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COMMUNITY CHURCH



BIG GOD!
BIG CATALOG!
BIG SEMESTER!
BIG POSSIBILITIES!

Welcome!

Staying connected to the Holy is greatly advanced by staying connected in Vital Biblical Community through Small Groups at BranchCreek Community Church. This is why the leaders of our church have decided that the primary vehicle for adult spiritual formation would be Vital Biblical Community through Small Groups.

It is exciting to introduce to you our Small Group offerings. We invite you to prayerfully consider what your next step in your Spiritual Journey through study should be.

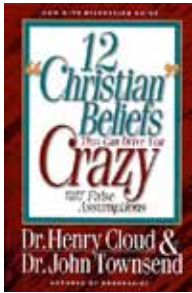
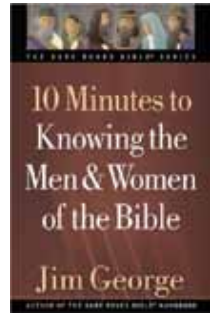
In addition to attending one of the small groups offered during a semester, you may feel God calling you to provide leadership or hosting of one of the groups listed in this catalog. In this case, please contact Carol.L@branchcreek.org or call 215-256-0100.

Remember three vital elements of each small group offering to assist you in your Spiritual Growth: The Word of God, The Spirit of God, and the People of God. This is the winning trio that will facilitate maximum opportunity for your personal growth.



10 Minutes to Knowing the Men and Women of the Bible by Jim George

Discover the ways God has worked through His people in the past, they'll become much better equipped for what God wants to do through them today. This is an outstanding resource for small group leaders, Bible study teachers, and personal time in God's Word.

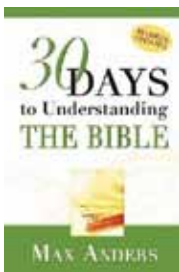


12 "Christian" Beliefs that can Drive You Crazy by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

If you think it's selfish to have your needs met or that guilt is good for you, you need to think again say Drs. Cloud and Townsend. In this groundbreaking book, they reveal the 12 commonly accepted beliefs that put you in bondage and show you how to replace these false assumptions with solid scriptural foundations so you can gain true emotional freedom.

12 Steps

Join us for a 12 Step program designed for those who want to break free from addiction. This is a group for those who struggle with a habit or other hang-up. The group examines godly principles to deal with these issues.



30 Days to Understanding the Bible by Max Anders

Get more out of the Bible. Learn to position key Bible characters, places, and events in chronological order so that you can "think your way through" the entire Word of God. Through interesting, memory-enhancing exercises, 30 Days to Understanding the Bible acquaints readers with the core teachings of Scripture in just 15 minutes a day!

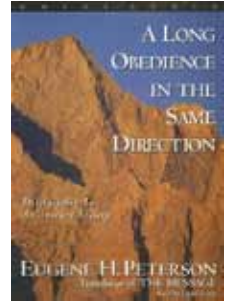
A Dad-Sized Challenge: Building a Life-Changing Relationship with Your Son by Jeff Kinley

A motivating and inspiring look at the father-son relationship, dispensing with simplistic formulas and maxims common in other fathering books, seasoned author Jeff Kinley gives fathers the tools they need to have an amazing relationship with their sons.



A Long Obedience in the Same Direction by Eugene Peterson

The qualities of hope, patience, repentance and joy help us grow in our ability to persevere. The biblical passages in these studies offer encouragement to continue in the path Christ has set for us.



A look at God's Final Word: Revelation

The book of Revelation is full of imagery that challenges everyone. Its symbols and prophecies can be difficult to grasp, but they hold rich meaning for us today. Studying Revelation will give you confidence, courage, and an assurance that God is in control. In the end he will reign eternally and Christians will know the joy of his presence forever.

As you see the glory of his kingdom and the joyous worship of those he has redeemed, your own commitment to him will deepen.

A Match Made in Heaven: How Singles and the Church Can Live Happily Ever After by Wendy Widder

Single adults - the fastest growing household type in America - are leaving the church in droves because they haven't found a place to belong. This unfortunate fact is equally obvious to an overwhelming majority of surveyed pastors who consistently rate their church's ministry to singles as poor, or fair at best.

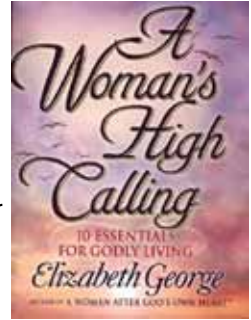


A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 by Phillip Keller

It's been thirty five years and two million copies since W. Phillip Keller gave us "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23", and it continues to encourage and inspire Christians with its classic insights into the heart of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Page by page, Keller reveals new facets of the Shepherd of Psalm 23 and His tireless, devoted care of His sheep.

A Woman's High Calling by Elizabeth George

One of the greatest challenges women face is dealing with so many demands and expectations. What are a woman's greatest priorities? How can she make sure she focuses on what really counts? Drawing on Titus 2:3-5, Elizabeth George shares the simple steps a woman can take to make these essentials a joyous reality: Growing in godliness - Developing personal discipline - Loving her husband and family - Deepening in wisdom - Managing her home - Building up others. Above all, George affirms how special each and every woman is. Get excited as you see that God's calling is a powerful privilege filled with meaning and purpose!



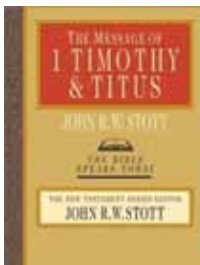
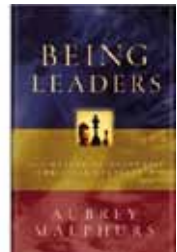
Doing Life Together: DVD series A Purpose Driven Life Series



The Innovative New media Approach to Group Bible Study Cultivate intimacy, depth, and belonging in your Bible study group as you - Enjoy eye-opening talks by well-known Bible teachers - Discuss questions that bring each topic home to your lives - Take turns leading---it's so easy and so important - Worship together with inspiring songs, lyrics, and video images - Discover and fulfill God's purpose for your lives

Being Leaders: The Nature of Authentic Christian Leadership by Aubrey Malphurs

What makes a leader a Christian leader? Examine the leaders of the first-century church and then learn about qualities such as credibility, capability, and influence that are essential for successful leadership.

