



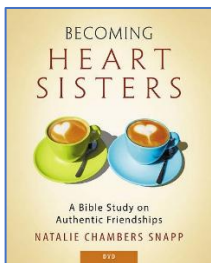
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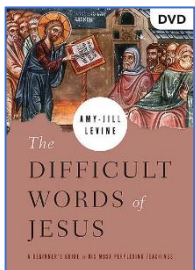
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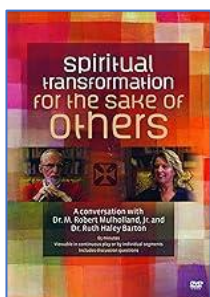
BECOMING HEART SISTERS: A BIBLE STUDY ON AUTHENTIC FRIENDSHIPS (102167)

Author: Snapp, Natalie Chambers. In this six-session DVD study, Natalie Chambers Snapp guides us through the process of finding and nurturing healthy, authentic friendships that enrich our lives, honor God, and build up the body of Christ. Sessions: 1) Why do we need girlfriends and where do we find them? (16 min.); 2) Getting right with God (18 min.); 3) Clash of the Titans (21 min.); 4) The forgiveness business (18 min.); 5) Blurred lines (17 min.); 6) Heart sisters do's and don'ts (21 min.). Includes leader's guide and sample participant book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 115 Minutes.



DIFFICULT WORDS OF JESUS: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HIS MOST PERPLEXING TEACHINGS (104106)

Author: Levine, Amy-Jill. Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44). In this six-session DVD study, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. Sessions: 1) Sell what you own (13 min.); 2) Hate father and mother (13 min.); 3) Slave of all (13 min.); 4) Nowhere among the Gentiles (14 min.); 5) Outer darkness (12 min.); 6) Your father the devil (12 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 77 Minutes.



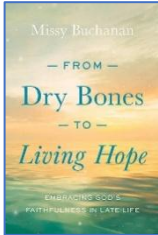
SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS (119149)

Author: Mulholland, M. Robert and Barton, Ruth Haley. A Conversation with Dr. M. Robert Mulholland, Jr., and Dr. Ruth Haley Barton. What is spiritual transformation—really? How can we move from the false self to the true self in Christ? Is it possible to talk about sin without being judgmental? What is the relationship between personal spiritual formation and our mission in the world? Listen in as Robert Mulholland and Ruth Haley Barton discuss these questions and share stories of their own journeys of transformation in Christ. This compelling 65-minute dialogue is presented in twelve brief segments: 1) Invitation to a journey-- defining spiritual formation (6 min.); 2) Real change -- from information to transformation (4 min.); 3) Holistic spirituality -- addressing the whole person (4 min.); 4) Holistic spirituality - nurturing the shadow side (4 min.); 5) Let's talk about sin -- the habitual failures of the spiritual journey (4 min.); 6) Joining head and heart -- from theology to formation and back again (8 min.); 7) Shaped by the Word --the role of Scripture in spiritual transformation (9 min.); 8) The deeper journey -- from the false self to the true self (5 min.); 9) For the sake of others -- in God for the world (5 min.); 10) To present everyone mature in Christ - the nature of spiritual leadership (3 min.); 11) Equipping the saints for the work of ministry -- encouragement for pastors (9 min.); 12) In sickness and in health -- relying on God in the journey with cancer (4 min.). Ideal for use in leadership, congregational and small group gatherings. Each segment provides optional on-screen discussion questions, enabling you and your group to join the conversation as you pursue spiritual transformation in your setting. Age: Adult. 65 Minutes.

