

Small Group Resources on Missions

Information on resources available to Small Groups on Missions

Format:

Book Title – Author

Copyright date

WAC materials: materials which 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: description of the materials, typically from the publisher

Radical – Platt, David

C. 2010

WAC materials: Book

Description: Take a transforming journey in authentic discipleship. As the pastor of a large and wealthy congregation, David Platt began to see a discrepancy between the reality of his Church and the way Jesus said His followers lived. Platt examines how American Christianity has manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences and challenges readers to rediscover the path. Ask Laura for the book review. Order from Amazon or CBD.

Giving Wisely – Martin, Jonathan

C. 2008

WAC materials: Book

Description: This fast-read book explains how much of our well-intentioned overseas giving injures families, creates divisions in local churches, and saps believers of their drive to expand the Kingdom. Martin gives four simple principles for churches and individuals to give wisely, both at home and abroad. Ask Laura for the book review. Order from the author for \$7 including shipping. Email him at jonathan.martin@goodshepherdcc.org for instructions.

Kingdom Without Borders – Adeney, Miriam

C. 2009

WAC materials: Book

Description: Adeney pulls back the veil on real Christians around the world. She coaxes us out of our comfortable lives as she beckons us to expand our vision of the possibilities and promise of a living faith that is dynamically shaping lives, communities and nations. Dr. Adeney is a master storyteller. Ask Laura Donelson for a complete book review. Order from Amazon or CBD.

Evangelism Without Additives – Henderson, Jim

C. 2005, 2007

WAC materials: Book

Description: Why do most Christians avoid evangelism? Why is witnessing so difficult and often a negative experience for both the receiver and the giver?

What if...

- You didn't have to make a speech in order to share your faith?
- You could use everyday experiences to nudge others closer to Jesus?
- The things you're already doing counted as evangelism?

Evangelism can be as easy as paying attention to people who need Jesus. The intentional things you already do can have a new purpose and the importance of the smallest act will be rewarded.

This isn't another sales pitch to non-believers but a handbook on how to make connections with people in the hope of making new Christians.

Xplore – The BodyBuilders Press

C. 2010

WAC materials: Book

Description: This is a six lesson small-group discussion resource covering the basics of God's Word, world, and work, helping students (or anyone!) gain a heart for the nations.

Amazon review excerpt - XPlore study is the best resource I have found for someone looking to quickly develop an understanding of God's heart for the people of all nations, and then move into obedient action. Engaging, clear, concise, and moving, there is not a better made tool to use for your individual study, small group, or to do with a friend!

Order from The Body Builders through Amazon

Follow Me – Sprinkle, Randy

C. 2001

WAC materials: Book

Description: Six week group study. Follow Me is a book to follow, not just read. You not only will learn about prayerwalking, but you will be prayerwalking as an individual and as a part of a group. You will learn to spend time with God at the beginning of your day and end your day with God. It is a combination of spiritual formation and building a skill you can use at home and on the mission field.

Description from Amazon- God is calling believers out of church buildings and prayer closets to intercede in their neighborhoods, cities and all over the world. This phenomenon of praying on-site as God, by His Spirit, gives insight is known as prayerwalking. Prayerwalking helps the believer experience prayer as a way of following Jesus as He is at work around us.

This six-week Bible study is a tool that will transform a willing believer into an effective prayerwalker. It prepares the reader for on-site praying, local and global ministry and spiritual warfare and shows how prayerwalking can have a powerful effect on local evangelism, community ministry, spiritual warfare and worldwide mission work. Designed for individual and group study, Follow Me is divided into six 5-day sessions and includes a leader's guide with plans for weekly prayerwalking experiences.

Here are excerpts from two reviews on Amazon:

“Excellent study on walking in an attitude of prayer with Christ and in 3 different types of prayerwalking - devotional, intentional & incidental. Includes good explanation of all 3 types and focuses on our relationship with Christ and the world around us.”

“Randy has been able to make something that can be daunting and ethereal, pragmatic and spiritual all at the same time. This was the study I chose to train a team to prayerwalk in Japan for the summer of 2009. It's more than a study- it has enabled us to see what God sees, to hear what God hears, to pray in agreement with God no matter where we are! My 'walk' will never be the same.”

The Outsider Interviews – Henderson, Hunter, Spinks

C. 2010

WAC materials: Book

Description: Statistics tell us that Christianity has an image problem. But what are the stories behind the stats? This question led Jim Henderson, Todd Hunter, and Craig Spinks to host a national interview tour with young non-Christians and Christians in Kansas City, Phoenix, Denver, and Seattle. They wanted to hear why Christians get such a bad rap and what we can do to improve. The Outsider Interviews is a DVB, a book you can watch. This DVD/book combination features films of the interviews, humorous and moving outtakes, and engaging chapters on a broad range of relevant topics including postmodernism, the Bible, homosexuality, judgmentalism, abortion, and evangelism. Inspired by David Kinnaman's bestselling book unChristian, The Outsider Interviews provides close encounters with what a new generation really thinks of Christianity and helps readers learn to live faithfully in a fast-changing world.