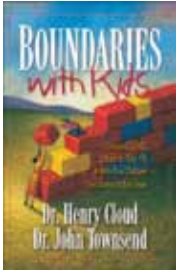
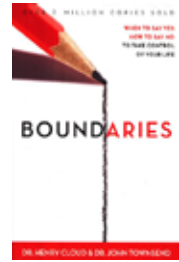


Biblical Foundations of Spiritual Leadership by John Stott

A discussion of 1 Timothy and Titus for those serving as, or desiring to become, spiritual leaders. This study uses the commentary by John Stott, "The Message of 1 Timothy & Titus."

Boundaries by Cloud and Townsend

In order to call themselves good Christians, many people have drawn overly flexible boundaries (unwilling to say no, always accommodating others' needs) or overly rigid boundaries (to the point of being righteous and judgmental). Learn how to set reasonable boundaries in order to follow the true path of Christianity.

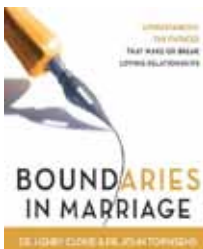
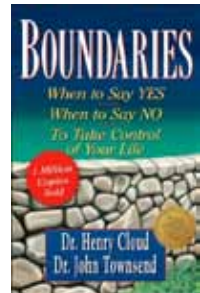


Boundaries with Kids by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

Here's the help you need to raise kids who take responsibility for their lives and attitudes. Parents will learn how to set loving limits, bring control to an out-of-control life, define appropriate boundaries and consequences for children, and much more.

Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life by Henry Cloud & John Townsend

Can I set limits and still be a loving person? - What are legitimate boundaries? - What if someone is upset or hurt by my boundaries? - How do I answer someone who wants my time, love, energy, or money? - Aren't boundaries selfish? - Why do I feel guilty or afraid when I consider setting boundaries?

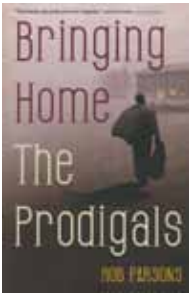
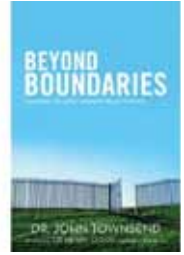


Boundaries in Marriage: When to Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life by Henry Cloud & John Townsend

It takes two individuals to become one flesh. Only when you and your mate know and respect each other's needs, choices, and freedom can you give yourselves freely and lovingly to one another. Boundaries in Marriage gives you the tools you need. Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend show you: why boundaries are vital for a thriving, productive marriage; how values form the structure and architecture of marriage; and how to protect a marriage from intruders, whether other people, affairs, or personal idols. This audio guide helps you understand the friction points or serious hurts and betrayals in your marriage - and move beyond them to the mutual care, respect, affirmation, and intimacy you both long for.

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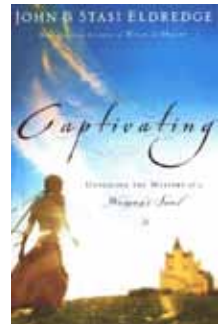
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Bringing Home the Prodigals by Rob Parsons There is no family, no matter how godly, how expert at parenting, or how devoted to each other, who is immune from the circumstances that cause us to cry out to God for our children. Our sinful natures, the appeal of cultural idols and the teenage drive for independence combine with a variety of other forces, leading a growing number of kids from Christian homes to walk away from the faith of their parents. "Bringing Home the Prodigals" is a helpful resource for parents of prodigals.

Captivating (women) by John and Stasi Eldredge

By revealing the core desires every woman shares-to be romanced, to play an irreplaceable role in a grand adventure, and to unveil beauty-John and Stasi Eldredge invite women to recover their feminine hearts, created in the image of an intimate and passionate God. Further, they encourage men to discover the secret of a woman's soul and to delight in the beauty and strength women were created to offer.

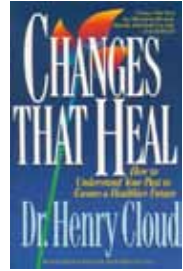


Celebrate Recovery

This is a Christ-centered, twelve step recovery group for any one struggling with life's hurts, habits and hang-ups.

Changes that Heal by Dr. Henry Cloud

This book focuses on four developmental tasks -- bonding to others, separating from others, integrating good and bad in our lives, and taking charge of our lives -- that all of us must accomplish to heal our inner pain and to enable us to function and grow emotionally and spiritually.

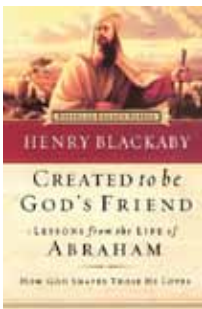


Congratulations! You're Gonna Be a Dad!: What's Ahead from A to Z for First-Time Fathers by Paul & Pam Pettit

Set up in a simple A-to-Z format, this book is written by a veteran dad and his wife, who provides a female perspective and the insights afforded by her medical training. Also included are features by several seasoned "dads," who have experienced the spills and thrills of fatherhood.

Cooking 101: Fruit of the Spirit

Learn to serve a loved one or impress a colleague with a simple recipe of great food well presented. After weekly cooking, look at God's idea of great Fruit - with the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5. You will never look at fresh fruit the same way again.

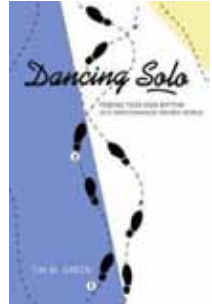


Created to Be God's Friend by Henry T. Blackaby

Abraham learned to recognize the all-compelling voice that led him away to a strange land. What an honor to have God call him his intimate friend! Yet, we know God desires all of us to have such a close relationship with him that we learn to hear and respond to his voice.

