

Small Group Resources

Information on resources available to Small Groups

Format:

Book Title – Author

Copyright date

WAC materials: materials that are available in the small groups library

(\$ indicates cost when available – replacement cost and/or expected cost to buy more copies for a group study)

Other available materials: materials that WAC does not have in the library, but that can be found elsewhere for purchase

Description: publisher's description of the materials

Materials are listed in alphabetical order by title and can be found in the same order on the shelves

13 Very Bad Days and How God Fixed Them – Keefer, Mikal

C. 2009

WAC materials: Book (\$10)

Description: The Small Group Solutions for Kids series is ideal for use during adult small groups, at house churches, in Sunday school, and with evening programs. Sessions are geared to a range of ages, and there's almost no prep required.

With this book in the series, kids will discover how God fixed some very bad days for 13 people, including Noah, Daniel, Mary, Lazarus, and Stephen. Kids will learn that the same God of long ago watches over them—and that God knows how to fix their very bad days too!

Battlefield of the Mind – Meyer, Joyce

C. 1999 (original book), 2006 (other resources)

WAC materials: set of 4 DVD, audio CD, Books - *Battlefield of the Mind for Kids*, *Battlefield of the Mind for Teens*

Other available materials: Book, Study Guide

Description: If you've suffered from worry, doubt, confusion, depression or anger, then you've experienced an attack on your mind. Discover how to overcome negative thoughts and live in peace and freedom. Not only will you be built up on God's Word day by day with this devotional, but you'll also learn the biblical principles gleaned from Joyce's best-selling book *Battlefield of the Mind*.

DVD info: These resources will expose wrong ways of thinking and help you renew your mind with the truth of God's Word. *The Battlefield of the Mind* boxed set contains four DVD resources to help transform your thinking, including *What's Been On Your Mind Lately?*, *Think About What You Are Thinking About*, *What Would Jesus Think?* and *Thinking Your Way Out of Bondage*.

Boundaries - Cloud, Dr. Henry & Townsend, Dr. John

C. 1997 (book), 1999 (study)

WAC materials: Book, Participants Guide, Leader's Guide, DVD

Description: Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. A boundary is a personal property line that marks those things for which we are responsible. In other words, boundaries define who we are and who we are not. Boundaries impact all areas of our lives: *Physical boundaries* help us determine who may touch us, *mental boundaries* give us the freedom to have our own thoughts, *emotional boundaries* help us to deal with our own emotions and *spiritual boundaries* help us to distinguish God's will from our own.

DVD info: Do you have trouble saying no? Can you set limits and still be a loving person? Are you in control of your life? What are legitimate boundaries? Do people take advantage of you? How do you answer someone who wants your time, love, energy, and money?

Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend offer biblically based answers to these tough questions as they show us how to set healthy boundaries with our parents, our spouses, our children, our friends, our coworkers, and even ourselves. Nine sessions, 80 minutes total. Designed for use with the Boundaries Participant's Guide, now revised,

this DVD resource helps to define and maintain the clear personal boundaries that are essential to a healthy and balanced life.

Celebration of Discipline – Foster, Richard J.

C. 1978, 1988, 1998

WAC materials: Book (\$15)

Description: In the twenty years since its publication, *Celebration of Discipline* has helped over a million seekers discover a richer spiritual life infused with joy, peace, and a deeper understanding of God. For this special twentieth anniversary edition, Richard J. Foster has added an introduction, in which he shares the story of how this beloved and enduring spiritual guidebook came to be.

Hailed by many as the best modern book on Christian spirituality, *Celebration of Discipline* explores the classic "Disciplines," or central spiritual practices, of the Christian faith. Along the way, Foster shows that it is only by and through these practices that the true path to spiritual growth can be found.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality – Scazzero, Peter

C. 2006

WAC materials: Book, Workbook

Description: The Christian faith is supposed to produce deep, positive change. So why doesn't it seem to work in "real life"? That question screamed at Pastor Peter Scazzero when his church and marriage hit bottom and every Christian remedy produced nothing but anger and fatigue. As he began digging under the "good Christian" veneer, he uncovered entire emotional layers of his life that God had not yet touched. Discovering that his emotional immaturity had fed his spiritual immaturity, Scazzero experienced a spiritual revolution by biblically integrating emotional health and contemplative spirituality. In *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, Scazzero unveils what's wrong with our conventional means of "spiritual growth" and offers seven biblical, reality-tested, transformational steps that will help you live out your faith with authenticity, awareness, and a hunger for God.

