

Your LINK to Ministry Resources

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Options for Conversation & Study

Encourage Bible Study with these brief, animated videos found at www.thebibleproject.com

Viewing discussion/study guides can be helpful in narrowing down potential resources for small group conversations. For instance for young parents check out www.augsburgfortress.org/little-steps-big-faith-DG for parents of young children.

Everyone can benefit from the **Dialogues On:** series that helps people learn new communication skills. This dvd-based series is available from Augsburg Fortress. We have a copy of the first topic: **The Refugee Crisis** available for preview. Informational video segments lasting for 6-10 minutes are central to the curriculum. Available as a free download is an excellent resource for ALL discussion facilitators titled "Navigating Tough Topics". Visit the "Dialogues" page at wearesparkhouse.org to download this resource.

The American Conscience is a documentary on Reinhold Niebuhr. **Select Learning** has created a study guide for congregations wishing to view and discuss this film. Click on this link to view the study guide: <https://www.selectlearning.org/sites/default/files/study/Congregational-Study-Guide.pdf>

Congregations with an interest in social ministry may find value in offering the small group course **Prophetic Voices** will provide a basis for planning and action for social justice as well as provide communication and advocacy training. This course is available through **SELECT LEARNING**. https://www.selectlearning.org/store/all/prophetic-faith-starter-kit?utm_source=June+18%2C+2018&utm_campaign=June+18%2C+2018&utm_medium=email

A new series of books is being published that could be helpful for individuals and support groups: The **Living with Hope** series will address the issues of unemployment, chronic illness, parenting, or the pain of broken relationships. The series presents compassionate, emotionally honest guidance through authentic insight and personal narratives.

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Call or email ahead of visit for recommended resources to be immediately available for viewing.

Not able to visit? Most items can be mailed.

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Thanks for your prayers, patience and understanding these past 2 months while I was out of the office due to a broken arm. I hope to regain full use of my arm in the coming weeks.

Karen

A Response to Suicide

The opioid crisis produces increased suicides. This link provides resources to help a congregation in the role of preventing suicides. <https://suicidepreventionministry.org/resources-for-clergy-lay-leaders/>. The resource center has also added these resources to its collection: ***Bruised and Wounded: Struggling to Understand Suicide*** which can be helpful for personal reading; and ***Reclaiming Life: Faith, Hope, and Suicide Loss*** a dvd to support their loved ones.

Valuable Link

“My Neighbor is Not for Sale” is an excellent resource for creating awareness of sexual exploitation as well as prevention. You can download this four-part guide at www.cherishallchildren.org

New Arrivals

Church Mergers: A Guidebook for Missional Change by Thomas G. Bandy and Page M. Brooks shares the vision and process for the energizing and effective merger of congregations.

Frolic: Nursery Coordinator Guide provides over 40 mini lessons for use in a church nursery as well as articles and other guides.

Frolic: Preschool is a Sunday School curriculum for ages 3-5 that complements the Frolic Bible and Books. The first year focuses on Old Testament stories.

Holy Habits by Andrew Roberts explores discipleship using the text, contemporary illustrations along with questions for reflection and action. This United Kingdom publication would be an excellent choice for nurturing the adult study leaders in your congregation or area congregations.

Ministry and Money: A Practical Guide for Pastors aids pastors not only in their personal matters but helps them to understand the basics of church accounting and financial reports.

Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship Design for Unforgettable Messages is a valuable tool for worship leaders. Through reading this book you will be inspired to tweak existing worship practices and plan worship services that will be meaningful for attendees through word, music, art and drama. This step-by-step guide will help you consider and prepare purposeful worship services.

T.B.D. Think. Believe. Do. is a four session conversation guide for teens or young adults. A 5-6 minute dvd clip provides plenty of points and discussion starters on a topic. The first topic which is available is on the topic of prayer.