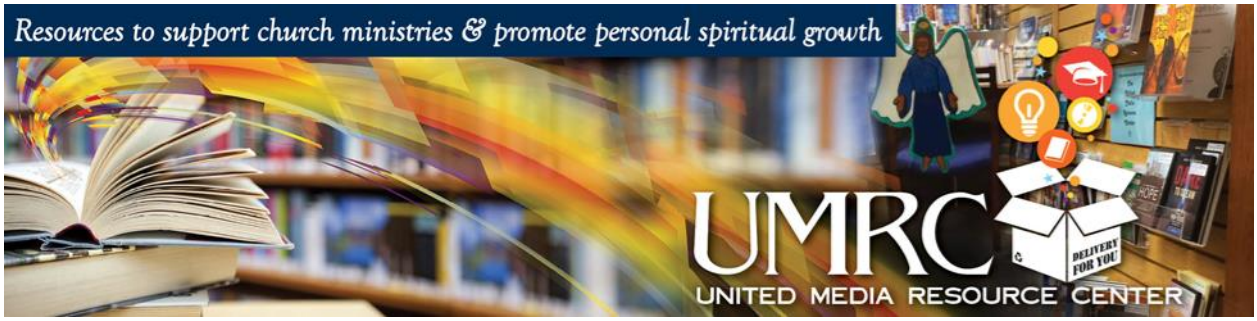
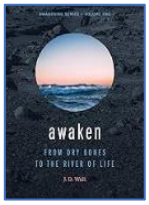
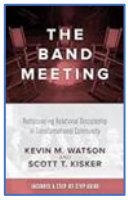


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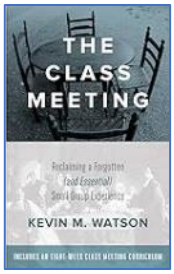
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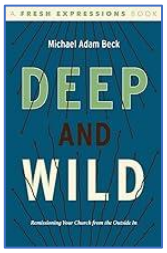
AWAKEN: FROM DRY BONES TO THE RIVER OF LIFE (818233) Author: Walt, J. D. This study is an invitation to the people of God to band together and sow for a great awakening. Designed as a resource for discipleship band meetings, this book includes 28 daily devotions: short readings, prayers, and questions for reflection. Instructions for conducting a weekly band meeting are also provided. 68 Pages.



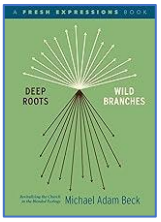
BAND MEETING: REDISCOVERING RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP IN TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY (817304) Author: Watson, Kevin and Kisker, Scott. Chapters: Banding together again; Creation, light, order, and abundant life; Salvation in the Wesleyan tradition; Salvation and community; The rise and fall of the early Methodist band meeting; How to start a band meeting; The keys to a thriving band meeting; A life-changing experience. Includes a guide for small group discussion. 172 Pages. *An eight-session DVD study is also available for this title (102174)*



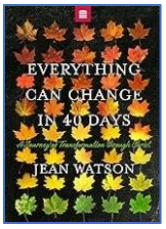
CLASS MEETING: RECLAIMING A FORGOTTEN (AND ESSENTIAL) SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE (816022) Author: Watson, Kevin. Chapters: A new (old) kind of small group; The class meeting -- the heart of the Methodist revival; Moving into God's house -- the theological foundation of the class meeting; Becoming Wesleyan again; The basics -- from start to finish; The roll of the class leader; What could possibly go wrong?; The keys to a life-changing group. Includes a guide for small group discussion. See also the DVD study (#103143). 153 Pages. *An eight-session DVD study is also available for this title (#103143)*



DEEP AND WILD: REMISSIONIG YOUR CHURCH FROM THE OUTSIDE IN (821103) Author: Beck, Michael Adam. For better or worse, Jesus entrusted his mission to "make disciples of all nations" to us, and it starts in our own neighborhood. On the new missional frontier, being deep is not enough—God is calling forth some missional wild ones. We need to be deep and wild! Across the United States and beyond, the God who makes all things new is up to something. Amid a Christian landscape that looks and feels like a desert of decline, new oases of the Spirit are springing forth. Inherited congregations with long histories and deep roots are experimenting with cultivating wild forms of church called "fresh expressions." Whereas revitalization often involves internal adjustments (an inside-out approach with better preaching, better coffee, better programs, etc.), remissioning through fresh expressions involves an outside-in approach. This book is a guide to help local church folks, the everyday heroes of the faith, make this much-needed journey toward vitality for the twenty-first century church. Chapters: The opening vision – a tree of life; The new missional frontier; Post-everything – six shifts; God of recycling bins, not dumpsters; Wild branches – fresh expressions; Deep roots – the blended ecology; (Re)missioning – time for a remix; Symbiosis – the hybrid organism; Closing vision – tree of life (re)mixed. Includes bibliography. 309 Pages.