Experiencing God -Blackaby, Henry

C. 1990 (VHS)

WAC materials: set of 4 VHS

Available materials: Updated version (2007) of study with book, participant guide, leaders guide, DVD

Description: A modern classic that has sold millions of copies worldwide, *Experiencing God* is based on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator. By understanding how God is working through us even as we try to fathom His ways, we can begin to clearly know and do His will and discover our lives greatly and gracefully changed.

Faith Lessons: Life & Ministry of the Messiah -Zondervan/ Vander Laan, Ray/Focus on the Family

C. 1999

WAC materials: Participant's Guide (\$8), Leader's Guide, set of 2 VHS

Description: What would it be like to haul in a miraculous draft of fish at the command of the Master . . . or hear the ram's horn sound from Herod's temple at the very moment when Jesus is breathing his last breath? What would you think? How would you think? What meanings would the places and events in the life of Jesus hold for you as a person of a different time and culture? Thanks to Ray Vander Laan and That the World May Know Ministries, you can understand their significance in a way that transforms your faith today. Filmed in Israel by Focus on the Family, *Faith Lessons on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah* helps small groups understand Jesus from the mindset of a citizen of those times. Using the new, proven Zondervan-Groupware approach, this powerful curriculum provides a dynamic way for participants to engage with biblical truths in a life-changing, group-interactive format. *Faith Lessons on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah* includes an all-new Leader's Guide and Participant's Guide designed for maximum clarity, relevance, and ease of use. Drawing on Ray Vander Laan's video presentations, participants will enjoy spirited discussions and find practical applications that turn faith lessons learned from past millennia into faith lessons lived today.

Faith Lessons: Making Disciples - Zondervan/ Vander Laan, Ray/ Focus on the Family

C. 2006

WAC materials: 1 DVD - 2 hours, 5 lessons

Other available materials: Discovery/Participants Guide

Continue to walk with Ray Vander Laan through the land that Jesus and his disciples walked, learn how the culture and politics of the first century influenced the imagery and stories of the Bible, and see the text through the eyes of God's chosen people, the Jews. In the final two installments of this powerful series, Vander Laan leads us on a journey through Galilee and to Asia Minor, a region where the rabbinic practice of selecting disciples (talmidim) was well-known, and where disciples walked the walk Rabbi Jesus taught them. Filmed in Israel and Turkey, these five-session DVDs explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus, not only in the first century, but now in the twenty-first century.

As disciples of Jesus, we've discovered that following him demands a passion for the text and a complete devotion to Christian community. But there is more. A disciple is consumed with a passion to be like the Rabbi—Jesus. Come and discover the passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters. Follow in their footprints as they loved the Messiah with all their heart, all their soul, and all their might—every moment of every day.

Faith Lessons: The Promised Land - Zondervan/Focus on the Family

C. 1999

WAC materials: 2 VHS tapes

Other available materials: Participants Guide, Leaders Guide, DVD

Description: Uncover the "hidden" meaning of Scripture with an exciting faith discovery series that brings the Bible to life! Uniquely captivating, "That the World May Know" reveals keen insights into the relevance of God's Word, making it truly applicable to today's Christian.

From the Back Cover

Filmed on location in Israel by Focus on the Family Films, Faith Lessons is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals keen insights into Scripture's significance for modern believers. These illuminating "faith lessons" afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life. The completely new Faith Lessons curriculum takes your small group on a round trip to ancient times, places, and customs, and back again. This lively, interactive journey is more than fascinating - it's faith -inspiring and life-changing. This brand-new Participant's Guide carefully and plainly helps you turn the lessons you learn from the past into real-life applications that impact the way you live your faith. You'll find space for note-taking, topics for discussion, and questions for reflection, as well as maps, photos, sidebars, and other study tools to help you better grasp each faith lesson. You'll also find Action Points for translating each lesson into practical ways to make a unique, important difference in the world around you. The carefully organized format makes it easy for youth to gain tremendous benefits from the following sessions: Standing at the Crossroads, Wet Feet, First Fruits, Confronting Evil, Iron of Culture.