Dancing Solo: A Single's Guide-Finding Your Own Rhythm in a Performance-Driven World by Tim Green

In "Dancing Solo", Tim Green disrupts the performance-driven mindset by asking, "What if life is something other than a series of disconnected achievements?" or "What if what we have come to call 'life' isn't really 'life' at all?" With thoughtful relevance and inspirational anecdotes, Green imparts the understanding that life cannot be earned or accomplished but is simply the good and pure gift of God.

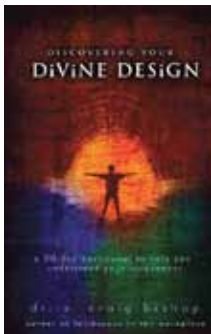


Disciplines for the Inner Life by Robert & Michael Benson

This powerful daily devotional can help motivate personal spiritual growth through daily readings, meditations, prayers, and hymns.

Disconnected: Parenting Teens in a MySpace World by Chap & Dee Clark

"This is not a 'handbook' on the latest tips and techniques ... We are offering you insights into the soul and world of your child", says Chap Clark. The reality is that life has become too busy and too complicated for any book that offers parents quick-fix solutions.



Discovering Your Divine Design by Dr. Craig S. Bishop

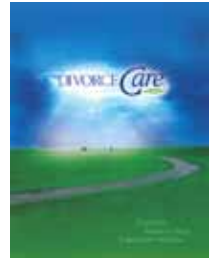
50 days of inspirational readings to help you understand your uniqueness as you can pursue your life purpose.

Divine Design: Next Level

Here Pastor Craig takes you beyond serving with your own gifts, talents and abilities to helping others do the same. Qualifications for the small group include: being a member, actively serving, and having read "Discovering Your Divine Design" by Pastor Craig.

Divorce Care

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone.

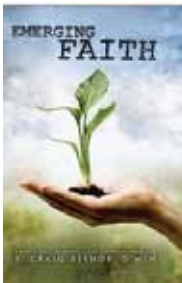
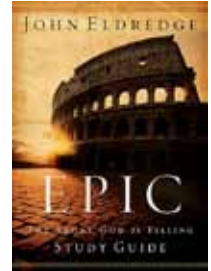


Divorce Care For Kids DK4K

A Parent Study to Help their Kids with Divorce & it's Effects on Family and Childhood

Epic; The Story God is Telling by John Eldredge

In Epic, a retelling of the gospel in four acts, John Eldredge invites us to revisit the drama of life, viewing God not only as the author but also as the lead actor, exploring His motives and His heart. Eldredge examines the power of story, the universal longing for a "plot" that makes sense deep inside us, our desire for a meaningful role to play, our love of books and movies, and how all of this points us to the gospel itself.



Emerging Faith by Dr. S. Craig Bishop

50 days of readings to enhance faith development. Packed with illustrations to aid understanding. Includes a built-in study guide.

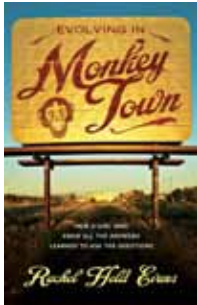
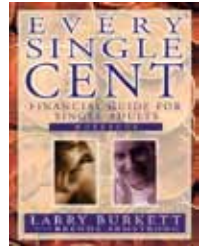
Every Man's Battle by Stephen Arterburn

"The challenge every man faces...the fight every man can win! From movies and television, to print media and the Internet, men are constantly faced with the assault of sensual images. It is impossible to avoid such temptations... but, thankfully, not impossible to confront them and gain victory over them!"



Every Single Cent: Financial Guide for Single Adults
by Larry Burkett & Brenda Armstrong

This financial guide is made specifically for single adults who want to start on their way to a successful budget today! For more than 25 years author and teacher Larry Burkett has been helping people understand the basics of biblical stewardship of talents and resources.



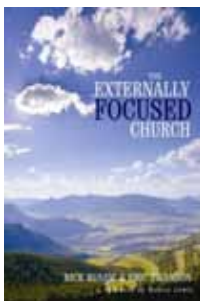
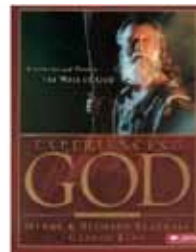
Evolving in Monkey Town: How a Girl Who Knew all the Answers, learned to ask the Questions by Rachel Held Evans

Eighty years after the Scopes Monkey Trial made a spectacle of Christian fundamentalism and brought national attention to her hometown, Rachel Held Evans faced a trial of her own when she began to have doubts about her faith. Growing up in a culture obsessed with apologetics, Evans asks questions she never thought she would ask. She learns that in order for her faith

to survive in a postmodern context, it must adapt to change and evolve. Using as an illustration her own spiritual journey from certainty, through doubt, to faith, Evans adds a unique perspective to the ongoing dialogue about postmodernism and the church that has so captivated the Christian community in recent years. In a changing cultural environment where new ideas threaten the safety and security of the faith, *Evolving in Monkey Town* is a fearlessly honest story of survival.

Experiencing God by Henry T. Blackaby, Richard Blackaby & Claude King

Find out how God reveals Himself, His purposes and His ways. Find out where God is working and join Him. Experience God doing through you what only God can do.

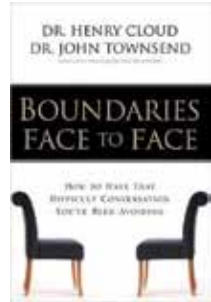


Externally Focused Church by Rick Rushaw

Learn to open your heart to others and explore how we can help our church make serving the community a priority. Help us become a firm pillar in our community because of our unwavering love.

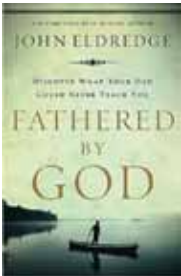
Face to Face: How to Have the Difficult Conversation You Have Been Avoiding by Cloud & Townsend

This is a practical handbook that will help you have that difficult conversation you've been avoiding. Includes a discussion guide with tips on preparing for that conversation and how to deal with counterattacks. Learn how to confront well and establish healthy boundaries.