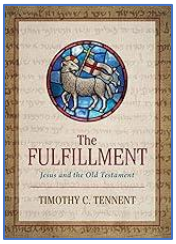
DEEP ROOTS, WILD BRANCHES: REVITALIZING THE CHURCH IN THE BLENDED ECOLOGY (819172) Author: Beck, Michael Adam. What is the future of the church in North America? One of the major pitfalls of the past few decades is 'either/or' thinking — either attractional or missional; traditional or contemporary; old or new. In this book, missiologist and church planter Dr. Michael Beck contends we must cultivate what he calls a "blended ecology" of church that has both deep roots and wild branches. Drawing on biblical wisdom and emerging forms of church planting, Beck introduces us to present-day models and examples that don't leave traditional forms behind, but harness the power of "both/and." It honors vintage models while blending fresh expressions of real evangelism. This book inspires local churches to cultivate a blended ecology of church in their communities. Includes questions for reflection and discussion. 170 Pages.



EVERYTHING CAN CHANGE IN FORTY DAYS: A JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION THROUGH CHRIST (818236) Author: Watson, Jean. A collection of forty daily readings that cover four topics: Reach for change; Being the change; Bringing the change; Calling forth change. Each entry includes a short reading, a prayer, and questions for reflection. 193 Pages.



EXPERIENCE: BREAKING THROUGH THE BARRIERS THAT BLOCK SPIRITUAL GROWTH (819173) Author: Mehner, Robert. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Does your life resemble the abundant living that Jesus promised to give his church? Or do you feel more spiritually stuck? So many people in our churches have not regularly experienced good news, comfort, wholeness, freedom, joyous energy, or beauty. So many have stalled in becoming who God intends them to be. Perhaps you, those you love, or those you lead feel this way. This book provides a clear map of the abundant living journey, the obstacles that prevent progress, and offers fresh fuel for moving forward once again. 81 Pages.



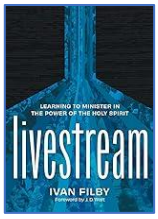
FULFILLMENT: JESUS AND THE OLD TESTAMENT (821105) Author: Tennent, Timothy. The Old Testament is both common and strange to many Christians. On one hand, it contains some of the most familiar stories known to us, while on the other hand, it can be intimidating and difficult to understand. However, to lack a basic knowledge of the Old Testament is a great hindrance to fully grasping how Jesus Christ fulfills ideals and expectations that were set in motion hundreds and thousands of years before. In this brief book, you will come to appreciate the Old Testament more fully and see with even greater clarity the full power and revelation of Jesus Christ. Chapters: Introduction – Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, and the Suffering Servant; Adam – the fall (Gen. 1:1—3:24); Christ, the second Adam (Rom. 5:1-21); God's global plan to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-9); Abraham meets the king-priest Melchizedek (Gen. 14:17-20; Ps. 110:4; Heb. 7:1-17); Jehovah Jireh – God will provide (Gen. 22:1-18); Moses – the great deliverer (Ex. 14:26-31; Hosea 11:1; Matt. 2:13-15; 1 Cor. 5:7-8, 10:1-4; Heb. 3:1-6); Moses – a prophet like unto Me (Deut. 18:15-18, 34:10); Christ, our Lawgiver! (Deut. 5:6-21, 18:15; Acts 3:17-26; Matt. 5:17-20); Great David's greater son (2 Sam. 7:11b-16); Christ, the Suffering Servant (Is. 42:1-9, 49:1-6, 50:2-9, 52:13—53:12). 93 Pages.



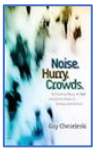
HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE CHURCH: GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY CONVERSATION (821102) Author: Snyder, Howard. Homosexuality—is it a defining issue or a distracting battle? Is it a core issue of Christian belief? A matter of doctrinal fidelity? Or is homosexuality essentially a question of human rights—the current hotspot in the long battle that progressively has given freedom to slaves and worked for equality for women and other victims of discrimination? This is a tough issue. Biblical Christians affirm the equality of all humans created in God's image. We should work to end oppression and injustice; we should help everyone enjoy the full freedom of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What, then, about homosexuality, and homosexual practice? In this short book, Dr. Howard Snyder approaches these questions with both prophetic nerve and pastoral sensitivity as he invites honest dialogue and authentically Christian conversation. Chapters: Four key biblical and theological considerations; Core issue versus essential doctrine; A biblical case study; Holy homosexuals?; Questions, answers, more questions. Includes discussion questions. 84 Pages.