Fruit of the Spirit Bible Studies – Zondervan, various authors

C. 2001

WAC materials: Books, 8 studies on Faithfulness, Gentleness, Joy, Kindness, Love, Patience, Peace, Self-Control

Description: This best-selling and award-winning Bible study series is completely updated and revised for the new millennium. Each of the eight studies helps participants discover what the Bible says about the characteristics the Holy Spirit and provides questions for reflection, discussion, and application. Designed for use in small groups or personal devotions, the interactive format helps believers grow in their ability to reflect the character of Jesus. Each discussion guide has 6 sessions.

Giving: Unlocking the Heart of Good Stewardship, Pursuing Spiritual Transformation series -Ortberg, Pederson, Poling

C. 2000

WAC materials: workbook (\$7)

Description: As part of the Pursuing Spiritual Transformation series, *Giving* demonstrates how good stewardship is more than a responsibility---it's an adventure. As you study the connection between your wallet and your heart, you'll learn how money management is a powerful tool for shaping your character. You'll discover how giving is as much a part of spiritual growth as prayer and Bible study. And you'll learn about the rewards of cultivating wise

financial habits and a generous heart. Above all, you'll find out how a lifestyle of giving reflects the heart of God, who freely gives his best to you. Includes seven sessions and a leader's guide.

God Is Closer Than You Think - Ortberg, John

C. 2005

WAC materials: Book (\$13), Participants guide (\$10), DVD, CD-ROM (Replacement cost for set- \$50)

Description: Intimacy with God can happen right now if you want it. A closeness you can feel, a goodness you can taste, a reality you can experience for yourself. That's what the Bible promises, so why settle for less? God is closer than you think, and connecting with him isn't for monks and ascetics. It's for business people, high school students, busy moms, single men, single women ... and most important, it's for YOU.

Now with a new cover design, *God Is Closer Than You Think* shows how you can enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with your heavenly Father. Bestselling author John Ortberg reveals the face of God waiting to be discovered in the complex mosaic of your life. He shows you God's hand stretching toward you. And, with his gift for storytelling, Ortberg illustrates the ways you can reach toward God and complete the connection---to your joy and his.

Hearing God -Willard, Dallas

C.1984, 1993, 1999

WAC materials: Book (\$12)

Description: In life, you make thousands of decisions, big and small. You want these decisions grounded in "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" and you lift your petitions to God in prayer, but communication with God is a two-way street. Are you listening to Him? In *Hearing God*, you'll learn how the other half of the conversation works in practice. At its end, you'll have a biblically-based portrait of what intimacy with God looks like and a vision of life enriched by hearing God's voice. Originally published as *In Search of Guidance*.

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat - Ortberg, John

C. 2003

WAC materials: Hardcover Book (\$13), Participant's Guide (\$10), Leader's Guide (\$15), DVD (\$15), VHS

Description: Far too many of us have put our faith in a casual Christianity that never compels us to leave our comfort zones. But, deep within our hearts we know that Christ has not called us to comfort, but to an exciting, sacrificial and overwhelmingly fulfilling faith. In *If You're Going to Walk on Water* John Ortberg teaches us how to step out of the "boat" of casual Christianity so that we can faithfully follow the Lord who is calling us out onto the risky, exciting waters of the high seas. Let Pastor Ortberg teach you how to leave your comfort zone for a remarkable life of faith.