Fathered by God by John Eldredge

In this life-changing message from John Eldredge, readers discover a paradigm-shifting path to manhood. He unveils the six stages many men miss, stages they must complete in order to become the man God designed them to be. Inspiring, insightful, and challenging for men and the women in their lives, Fathered by God delivers the very thing men need, a way to forge companionship with God the Father while undergoing a transformation, releasing the fullness of life and the passion God designed them to live.



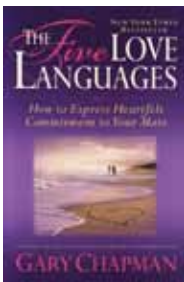
Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear by Max Lucado

Fear is like an invisible prison. It holds you captive, influencing your choices and perceptions about life, God, and other people. Can you imagine what your life would be like without fear? With so much going wrong in the world it can seem hard to picture. Max Lucado author of 3:16:



Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman

What if you could say or do just the right thing guaranteed to make that special someone feel loved? The secret is learning the right love language! Millions of couples have learned the simple way to express their feelings and bring joy back into marriage



Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey

Do you want to do a better job of managing what God has entrusted to you? If so, Financial Peace University is for you. During this 13 week course, you'll learn how to get out of debt and stay out, how to build wealth for the future, how to be more generous, and how to put God first financially.

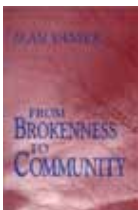
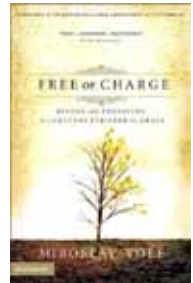


For Skeptics Only

This small group is "For Skeptics Only" - no Christians allowed (unless you're with a non-Christian friend!). A safe group for people who are skeptical of the Christian faith. This group will explore questions people have of God and Christianity.

Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a culture stripped of Grace by Miroslav Volf

We are at our human best when we give and forgive. But we live in a world in which it makes little sense to do either one. In our increasingly graceless culture, where can we find the motivation to give? And how do we learn to forgive when forgiving seems counterintuitive or even futile?



From Brokenness to Community by Jean Vanier

Two lectures at Harvard University speaking to the issue of the disabled and the Community's responsibility to learn from and care for this segment of the population. He speaks of his own healing and his own need for disabled people in his life.

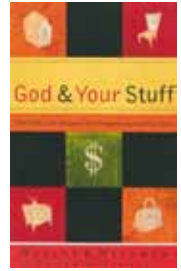
Genesis - verse by verse study

IN THE BEGINNING... Genesis means "beginnings" and it unfolds the record of the beginning of the world, of human history, of family, of civilization, of salvation. It is the story of God's purpose and plan for his creation. Genesis sets the stage for the entire Bible and reveals the nature of God, the value and dignity of human beings, the tragedy and consequences of sin and the promise and assurance of salvation.



God & Your Stuff: The Vital Link Between Your Possessions and Your Soul by Wesley K. Willmer

Many are unaware of the connection between their finances and their faith. It's a link that Jesus talked about quite often. Failing to see the link, however, is keeping many Christians from realizing the full potential of their relationship with God. This study not only helps to understand this link, it provides practical steps everyone can take to grow to spiritual maturity in the area of finances.

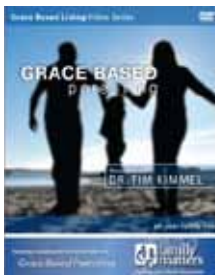
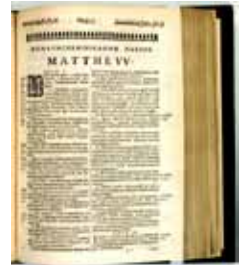


Gospel In Life by Timothy Keller

Gospel in Life is an eight-week course on the gospel and how it is lived out in all of life— first in our hearts, then in community, and out into the world.

Gospel of Matthew

Jesus as King of Kings. the Royal Gospel. The Gospel written by a Jew for the Jews to let them see the truth of Christ's claim as God's Son and the King of Kings. 28 exciting chapters to uncover the magnificent Jesus in difficult times and in great times. In the end, participants will discover what difference it makes to bring the King with you throughout your day.



Grace-Based Parenting by Tim Kimmel

Dr. Tim Kimmel explains how fear-based parenting is a guaranteed method to set children up for failure. Learn how to meet your child's three driving inner needs for security, significance and strength with the invaluable gifts of love, purpose and hope.

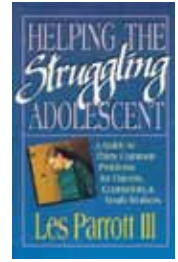
Grief Share

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.



Helping the Struggling Adolescent by Les Parrott III

This is a practical guide for parents, counselors and Youth workers on how to help teens through thirty common problems that adolescents deal with. This makes a great group study for those that love teens and want to help them through many complex challenges they face in life.



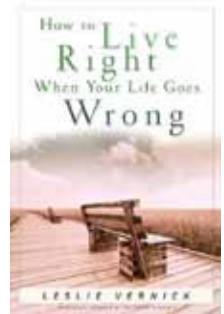
How People Change by Tim Lane and Paul Tripp

This is applied theology. It's about heat, thorns, the cross, and fruit. It's about present grace. In sixteen short and well-illustrated chapters, the wonderful prospect of change for the good is held out for the reader. We are called to consider our circumstances and our responses to them, and beneath that to examine our hearts desires and to turn afresh to Christ's cross.



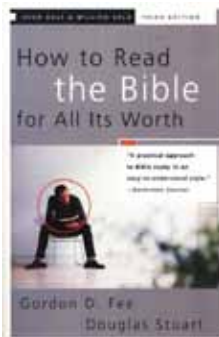
How to Live Right When Life Goes Wrong by Leslie Vernick

Discover the Principles that Could Transform Your Life. Now, through one practical, simple-to-understand and easy-to-remember model, you can: Gain a new perspective on the troubles God allows in your life. Come to better understand your response to those trials. Discover the underlying idols that hamper your efforts to change. Learn how to discern the truth of God's Word. Develop the heart response that will draw you closer to God. Come on a journey of personal growth and spiritual discovery as your heart is drawn back to a central tenet of the Gospel: Truth isn't something you learn, but Someone you know. And the Truth will set you free.