KINGDOM TIDE: UNLEASHING THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF AWAKENING (818235) Author: LeRoy, Matt. Designed as a resource for discipleship band meetings, this book includes 30 daily devotions: short readings, prayers, and questions for reflection. Instructions for conducting a weekly band meeting are also provided. 64 Pages.



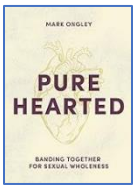
LIVESTREAM: LEARNING TO MINISTER IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (821106) Author: Filby, Ivan. "Does God want to use me?" "Am I good enough? If you resonate with these words, then this book is for you. It's not only crammed full of faith building stories of healings, visons, and life-changing prophetic 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. 166 Pages.



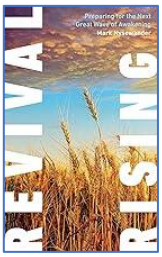
NOISE. HURRY. CROWDS. ON CREATING SPACE FOR GOD AMIDST THE CHAOS OF CAMPUS AND CULTURE (818238) Author: Chmieleski, Guy. Chapters: Noise; Silence; Learning to quiet our inner (and outer) world; Hurry; Sabbath (slowing); Learning to move with greater intention; Crowds; Solitude; Learning to be alone - and with others; Muchness and manyness; Simplicity; Learning to be content in a culture of abundance. This book is designed for college students but is appropriate for all adults. 134 Pages.



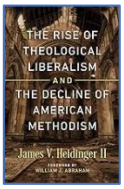
PLANT: A SOWER'S GUIDE TO CHURCH PLANTING (818000) Author: Bevins, Winfield. In this small book, Winfield Bevins helps answer foundational questions about church planting. Chapters: Why start new churches?; What is church planting?; What drives new churches?; Am I called to church planting?; What is the process of church planting?; Why not plant a church? Includes discussion questions. 85 Pages.



PURE HEARTED: BANDING TOGETHER FOR SEXUAL WHOLENESS (821033) Author: Ongley, Mark. This book is designed to facilitate an accountability band of three to five people of the same gender. It will help participants deepen their relationship with God, grow in intimacy with others, understand basic principles of sexual brokenness, and learn effective prayer practices. Chapters: Introduction; Banding together for purity - the first meeting; Lesson 1 – God's good design; Lesson 2 – Puppy dogs and predators; Lessons 3 – Fantasy and imagination; Lesson 4 – The box, the path, and the circus; Lesson 5 – The dynamics of adultery; Lesson 6 – Feeding circus monkeys; Lesson 7 – The impact of abuse; Lesson 8 – Restoration and grace; Lesson 9 – Where to draw lines; Lesson 10 – The elephant and the scapegoat; Lesson 11 – Making church a sanctuary; Lesson 12 – The importance of welcoming the Wilde; Lesson 13 – When will this ever end? Appendixes – Some Thoughts on Masturbation; A Perspective on Victory; The Divine Office for Sexual Strugglers. Includes discussion questions. 157 Pages.



REVIVAL RISING: PREPARING FOR THE NEXT GREAT WAVE OF AWAKENING (817104) Author: Nysewander, Mark. The history of the church is full of revivals. While these movements of the Holy Spirit are not constrained by one location, language, or cultural identity, there are consistencies that help us understand the climate and spiritual posture in which God works at an accelerated pace. Mark Nysewander explores the dynamics of high-impact revivals, believing that even a limited knowledge of the supernatural realities in a revival can stir us to content for God's next wave of power. Chapter titles: Revival power; Revival life; Revival culture; Revival experience; Revival glory; Revival love; Revival humility; Revival witness; Revival freedom; Revival hope; Revival worldview; What's ahead? 132 Pages.



RISE OF THEOLOGICAL LIBERALISM AND THE DECLINE OF AMERICAN METHODISM (818003) Author: Heidinger, James. Chapters: United Methodism's forgotten past; The early 1900s - an era of great intellectual ferment; Methodist theology in transition; Charges of theological modification and doctrinal revision; Transition in membership standards and the diminished place of doctrine and creeds; Just what was theological liberalism?; Methodism and the social gospel; Methodist resistance - tensions, alienations, and schisms; A remaining evangelical presence; A history of protests and calls for reform; Doctrinal problems in our denominational seminaries; The trivialization of Christian doctrine; Getting the gospel right. Includes index. 288 Pages.



