darkness -- Kursi (17 min.); 3) Gates of hell -- Caesarea Philippi (18 min.); 4) City of the great king, part 1 -- The Temple (22 min.); 5) City of the great king, part 2 -- Jerusalem (16 min.); 6) The Lamb of God -- Mount of Olives (20 min.); 7) The weight of the world -- Capernaum/Gethsemane (18 min.); 8) Roll away the stone -- Garden Tomb (21 min.); 9) Power to the people -- Southern Stairs (16 min.); 10) Total commitment -- Caesarea (18 min.). Part of the 'That the World May Know' series. Includes leader's guide and sample participant book ('Discovery Guide'). CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: High school - Adult. 181 Minutes.

EASTER EXPERIENCE: WHAT IF WHAT HAPPENED THEN CHANGES EVERYTHING NOW? (105029) This six-session DVD small group Bible study for adults (and mature teens) brings the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic (and graphic) storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style. Sessions: 1) My life has a purpose; 2) My life can change; 3) My pain is understood; 4) My life has a plan; 5) I have the promise of eternal life; 6) My hope is secure. DVD segments are approx. 27 minutes per session. Includes leader's guide, sample participant's guide, and a leader DVD that includes hints for the leader, music videos, and behind-the-scenes footage. Age: High school - Adult. 158 Minutes.

ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK (105092) Author: Levine, Amy-Jill. In this six-session DVD study, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life, analyzing the risks and motives of the story's characters. Sessions: 1) Jerusalem - risking reputation (9 min.); 2) The temple - risking righteous anger (9 min.); 3) Teachings - risking challenge (11 min.); 4) The first dinner (woman anoints Jesus with costly oil) - risking rejection (10 min.); 5) The Last Supper - risking the loss of friends (11 min.); 6) Gethsemane - risking temptation (8 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 58 Minutes.

FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS (106041) Author: Hamilton, Adam. This DVD study has seven sessions: 1) "Father, forgive them" (10 min.); 2) "Today you will be with me in paradise" (9 min.); 3) "Behold your son . . . Behold your mother" (10 min.); 4) "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (9 min.); 5) "I thirst" (10 min.); 6) "It is finished" . . . "Into your hands I commit my spirit" (10 min.); Postscript: the words after that (10 min.). Includes leader's guide and hardback book. Age: Adult. 68 Minutes.

FINDING JESUS IN THE PSALMS: A LENTEN JOURNEY (106106) Author: Roose, Barb. In this six-session DVD study appropriate for Lent or any time of year, Barb Roose explores chapters in the Psalms that identify a Savior, a Messiah, or a coming King. Sessions: 1) Why do we need to find Jesus in the Psalms? – Ps. 2, Rom. 8 (11 min.); 2) Finding Jesus with us in our hard places – Ps. 16 (10 min.); 3) Finding Jesus as our shepherd – Ps. 23, Jn. 10:1-18 (9 min.); 4) Finding Jesus as our hope – Ps. 110, Ps. 100, Heb. 7 (9 min.); 5) Finding Jesus as our strength – Ps. 69, Mt. 26, Jn. 18 (10 min.); 6) Finding Jesus as our savior – Ps. 22, Mt. 27, Jn. 20 (11 min.). Includes leader's guide and sample paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 60 Minutes.

GOD WE CAN KNOW: EXPLORING THE 'I AM' SAYINGS OF JESUS (107081) Author: Fuquay, Rob. In this seven-session DVD study, travel to the Holy Land with Rob Fuquay and see the places where Jesus stood as he made his 'I Am' declarations. This study will help you experience Jesus anew and discover the God who wants to be known. Sessions: 1) Knowing the Great 'I Am' (10 min.); 2) 'I Am the Bread of Life' (9 min.); 3) 'I Am the Light of the World' (7 min.); 4) 'I Am the Good Shepherd' (8 min.); 5) 'I Am the True Vine' (8 min.); 6) 'I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life' (9 min.); 7) 'I Am the Resurrection and the Life' (8 min.). Includes leader's guide and sample participant's guide. Up to six copies of the participant's guide are also available to borrow (#815091). Age: Adult. 59 Minutes.