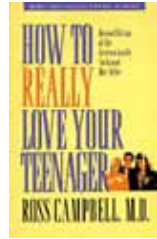
How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth by Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart

Understanding the Bible isn't for the few, the gifted, the scholarly. The Bible is accessible. It's meant to be read and comprehended by everyone from armchair readers to seminary students. A few essential insights into the Bible can clear up a lot of misconceptions and help you grasp the meaning of Scripture and its application to your 21st-century life.



How to Really Love Your Teenager by Ross Campbell, M.D.

This book encourages parents to look beyond material provision as a way of expressing love for their teens. It is a practical guide with sound and easily transferable principles for everyday parenting.

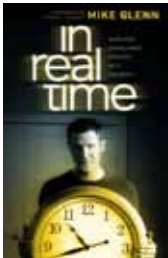
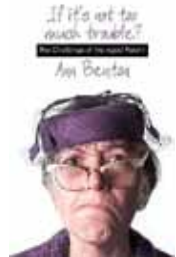


Hurt: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers by Chap Clark

Based on solid research and years of insightful observation, Clark's "Hurt" serves to open the eyes of parents, youth workers, pastors, educators, and youth-serving professionals to realities from which the church has too often chosen to look away.

If It's Not Too Much Trouble: The Challenge of the Aged Parent by Ann Benton

In If It's Not Too Much Trouble, Ann Benton offers a Christian perspective on caring for aging parents and practical tools for negotiating the challenges and difficulties. In a light-hearted and straightforward manner, she also points out the positive benefits of caring for those unable to care for themselves.

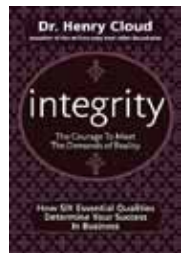


In Real Time: Authentic Young Adult Ministry As It Happens by Michael Glenn

Are you wondering how to reach out to young adults with the gospel? Welcome to Kairos! Founded in 2004 with just 50 participants, this innovative midweek contemporary worship service in Nashville quickly grew to more than 700.

Integrity, The Courage to Meet the Demands of Reality

This study goes along with Henry Clouds book on the subject of Integrity. Integrity is much more than honesty. And it is the key to success in our world. This group will study what Dr. Cloud lists as the six characteristics of integrity.



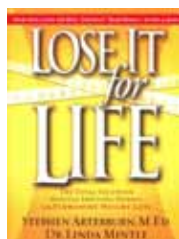


Kitchen Table Counseling: A Practical and Biblical Guide for Women Helping Others by Muriel Cook & Shelly Volkhardt

If you're a woman who responds naturally to others' problems but aren't sure how to reach out or what to say, "Kitchen Table Counseling" will tell you what questions to ask and what Scriptures to use.

Living a Good Story - Blue Like Jazz

The world is full of great challenges, terrible tragedies, and overwhelming joys-there is simply too much going on to be a part of a boring story. Join us for a look at what makes a story great and how to live a story worth telling. For artists, writers & video editors.



Lose It For Life

Lose It for Life is a uniquely balanced program that not only deals with the physical issues of overeating, but also focuses on the emotional, mental, and the often-missed SPIRITUAL factors related to weight loss to help readers achieve permanent results.

Love and Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs & Dr. Emerson

Harmony and happiness are not achieved by love alone. Ephesians 5:33 shows how men need respect and women need love. Featured on Focus on the Family.

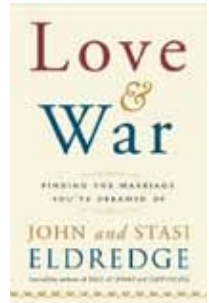


Love, Acceptance & Forgiveness by Dr. Jerry Cook

As Christians we need to understand the role of the church today. We are people who have been redeemed, filled with the Spirit and equipped to meet needs everywhere. But it all begins with understanding the degree to which you are loved.

Love and War (marriage) by John Eldredge

With astonishing vulnerability that engages readers from the first page, John and Stasi Eldredge openly discuss their own marriage and the breakthroughs they have won from the challenges they've faced. Each talks to the reader about what he and she have learned, providing a balance between male and female perspectives. Marriage is fabulously hard. But beneath and behind the inevitable tensions a man and woman "locked in the same submarine" are going to have, the real battle is against the work of the Enemy, who plots and schemes to tear love apart. The Eldredges show how couples can win "by fighting for each other, instead of against each other." As they say, "We live in a great love story, set in the midst of war."



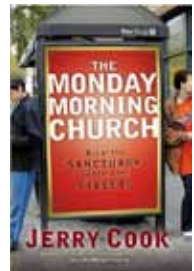
Max on Life by Max Lucado

We have questions. And deep, heavy ones. In more than twenty-five years of writing and ministry, Max Lucado has been the receiving line for thousands of such questions. The questions come in letters, e-mails, even on Dunkin Donuts napkins. In Max on Life he offers thoughtful answers to more than 150 of the most pressing questions on topics ranging from hope to hurt, from home to the hereafter. Max writes about the role of prayer, the purpose of pain, and the reason

for our ultimate hope. He responds to the day-to-day questions-parenting quandaries, financial challenges, difficult relationships-as well as to the profound: Is God really listening?

Monday Morning Church – Out of the Sanctuary and Into the Streets by Dr. Jerry Cook

A study in the book of Ephesians. The author encourages the church to take Jesus to people, not bring people to God. As Christians we are people of destiny, purposely placed by God deep inside our culture. We are His points of influence to communicate His strategic presence in the world.



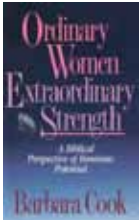
New Life in Christ

If you are seeking to know more about a relationship with Christ or have just committed your life to Christ, this group provides a caring and safe environment where you can learn about the Bible and take the next step in your spiritual journey. Make friends, ask

questions and learn along with others who are also just beginning to grow in this most important relationship.