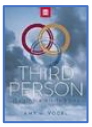
SEEING BLACK AND WHITE IN A GRAY WORLD (818011) Author: Arnold, Bill. The Need for Theological Reasoning in the Church's Debate Over Sexuality. Chapters: Seeing gray that isn't there; Falwell or Spong? Really?; The fork in the road; Promises and pitfalls of compromise; A funny thing happened on the way to utopia; Homosexuality at the center; Conclusions - where do we go from here? Includes discussion questions. 204 Pages.



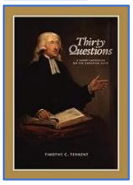
SHAPING THEIR FUTURE: MENTORING STUDENTS THROUGH THEIR FORMATIVE COLLEGE YEARS (818072) Author: Chmieleski, Guy. For many college students today, the formative college years are being wasted. Our young adults need to be encouraged to work with God to make the most of their formative college years. They need a mentor — someone who can help them to recognize God's present work in their life, and the direction they need to move in. This book is designed to assist mentors — the parents, pastors, professors, coaches, employers, etc.— serve as a guide, a rudder, or even a springboard into conversations surrounding specific arenas of life that require our students' attention, consideration, and application or action. Includes questions for reflection. 224 Pages.



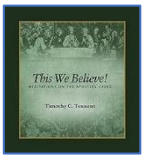
SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE (820184) Author: Tennent, Timothy. What's the role of the Holy Spirit in my life? Are you, like other Christians, asking this question? Do you understand the work of Jesus but are confused by the work of the Spirit? It's time the church again understands the incredible work of the Holy Spirit, which is not to merely inspire or educate you, but to transform you. In this book, Dr. Timothy Tennent studies acts of the Spirit in the Old and New Testament, historic conversion stories, as well as modern examples from around the world, exploring the three great channels through which the Holy Spirit works in our lives: power for global witness, holiness for sanctified purity, discernment for faithful living. Chapters: The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament; Cracking the door between resurrection and Pentecost; The Church is on fire!; Pentecost revisited – power for bold preaching; Receiving the Spirit – crisis event or ongoing process?; Tolle Lege, Tolle Lege ('Take up and read'); The double conversion of the Gospel; The Spirit-directed church; Twelve men and a question; Being a Spirit-filled sanctified community. 170 Pages.



THIRD PERSON: THIRTY DAYS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT (818237) Author: Vogel, Amy. Thirty short devotional readings appropriate for any time of year. Each entry includes a prayer and questions for group discussion. 127 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. 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. 79 Pages.



WAKE UP: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND HALF OF THE GOSPEL (818234) Author: Benjamin, Mark; LeRoy, Matt; Walt, J.D. Awakening Series: Volume 2. Designed as a resource for discipleship band meetings, this book includes 30 daily devotions: short readings, prayers, and questions for reflection. Instructions for conducting a weekly band meeting are also provided. 74 Pages.

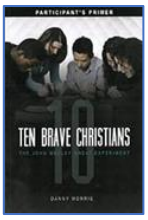


YES!? A FIELD GUIDE FOR THOSE ANSWERING THE CALL TO MINISTRY (818002) Author: Elliott, Marilyn. So, you said, "Yes" to the call to ministry. Maybe yours was a big loud YES! Or maybe it was mumbled, barely audible even to your own ears. However it sounded, your yes has joined you with a great company of believers seeking to amplify God's work in the world. Understanding and living into your call is a lifelong journey of learning to trust and walk closely with the Spirit. In this little book, Dr. Marilyn Elliott presents a crash course on what it means to start this very personal, but very rewarding adventure. While the call brings unexpected challenges and often the next steps may not be clear, you can be assured that you are always being led. Chapters: Yes means conscious cooperation with God; Change is gonna come; Happiness is (not) a new puppy; Feels bad, is good; Hmmm, tastes different; Yes, yes, yes, yes,yes, yes, and again yes; Transition becomes threshold. 64 Pages.



YOUR BEST MOVE: EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP TRANSITION FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH (816138) Author: Kaylor, Robert. Chapter titles: A theology of transition; Leaving well; Creating a transition team; Researching the congregation; Achieving early wins; Communication during transition; Building the leadership team; Maintaining your balance; Reaching the breakeven point. Includes questions for discussion. 78 Pages.

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