GOSPEL OF JOHN (107094) Author: Witherington, Ben. A 12-session DVD study led by Ben Witherington. The study consists of daily assignments (found in the study book) and weekly group discussions during which you will view the week's DVD segment (7-11 min. each). Sessions: 1) Jesus changes water into wine and clears the temple courts; 2) Jesus teaches Nicodemus; 3) Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman; 4) Jesus heals a man born blind; 5) The Good Shepherd and his sheep; 6) Lazarus raised from the dead; 7) Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem; 8) The Last Supper; 9) Farewell discourse; 10) The death of Jesus; 11) Jesus'

resurrection and appearances; 12) Jesus' appearance by the Sea of Galilee. A study book for each participant will need to be purchased. Kit includes DVD and sample study book. Part of the 'OneBook Daily-Weekly' series. Age: Adult. 99 Minutes.

GRACE OF LES MISERABLES (107119) Author: Rawle, Matt. Victor Hugo's 'Les Miserables' is a truly epic story. Whether you've read the novel, seen the Broadway musical, heard its soundtrack, or seen the several screen adaptations, you already know the power in the story. This six-session DVD study with Matt Rawle, appropriate for use during Lent or any time of year, dives into six ideals found in the story — grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope — each represented by a character in Hugo's story. Sessions: 1) Grace well received -- Valjean (12 min.); 2) When grace and justice collide -- Javert (10 min.); 3) The poor are always with you -- Fantine (10 min.); 4) The gift of love -- Marius and Cosette (11 min.); 5) Building the barricade -- Les Amis (10 min.); 6) The blessed garden -- a hopeful vision (10 min.). Includes a leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: High school - Adult. 63 Minutes.

GREAT REVERSAL: THE LIFE AND DEATH AND LIFE OF JESUS (107099) Author: LeRoy, Matt. A nine-week journey through the Gospel of John. Sessions: 1) John 1 - the new creation story (11 min.); 2) John 2-3 -- the new way (12 min.); 3) John 4 -- the water of life (20 min.); 4) John 5-6 -- miracles (9 min.); 5) John 7-10 -- authority (15 min.); 6) John 11-12 -- the beginning of the end (21 min.); 7) John 13-17 -- last words (11 min.); 8) John 18-19 -- it is finished (9 min.); 9) John 20-21 -- the pioneer (12 min.). Includes paperback book. Age: High school - Adult. 120 Minutes.

HE CHOSE THE NAILS (108061) Author: Lucado, Max. In this five-session DVD study, Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. Sessions: 1) He chose to be one of us (15 min.); 2) He chose to forgive us (16 min.); 3) He chose to invite us into His presence (15 min.); 4) He chose to love us forever (16 min.); 5) He chose to give us victory (18 min.). Includes study guide. Up to 14 copies of the study guide are available to borrow (#919047). Age: Adult 80 Minutes.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAVIOR: FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH THE HOLY LAND (109070) Author: Lucado, Max. In this six-session DVD study filmed in the Holy Land, we come alongside bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado as he shares key teachings from the Gospels and Acts on the people and places that shaped Jesus' life. While helping us learn more about Jesus, Max also encourages us to grow in our faith. Sessions: 1) Capernaum - following Jesus when you doubt (20 min.); 2) Sea of Galilee - following Jesus in your storms (20 min.); 3) Mount of Beatitudes – following Jesus when you worry (21 min.); 4) Temple steps - following Jesus . . . and only Jesus (20 min.); 5) Garden Tomb - following Jesus when you need hope (20 min.); 6) Caesarea by the Sea - following Jesus when you need grace (21 min.). Includes guide and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult 122 Minutes

JESUS I NEVER KNEW (110008) Author: Yancey, Philip. Six Sessions on the Life of Christ: 1) The Jesus I thought I knew; 2) The Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount; 3) A revolution of grace; 4) Jesus' miracles; 5) Jesus' death and resurrection; 6) The difference Jesus makes. DVD segments approx. 20 minutes each. Includes leader's guide and sample participant's guide. Age: Adult. 115 Minutes.