New Start for Single Moms (women) by Diane Strack

Single parenting is one of life's greatest challenges, and amid the swirling emotions and questions it is so encouraging to have a clear voice through the noise to give you guidance and direction. This great study will help every woman asking the hard questions about putting together their lives as single parents.

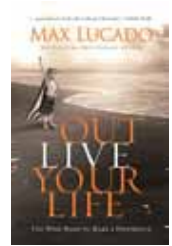


Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Strength by Barbara Cook

A discussion of what it means to be a woman of strength and godliness. With a penetrating look at Scripture, from the Old to the New Testament, from verses everyone agrees with to problem sections of Scripture, Barbara Cook explores the meaning of true strength and true Christian Womanhood.

Outlive your life by Max Lucado

These are difficult days in our world's history. 1.75 billion people are desperately poor, natural disasters are gouging entire nations, and economic uncertainty still reigns across the globe. But you and I have been given an opportunity to make a big difference. What if we did? What if we rocked the world with hope? Infiltrated all corners with God's love and life? We are created by a great God to do great works. He invites us to outlive our lives, not just in heaven, but here on earth. Let's live our lives in such a way that the world will be glad we did.

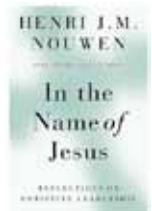


Parenting Your Adult Child: How You Can Help Them Achieve Their Full Potential by Ross Campbell & Gary Chapman

Has your nest not emptied? Has your child made a lifestyle choice you don't agree with? Many parents today answer an exasperating "yes" to these and many other questions that describe the frustration encountered between them and their adult children.

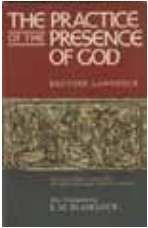
Personal Issues for Spiritual Leaders

A discussion getting at the heart and soul of spiritual leadership. This study uses the book by Henri Nouwen, "In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership," and C.J. Mahaney, "Humility: True Greatness."



Philippians

This Bible study investigates the love and humility of Christ and calls us to a level of servanthood few can achieve on planet earth. An honest study with honest pioneers in their faith, We will bring Paul's teaching to great relevance.

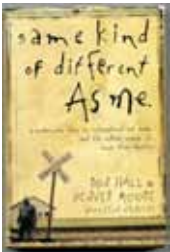
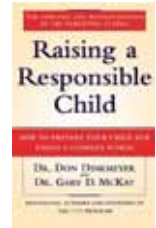


Practice the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence

For nearly 300 years this unparalleled classic has given both blessing and instruction to those who can be content with nothing less than knowing God in all His majesty and feeling His loving presence throughout each simple day. It is an inspiring and introspective look into how we can all be a little more aware of how we serve God every day.

Raising a Responsible Child by Dr. Dinkmyer & McCay

Teaching responsibility is no easy task – nor is it a speedy task – it takes an entire childhood to learn. Just how do we help our children to gain an understanding of the concept of responsibility and learn to embrace this concept for a lifetime?



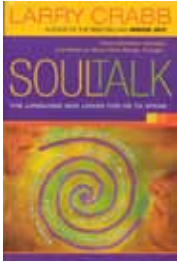
Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall & Denver Moore

Denver Moore grew up in Louisiana in the 1960's working on a plantation as a modern-day slave. Ron Hall is an international arts dealer who moves between upscale New York galleries and celebrities. It seems unlikely that these two men would meet under normal circumstances.

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts by Les and Leslie Parrott

This is a premarital small group that identifies seven key questions that will help couples identify and overcome stumbling blocks to building a healthy marriage .





Soul Talk by Dr. Larry Crabb

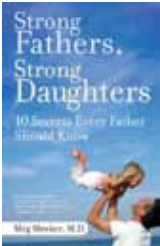
In this extraordinary book, Dr. Larry Crabb introduces a revolutionary new way for Christians to experience God, a process he calls “soul talk,” which happens when two Christians talk to each other in a way that results in their passion for God being stirred, ignited, and released. You will be challenged to go to the deepest level of relationships with fellow Christians and with God.



Spiritual Leadership and the Cross by D. A. Carson
A discussion of what the death of Christ means for spiritual leaders. This study uses the study by D.A. Carson, “The Cross and Christian Ministry: Leadership Lessons from 1 Corinthians.”

Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters: 10 Secrets Every Father Should Know by Dr. Meg Meeker

In her new book, pediatric and adolescent physician, Dr. Meg Meeker, offers a straightforward and compelling challenge reminding fathers of the powerful life-shaping role they play in their daughters’ lives.

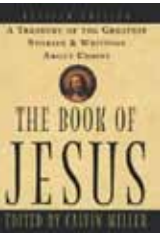


The Adoption Decision: 15 Things You Want to Know Before Adopting by Laura Christianson

Before you make the decision to adopt, it’s wise to know how adopting will affect your daily life. How will it affect your other children and your marriage? What will be the roll of the birth parents? Here are 15 important questions - and answers - to help you make the right choice in adopting.

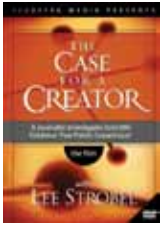
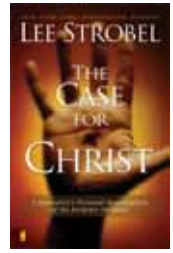
The Book of Jesus: A Treasury of the Greatest Stories & Writings About Christ by Edited by Calvin Miller

Drawn from every era of history, this collection of stories, poems, essays, traditional hymns, and celebratory songs is an essential volume for all Christian libraries--and for readers of all religions interested in learning about Christ.



The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel

The Case for Christ reads like a captivating, fast-paced novel. But, it's not fiction. It's a riveting journey to the truth about the most remarkable event in history: the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a best selling, award winning classic! Very faith strengthening!

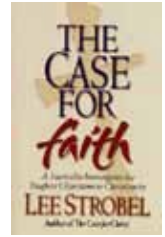


The Case for a Creator by Lee Strobel

What do the discoveries of modern biology, physics, cosmology, and astronomy really tell us about the origin of life and the universe? When objectively considered, does contemporary scientific evidence point toward or away from a supernatural Creator? Strobel interviewed scientists and scholars from a wide range of disciplines for the answers.