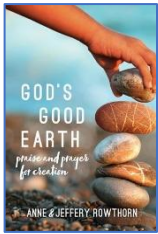
Books:



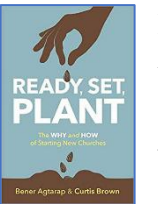
CONNECTED LIFE: SMALL GROUPS THAT CREATE COMMUNITY (817154) Author: Armstrong, Jacob. Jacob Armstrong shares his church's experiences in forming small groups, not as a ministry of the church, but as the places where ministry happens. Whether you call it a small group, a life group, a connect group, or a Sunday school class, the key to connection and purpose is found in journeying through life with other people. Chapters: Why small groups?; What do small groups do?; Forming small groups; The first two sessions; overseeing small groups; The connected life. Includes sample forms. Age: Adult. 94 Pages.



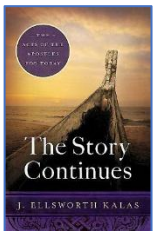
FROM DRY BONES TO LIVING HOPE: EMBRACING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN LATE LIFE (821099) Author: Buchanan, Missy. Though the shadow side of aging is a reality, author Missy Buchanan brings spiritual light and nourishment to people in the later years of life. Older adults struggle with chronic pain and diminished physical abilities. They contend with losses that pile up like the dry bones in the prophet Ezekiel's vision—the loss of loved ones and friends, the loss of their home and belongings, the loss of independence, and the loss of purpose. In a culture that values youth more than age, older adults often feel forgotten and without purpose. Each of the 20 brief chapters of this book opens with an intimate, prayerful lament to God from the perspective of the older adult who longs for spiritual renewal and purpose. The authentic voice of lament establishes credibility with older readers who yearn for others to empathize with their struggles. The second part of each chapter, "Cultivating Hope," guides them to God's perspective on aging and specific actions they can take that lead to hope and joy. **LARGE PRINT.** Age: Adult. 144 Pages.



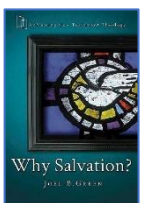
GOD'S GOOD EARTH: PRAISE AND PRAYER FOR CREATION (819035) Author: Rowthorn, Anne and Jeffery. This book offers Christians and their communities an engaging resource for prayer, reflection, and worship that reflects and nourishes their efforts to serve God and care for God's creation. Compilers Anne and Jeffery Rowthorn have prepared 52 beautiful, ready-made prayer services, each around a specific theme, drawing from a rich variety of ecumenical resources: psalms and other responsive readings, Scripture, hymns, prayers, and reflections from the world's most engaging nature writers and interpreters of the social and cultural landscape. Units: God the Creator and God's glorious creation; God's physical universe; The diversity of God's creatures; The human community and its needs; The whole creation groaning in travail; Hope and the future. Age: Adult. 352 Pages.



READY, SET, PLANT: THE WHY AND HOW OF STARTING NEW CHURCHES (821041) Author: Agtarap, Bener and Brown, Curtis. In this book, authors Bener Agtarap and Curtis Brown draw on decades of experience as church planters and coaches to show that effective planting begins and grows out of the gifts and capacities of the church planter. Using practical tools of discernment, self-discovery, community networking, team building, and partnership development, this book helps planters identify and develop their unique gifts. The authors examine best practices for starting new faith communities in today's world, incorporating interviews with five effective church planters. Chapters: Introduction to planting; Why plant?; Why leads to who; Who is a planter?; Who leads to how; How are churches planted?; How leads to what; What is a new faith community?; What leads to where; Where to plant?; Where leads to when; When do we start? Age: Adult. 160 Pages.



STORY CONTINUES: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES FOR TODAY (816095) Author: Kalas, J. Ellsworth. J. Ellsworth Kalas explores the book of Acts to uncover the ministry motivations of the first followers and shows us how they can serve as guides as we carry on their work. Includes a study guide for a 12-session study. Larger than average print. Age: Adult. 161 Pages.



WHY SALVATION? (814125) Author: Green, Joel. Chapter titles: Adam, what have you done?; Yahweh, the Healer; Yahweh, the Liberator; How can we be saved?; The end of salvation. Includes bibliography, Scripture index, index of modern authors, and subject index. Part of the 'Reframing New Testament Theology' series. Age: Adult. 192 Pages.