JOHN: THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT AND LIFE (110049) Author: Hamilton, Adam. In this six-session DVD study, Adam Hamilton explores the major themes of the Gospel of John. Sessions: 1) The Word made flesh (13 min.); 2) The miraculous signs of Jesus (15 min.); 3) The 'I AM' sayings of Jesus (17 min.); 4) The farewell discourse (12 min.); 5) The arrest, trial, and crucifixion of the King (14 min.); 6) Eternal life (16 min.). Includes leader's guide and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: High school - Adult. 87 Minutes.

LAST DAYS OF JESUS (112056) Six In-Depth DVD Studies Connecting the Bible to Life. Each session includes an introduction filmed in Israel and two video teaching segments (for a total of approx. 26 minutes of video per session). Sessions: 1) From warrior to servant: Jesus the Messiah (Mt. 16:13-28); 2) A glimpse of glory: The transfiguration (Mt. 17:1-9); 3) The rejected king: The triumphal entry (Mt. 21:1-22); 4) Love to the full: The Last Supper (Jn. 13:1-5, Mt. 26:21-29); 5) The ultimate victory: The trial and death of Jesus (Lk. 22:66 -- 23:3; 23:32-34, 44-47); 6) The death of death: The resurrection of Jesus (Mt. 28:1-10). Part of the "Deeper Connections" series. Includes leader's guide and sample participant's guide. Up to six additional copies of the participant's guide (#919048) are available to borrow. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 156 Minutes.

LAST SUPPER ON THE MOON: THE OCEAN OF SPACE, THE MYSTERY OF GRACE, AND THE LIFE JESUS DIED FOR YOU TO HAVE (112137) Author: Lusko, Levi. In this five-session DVD study, author and pastor Levi Lusko

journeys back in time and forward in hope, using the 1969 lunar mission as an analogy of the metamorphosis that was unleashed by the man from Galilee. Along the way, he uncovers the remarkable "seven statements" that Jesus made from the cross - words that provide us everything we need in the chaos of our world to conquer judgment, persecution, anxiety, and pain. Sessions: 1) Crisis in the skies (21 min.); 2) Prepare for lift off (21 min.); 3) Obstacles in orbit (19 min.); 4) Mission accomplished (21 min.); 5) The journey home (21 min.). Includes study guide (with leader notes) and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 103 Minutes

LUKE: JESUS AND THE OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS, AND OUTLAWS (112138) Author: Hamilton, Adam. In this six-session DVD study, Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today. Sessions: 1) Lifting up the lowly (12 min.); 2) Simon, do you see this woman (12 min.); 3) Parables from the underside (12 min.); 4) On the journey to Jerusalem (11 min.); 5) The final week (12 min.); 6) Crucified with the outlaws (13 min.). Includes leader's guide and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 72 Minutes

MADE FOR A MIRACLE: FROM YOUR ORDINARY TO GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY (113085) Author: Slaughter, Mike. In this six-session DVD study, Mike Slaughter examines the two components of every miracle - divine action and human responsibility. For a real miracle to take place we must act with God, using whatever gifts, talents, and abilities we have and directing them toward God's work in the world. Sessions: 1) You were made for a miracle; 2) Miracles come with a cost; 3) The miracle of love; 4) Activate the power of faith; 5) Activate the power of prayer; 6) Activate health and healing. DVD segments are 11 minutes long. Includes leader's guide and hardback book. Age: Adult. 66 Minutes.

PASSION NARRATIVES (116073) Author: Efird, James 'Mickey'. This 18-session study examines the passion narratives in the gospels of Mark, Luke, Matthew, and John. DVD segments vary from 12-23 minutes in length. Includes sample participant workbook. Age: Adult. 338 Minutes.