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel

Skeptics of Christianity are everywhere, boldly asking tough questions in order to disprove the faith. Doubt no more! Get your hands on "The Case for Faith" and take heart! Whatever intellectual or emotional objections one has to the Christian faith are directly refuted by Strobel's honest and thorough discoveries.

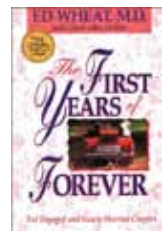


The Fight by John White

When Christ enters a human's existence, everything changes. John White helps prepare the new and growing believer for the changes that should be expected.

The First Years of Forever by Ed Wheat M.D. & Gloria Okes Perkins

Nearly half of all serious marital problems develop in the first two years of marriage. The causes? Overconfidence, poor preparation, unrealistic expectations. The authors offer much-needed, biblically-based counseling for engaged and newly-married couples to prepare them for their lifelong journey together. This is a practical marriage handbook to be read again and again.





The Five Love Languages of Children by Gary Chapman & Ross Campbell

Are you expressing your love in a way your child understands? Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell help you discover your child's unique communication style, so you can better meet his or her deepest emotional needs.

The Fruit of the Spirit: Becoming the Person God Wants You to Be by Thomas E. Trask & Wayde I. Goodall

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. To be spiritually mature is to show the fruit of the Spirit of Christ in our lives. The passages you will study highlight each quality.

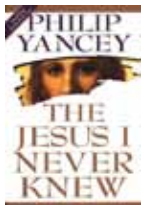


The Gospel of Mark

Examine the life of Jesus and examine how He relates with people, the impact that He had on them and the difference He can make in your life.

The Hurried Family by Tim Kimmel

Help to the hurried home by sharing positive ways to overcome today's hectic lifestyle. The Hurried Family Video Study will empower you and your family with confidence and de-stressing skills.

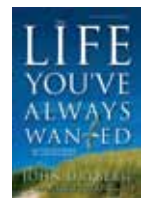


The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey

Learn about the real Jesus beyond the stereotypes, revolutionizing your passion for Christ.

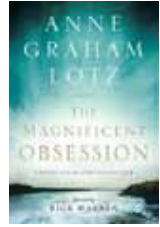
The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg

The heart of Christianity is about transformation - about a God who isn't just concerned with our "spiritual lives," but who wants to impact every aspect of living. This small group offers modern perspectives on the ancient path of the spiritual disciplines.



The Magnificent Obsession: Lessons from Abraham by Anne Graham Lotz

Are you missing something vital? Something that is essential to living a joyful, purpose-filled life? Are you devoted to your church or your religion but still struggle to find meaning and real passion in your faith? Learn how to know God as Abraham did ... as His friend.

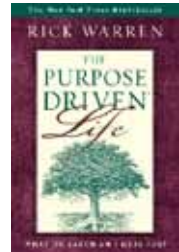


The Pre-Marital Class

The Journey of Marriage is one of the most glorious and challenging journeys possible. Begin this extraordinary journey with other couples looking forward to a lifetime together and study, share, and learn valuable life lessons in this small group.

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren

Every church is driven by something. Tradition, finances, programs, personalities, events, seekers, and even buildings can each be the controlling force in the church. But Rick Warren believes that in order for a church to be healthy it must become a purpose-driven church by Jesus. Now the founding pastor of Saddleback Church shares a proven five-part strategy that will enable your church to grow . . . warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, broader through ministry and larger through evangelism.



The Second Half of Marriage by David & Claudia Arp

Make the second half of your marriage even better than the first! Based on their award-winning book, this curriculum from David and Claudia Arp gives practical strategies for meeting eight major challenges of the 'empty nest' years. Discover how to maintain effective communication, let go of past marital disappointments, grow closer to God together and more.

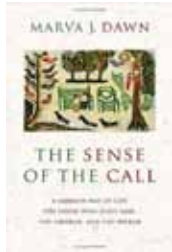
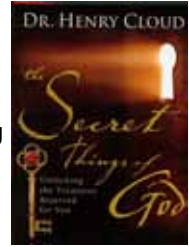
The Secret in the Pew: Pornography in the Lives of Christian Men - Breaking the Bondage of Sexual Sin by David A. Blythe

There are secrets sitting in the pews of our churches throughout America, crossing every denominational line. This secret is a lifestyle of sexual preoccupation and perversion within the lives of Christian men.



The Secret Things of God: How to Unlock the Treasures God has Waiting for You Dr. Henry Cloud

Is the law of attraction really the key to fulfilling your dreams, or are there deeper secrets that lead to a happy life? Unlocking the hidden things of God, Cloud shares 20 ancient principles that have brought peace and joy to countless generations. Activate the power of God's secrets and discover who you really are!



The Sense of the Call: A Sabbath Way of Life for Those Who Serve God, the Church, and the World by Marva Dawn

As Christians we are always called to serve God but this does not require us to be busybodies or to run ourselves ragged. Marva Dawn gives us a way forward in balancing how we serve God and how we rest in God.

The Smart Stepmom: Practical Steps to Help You Thrive by Ron L. Deal & Laura Petherbridge

You are not alone on the stepmom journey. In "The Smart Stepmom", you'll find practical advice on how to survive and thrive in your new blended family. Learn how to be a positive influence on children who are torn between two moms.



Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn

Randy Alcorn's *The Treasure Principle* (Discovering the Secret of Joyful Giving) introduces readers to a revolution in material freedom and radical generosity that will change lives around the world. "You couldn't pay me enough not to give," exclaims the bestselling author, who believes there's a higher motivation for giving than guilt. "Giving infuses life with joy. It interjects an eternal dimension into even

the most ordinary day." Alcorn bases his brief, motivational message on the words of the world's foremost financial consultant, Jesus Christ, who advised listeners to "store up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:20). In contemporary, easy-to-understand language, Alcorn offers readers a six-step plan to finding the immediate pleasure and eternal rewards of the Treasure Principle. Once readers discover the liberating joy of giving, life will never look the same. And they won't want it to!