The Ragamuffin Gospel – Manning, Brennan

C. 1990, 2005

WAC materials: Book (\$13)

For more than 15 years, Manning's bestseller *The Ragamuffin Gospel* has reminded us that Jesus did not come for the pretty, pious and powerful. Instead, he came for the "bedraggled, beat-up and burnt-out" ragamuffins who desperately need his grace. Dispelling the myth that you must work to receive God's gift of grace and joy, Manning, a fellow ragamuffin, reveals the true nature of a freely-given and unrelenting grace that's available to all. Drop the burden of never measuring up and revel in the comfort of a God who loves you for who you are - not for who you think you should be.

This 2005 release includes a new epilogue, "The Scandal of Grace: Fifteen Years Later," and a new section "19 Mercies: A Spiritual Journey" of reading, prayer, and contemplation.

A Spiritual Formation Workbook - Smith, James Bryan & Graybeal, Lynda

C. 1999

WAC materials: Books (\$10)

Description: This beginning workbook for Spiritual Formation Groups features guidelines for starting a group, study plans for the first nine sessions, and a questionnaire that helps map the way ahead. Based upon six major dimensions of the spiritual life found in the life of Christ and Christian tradition: The Contemplative Tradition - The

Holiness Tradition - The Charismatic Tradition - The Social Justice Tradition - The Evangelical Tradition - and The Incarnational Tradition, this workbook program provides all the necessary ingredients to start and maintain a Spiritual Formation Group.

Successfully used by thousands of Spiritual Formation Group participants, *A Spiritual Formation Workbook* has been completely revised to correlate with Richard J. Foster's *Streams of Living Water*. Its new and updated exercises and teachings offer fresh perspectives on Christian faith and practice

Transforming Discipleship – Ogden, Greg

C. 2003

WAC materials: Book (\$10)

Description: Many church leaders, yearning for church growth, look to the latest evangelistic strategies or seeker-targeted worship services. But lack of growth might not be due to lack of concern for new people--it may be because we are not effectively discipling the people we already have.

Too often churches have no coherent plan for discipleship, and leaders feel they lack the resources to help people become fully devoted followers of Christ. Greg Ogden addresses the need for discipleship in the local church and recovers Jesus' method of accomplishing life change by investing in just a few people at a time. Ogden sets forth his vision for transforming both the individual disciple and discipleship itself, showing how discipleship can become a self-replicating process with ongoing impact from generation to generation.

Biblical, practical and tremendously effective, Ogden's approach to discipleship has already been used with great success in hundreds of churches across the country. *Transforming Discipleship* holds the potential for transforming how your church transforms the lives of its people.

TrueFaced – Thrall, McNicol, & Lynch

C. 2004

WAC materials: Book (\$10), Experience Guide-workbook (\$8), DVD - Disc 2 (missing Disc 1)

Other available materials: DVD available at www.TrueFaced.com (\$19.95)

Description: Healthy relationships can exist when you feel free to peel away the masks and become who God created you to be. In *TrueFaced* you'll discover God's love and grace in a new way, giving you freedom to live out your identity in Christ and extend that same love and grace to those around you.

In eight, interactive sessions, you'll find real-stories and tools to help you you'll discover what it means to live in grace and to be real with yourself, God, and others.

What's So Amazing About Grace - Yancey, Phillip

C. 1997 (book), 2000 (study)

WAC materials: Book, Participants Guide, Leader's Guide, DVD

Description: Grace is the church's great distinctive. It's the one thing the world cannot duplicate, and the one thing it craves above all else for only grace can bring hope and transformation to a jaded world.

In *What's So Amazing About Grace?*, award-winning author Philip Yancey explores grace at street level. What is grace? If grace is God's love for the undeserving, then what does it look like in action? If Christians are its sole dispensers, how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy? In his most personal and provocative book ever, Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. He challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know *What's So Amazing About Grace?*

Winner of the Gold Medallion Book Award, the Christian Book of the Year Award, and the Retailers Choice Award.

DVD info: If you want to know how amazing grace really is, take a good look at the broken world it heals. In this ten-session small group DVD curriculum, award winning author Philip Yancey takes you and your study group for interactive, gut-level encounters with radical, life-changing grace. Includes interviews with Tony Campolo, Patricia Raybon, Ann Spangler, Debbie Morris, Lewis Smedes, and Mel White. Approx. 140 minutes. Close captioned. NTSC.