PASSION OF CHRIST (116032) Author: Rolheiser, Ron. Through Scripture and examples from life, Fr. Ron Rolheiser gives new insight into Jesus' passion and what it has to teach us as Christians. Part 1: The Passion of Christ refers to Jesus' passivity, not to his physical suffering and death. After a life of activity, now Jesus is passive and things are done to him. In what way does this change or deepen my understanding of Jesus and his passion? How do I react when I feel powerless? How can I live so that my death can be a blessing for my family and friends? (40 min.). Part 2: In the Agony in the Garden, Jesus was "a stone's throw away" from his disciples. That is, he was experiencing that loneliness in which the deepest part of us is alone. What in my life helps me to understand him in this experience? (49 min.). Includes guide. Age: Adult. 89 Minutes.

PASSION PLAY: LIVING THE STORY OF CHRIST'S LAST DAYS (116110) Author: Fuquay, Rob. Jesus' Passion story is presented each Lent in countless churches every year. But one play presented by the inhabitants of the village of Oberammergau, in Bavaria, Germany, may be one of the longest-running performance of all. Staged every ten years since 1634, the play makes an impact not only on the villagers who portray the characters but on all who see it as well. In this six-session DVD study, which was filmed on location in Germany and contains behind-the-scenes footage of the production, Rob Fuquay follows the biblical story of the Passion and shows how this amazing play has been used both as a ritual of praise and later as a weapon through its anti-Semitic past. Sessions: 1) The power of a vow (8 min.); 2) The importance of community (7 min.); 3) The role of ritual (6 min.); 4) Living the story (8 min.); 5) Telling a better story (9 min.); 6) The power of the cross (8 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 46 Minutes.

PATH TO THE CROSS (116055) Author: Vander Laan, Ray. FAITH LESSONS Volume 11. Discover how the passionate faith of God's people prepares the way for Jesus and his ultimate act of obedience and sacrifice at the cross. Then, be challenged in your own life to live as they did -- by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Five lessons: 1) The Way of the Essenes (Qumran), 29 min.; 2) The Way of John the Baptist (Machaerus), 29 min.; 3) Into the Desert to Be Tested (En Gedi), 30 min.; 4) The Last Passover (Jerusalem), 32 min.; 5) The Fifth Cup -- Our Way of Hope (Gethsemane), 29 min. Part of the 'That the World May Know' series. Includes leader's guide and sample participant book ('Discovery Guide'). CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: High school - Adult. 120 Minutes.

RENEGADE GOSPEL: THE REBEL JESUS (118060) Author: Slaughter, Mike. In this six-session DVD study, Mike Slaughter invites us to replace our version of a benign, Sunday school Jesus with the rebel Jesus, who came to initiate a

revolutionary movement to bring God's kingdom into the world. We are encouraged to consider what it means to follow Him and what the true cost of discipleship is. Sessions: 1) Discovering the rebel Jesus; 2) Revolutionary lifestyle; 3) The most important question you will ever have to answer; 4) Seeing Jesus today; 5) The way of the cross; 6) Resurrection. DVD segments are 10 minutes long. Includes leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: High school - Adult. 59 Minutes.

RESTORED: FINDING REDEMPTION IN OUR MESS (118070) Author: Berlin, Tom. Using Scripture, stories, and personal affirmation, pastor and author Tom Berlin takes us on a journey from our own brokenness to redemption and restoration through Jesus. Sessions: 1) This is a real mess (5 min.); 2) Who left this mess? (10 min.); 3) Bless this mess (7 min.); 4) No messing around (10 min.); 5) Address this mess (7 min.); 6) The message in the mess (7 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED**.** Age: Adult. 46 Minutes.