The Unexpected Adventure by Lee Strobel & Mark Mittelberg

Tired of your humdrum routine? There are no boring days when evangelism is your top priority! In this engaging devotional, best-selling authors Strobel and Mittelberg offer compelling, often humorous stories from their own lives to illustrate how influencing others for Christ can be an exciting, natural, and rewarding adventure.

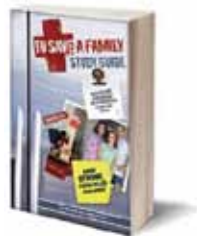
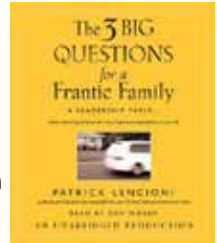


The Upside Down Kingdom by Donald B. Kraybill

A Mennonite sociologist, educator, and Senior Fellow of Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College in PA. Calls us to “foster an Upside-Down Kingdom favoring those suffering at society’s margins.”

Three Big Questions for the Frantic Family: A Leadership Fable about Restoring Sanity to the Most Important Organization in Your Life by Patrick Lencioni

In this unique and groundbreaking book, business consultant and New York Times best-selling author Patrick Lencioni turns his sights on the most important organization in our lives - the family. As a husband and a father of four young boys, Lencioni realized the discrepancy between the time and energy his clients put into running their organizations and the reactive way most people run their personal lives. Having experienced the stress of a frantic family firsthand, he and his wife began applying some of the tools he uses with Fortune 500 companies at home, and with surprising results.



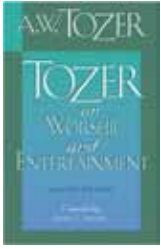
To Save a Family (Parents and Family of Teens)

This 7 week study combines clips from To Save a Life, thought provoking discussion questions, memory verses, real life stories, weekly goals and activities to help strengthen families and develop faith-filled children in a small group setting.

To Save a Life - Youth (teens)

Based on the To Save A Life movie. This 8-week study is designed to help teens fall in love with God and begin acting out their faith as Jesus would - by reaching out to the lost, left out, hurting and lonely on their school campuses.



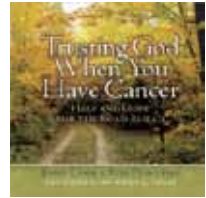


Tozer on Worship and Entertainment by A.W. Tozer

“Here in one volume is a collection of Tozer’s thoughts on the vitally important subject of worship---and its corruption by what he referred to as ‘the great god of Entertainment.

Trusting God When You Have Cancer by Dr. Jerry Cook

A powerful look at the heart of a man as he deals with an uncertain future, the loss of his family, and the end of a career: cancer has come to visit! See how faith can make the difference between uncontrolled grief, and mature emotions as life gives more of a challenge than any one man or woman may ask to manage.



What are Spiritual Gifts? A Look at 1 Corinthians 12-14

A verse-by-verse look at 1 Corinthians 12-14, bringing in everything else the Bible says about spiritual gifts along the way. This is designed to help followers of Christ know what the Bible means when it speaks of spiritual gifts.

What Good is God by Philip Yancey

The search for God in the midst of horror, disaster, and loss has confounded believers for centuries. How does belief actually matter in the lives of those who suffer? Yancey, popular journalist and public speaker, travels the world and attempts to make some theological sense of the hurting people and devastated places he observes, from Virginia Tech to Mumbai.

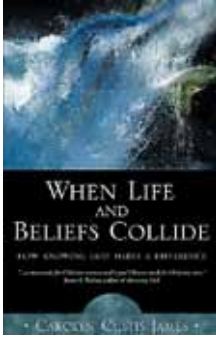
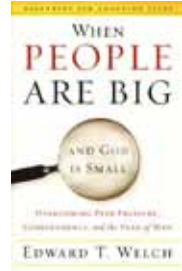


What to Do When You Don't Know What to Do by Dr. Henry Cloud

Life is difficult. Life for every person on earth is a challenging journey - with or without God. Those who invite God to join them on this adventure believe that when bad things happen they can trust God to be present and work on their behalf. But just exactly how does He go about the business of helping us when we don't know what to do?

When People are Big and God is Small by Dr. Edward Welch

Changing your allegiance in life from other humans to God is never an easy transition – but once achieved, the power others have over your emotions and attitudes shrinks. This book explores the journey of transferring power from others to God.

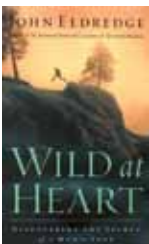
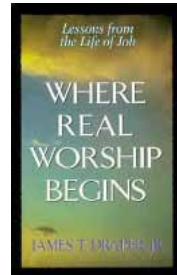


When Life and Beliefs Collide by Carolyn Custis James

Sooner or later, life's difficulties bring every Christian woman to God's doorstep with questions too personal to ignore. "Why does God let me go through such painful circumstances?" "Why does he seem indifferent to my prayers?" "We're tired of spiritual pie in the sky. We want authentic, God-as-he-really-is faith--the kind that holds us together when our world is falling apart and equips us to offer strength and hope to others. When Life and Beliefs Collide examines the misperceptions and abuses that discourage women from pursuing a deeper understanding of God. And through the personal examples of real women, it demonstrates how practical and down to earth knowing God can be.

Where Real Worship Begins: Lessons from the Life of Jobby James T. Draper

"Where Real Worship Begins" is at the heart of suffering. Using the life of Job as a model, James T. Draper Jr. teaches that suffering is used in the life of Christians so that they can love God for who He is and not what He gives. This is a timely message in an age where Christians are promised monetary prosperity and perfect health all the days of their life. Encourage/Support



Wild at Heart: (men) by John Eldredge

God designed men to be dangerous, says John Eldredge. Simply look at the dreams and desires written in the heart of every boy: To be a hero, to be a warrior, to live a life of adventure and risk. Sadly, most men abandon those dreams and desires-aided by a Christianity that feels like nothing more than pressure to be a nice guy.

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In all walks of life
To lovingly persuade the world
To become committed followers of Jesus Christ
And responsible members
Of His growing Kingdom
So that they may do the same



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