SAVIOR: WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE CROSS (119182) Author: deVega, Magrey. In this six-session DVD study, Magrey deVega guides us through various meanings of Jesus's death and resurrection. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, we can deepen our love for God and others and strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus. Sessions: 1) Substitution - Jesus takes your place (11 min.); 2) Ransom - Jesus sets you free (9 min.); 3) Moral example - Jesus shows you how to live (8 min.); 4) Reconciliation - Jesus restores your relationship (9 min.); 5) Cleansing - Jesus makes you clean (8 min.); 6) Christus victor - Jesus gives you the victory (9 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 54 Minutes.

SEVEN WORDS: LISTENING TO CHRIST FROM THE CROSS (119183) Author: Robb, Susan. In this six-session DVD study, Susan Robb looks at the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. Sessions: 1) Father, forgive them (11 min.); 2) Today you will be with me in paradise (10 min.); 3) My God, My God (11 min.); 4) Woman, here is your son (9 min.); 5) I am thirsty (10 min.); 6) Into your hands (10 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 61 Minutes.

SIMON PETER: FLAWED BUT FAITHFUL DISCIPLE (119167) Author: Hamilton, Adam. This six-session DVD study features Adam Hamilton on location in Israel and Italy showing key sites in the life of Simon Peter and exploring the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter. Sessions: 1) The call of the fisherman (17 min.); 2) Walking with Jesus in the storms (12 min.); 3) Bedrock or stumbling block? (16 min.); 4) 'I will not deny you' (19 min.); 5) From cowardice to courage (18 min.); 6) The rest of the story (18 min.). Includes leader's guide and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 100 Minutes.

STORY OF JESUS (119142) Author: Frazee, Randy. This seven-session DVD study presented by Randy Frazee provides individuals and small groups the opportunity to learn, discuss, and apply Jesus' life, work and teachings to their lives. Max Lucado adds introductory insights. Sessions: 1) The birth of the King (13 min.); 2) Jesus' ministry begins (12 min.); 3) No ordinary man (11 min.); 4) Jesus, the Son of God (11 min.); 5) The hour of darkness (12 min.); 6) The resurrection (10 min.); 7) New beginnings (11 min.). Includes guide. Age: High school - Adult. 80 Minutes.

WALK: FIVE ESSENTIAL PRACTICES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (123116) Author: Hamilton, Adam. In this six-session DVD study, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. The last session explores the connection between Jesus' last words from the cross and the five essential Christian practices. Sessions: 1) Worship and prayer - a living hallelujah (14 min.); 2) Study - the importance of listening and paying attention (13 min.); 3) Serve - Here I am Lord, send me (13 min.); 4) Give - where your treasure is . . . (13 min.); 5) Share - going fishing, reflecting light (13 min.); 6) The five practices from the cross (15 min.). Includes leader guide and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: High school - Adult. 81 Minutes.

WAY: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS (123062) Author: Hamilton, Adam. Join Adam Hamilton in the Holy Land as he explores the life and ministry of Jesus in this six- or seven-session DVD study: 1) Baptism and temptation -- the Jordan River and the Wilderness (10 min.); 2) The healing ministry -- Capernaum (9 min.); 3) Proclaiming the Kingdom -- the mountains (9 min.); 4) Calming the storm -- the Sea of Galilee (10 min.); 5) Sinners, outcasts, and the poor -- Samaria (13 min.); 6) The final week -- Jerusalem (12 min.); Optional Session 7) Epilogue: your defining story -- the resurrection (5 min.). Includes leader's guide and hardback book. Age: High school - Adult. 68 Minutes.

WHAT MAKES A HERO? THE DEATH-DEFYING MINISTRY OF JESUS (123103) Author: Rawle, Matt. In this six-session DVD study, Matt Rawle offers us an image of what it looks like to be victorious over trials and temptations. Looking at

pop culture heroes and others through the lens of faith, he shows us how Jesus turned the concept of a hero on its head. Sessions: 1) Good, evil, and God (9 min.); 2) Right, wrong, and holy (8 min.); 3) Us, them, and the Body of Christ (10 min.); 4) Have, have-not, and the Kingdom of God (10 min.); 5) Old, new, and covenant (10 min.); 6) Life, death, and resurrection (9 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. Age: Adult. 56 Minutes.

WHO IS THIS MAN? THE UNPREDICTABLE IMPACT OF THE INESCAPABLE JESUS (123063) Author: Ortberg, John. In this five-session DVD study, John Ortberg discusses how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world and how you as a Christian can make an inescapable influence, too. Sessions: 1) The man who won't go away (17 min.); 2) A revolution of humanity (22 min.); 3) The power of forgiveness (23 min.); 4) Why it's a small world after all (21 min.); 5) Three days that changed the world (22 min.). Includes guide. Age: Adult. 105 Minutes.

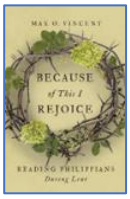
WHY EASTER MATTERS (123115) Author: Stanley, Andy. In this four-session DVD study, Andy Stanley looks at some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading up to his crucifixion. Each of them had an agenda that put them at odds with God and Jesus. As you'll see, there's a little bit of them in all of us. Sessions: 1) The high cost of following Christ (21 min.); 2) The risk of surrendering to God (24 min.); 3) The God Who can be trusted (20 min.); 4) The foundation of our faith (23 min.). Includes study guide. Age: Adult. 88 Minutes.

WITH JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM (123104) Author: Dunnam, Maxie. A Study of His Final Lessons for Today's Disciples. In this seven-session DVD study, Maxie Dunnam explores John 13-17. Sessions: Introduction (7 min.); 1) Having loved His own, He loved them to the end (4 min.); 2) A foot-washing style of life (9 min.); 3) Promises, promises (9 min.); 4) Christ's chosen people (11 min.); 5) Joy in relationship with Christ (8 min.); 6) God's continuing advocacy (9 min.); 7) Listening to Jesus pray (11 min.). The study consists of daily assignments (found in the study book) and weekly group discussions during which you will view the week's DVD segment. A study book for each participant will need to be purchased. Includes leader's guide and sample study book. Age: Adult. 61 Minutes.

WITNESS AT THE CROSS: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HOLY FRIDAY (123125) Author: Levine, Amy-Jill. In this six-session DVD study, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine helps us experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die. She shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today. Sessions: 1) Bystanders and scoffers (12 min.); 2) The other victims (13 min.); 3) The soldiers (12 min.); 4) The beloved disciple (13 min.); 5) The women (13 min.); 6) Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (13 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 76 Min.

WORDS OF LIFE: JESUS AND THE PROMISE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TODAY (123121) Author: Hamilton, Adam. In this ten-session DVD study, Adam Hamilton explores the Ten Commandments. Sessions: 1) No other gods before me (11 min.); 2) Do not make an image for yourself (11 min.); 3) Do not misuse God's name (10 min.); 4) Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy (11 min.); 5) Honor your parents (12 min.); 6) Do not kill (8 min.); 7) Do not commit adultery (12 min.); 8) Do not steal (13 min.); 9) Do not bear false witness (8 min.); 10) Do not covet (14 min.). Includes leader guide and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 110 Minutes.

Book studies:



BECAUSE OF THIS I REJOICE: READING PHILIPPIANS DURING LENT (819182) Author: Vincent, Max. This six-week study of Philippians explores what Paul teaches about joyfully practicing spiritual disciplines. The intent of these disciplines is to help us focus less on ourselves and more on God. This Lenten study invites us to engage in the same spiritual practices as a way to grow closer to God and allow joy to flow through our lives. Chapters: Introduction – laughing on Ash Wednesday; Week one – joyful prayer; Week two – joyful witness; Week three – joyful humility; Week four – joyful hospitality; Week five – joyful asceticism; Week six – joyful

giving; Conclusion – We call this Friday good? Includes daily scripture readings, reflection questions, and a leader's guide. **Up to 12 copies available.** 128 Pages.



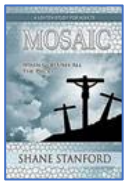
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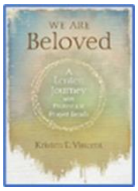
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