

The Prayers Of Jesus Participants Guide Six In Depth Studies Connecting The Bible To Life Deeper Connections

Building on long-time research and extensive interviews, this ground-breaking study offers a portrait of pentecostal / charismatic immigrants from the global South who do not define themselves as victims but as expatriate agents with a calling to change Europe.

The study of the Book of Matthew follows Jesus from his birth through his life to his death and resurrection. Some of the major ideas explored are: dreams, do not fear, Lord help me, write your own parable, and this cup is My blood of the covenant. More than 3.5 million copies of the series have been sold. This revision of the Abingdon classic Genesis to Revelation Series is a comprehensive, verse-by-verse, book-by-book study of the Bible based on the NIV. These studies help readers strengthen their understanding and appreciation of the Bible by enabling them to engage the Scripture on three levels: What does the Bible say? Questions to consider while reading the passage for each session. What does the passage mean? Unpacks key verses in the selected passage. How does the Scripture relate to my life? Provides three major ideas that have meaning for our lives today. The meaning of the selected passages are made clear by considering such aspects as ancient customs, locations of places, and the meanings of words. The meaning of the selected passages are made clear by considering such aspects as ancient customs, locations of places, and the meanings of words. The simple format makes the study easy to use. Includes maps and glossary with key pronunciation helps. Updates will include: New cover designs. New interior designs. Leader Guide per matching Participant Book (rather than multiple volumes in one book). Updated to 2011 revision of the New International Version Translation (NIV). Updated references to New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible. Include biblical chapters on the contents page beside session lesson titles for at-a-glance overview of biblical structure. Include larger divisions within the contents page to reflect macro-structure of each biblical book. Ex: Genesis 1-11; Genesis 12-50; Exodus 1-15; Exodus 16-40; Isaiah 1-39; Isaiah 40-66. The simple format makes the study easy to use. Each volume is 13 sessions and has a separate leader guide.

This valuable program resource for clergy, worship planners and lay leaders offers practical tools for celebrating the Christian year at church, home or school. Organized around the cycles of Christmas and Easter, it provides activities, craft ideas, prayers, meditations, and ways to encounter scripture. Background information to origins of festivals, colors, symbols and art of the various seasons will help you deepen your understanding and experience of Christian faith. Indexed by scripture reference and theme. Includes a glossary. Permission to photocopy portions of text and prayers for use in worship services.

Saints Alive! introduces people to faith in God through the power of the Holy Spirit, helping them to be integrated into the life of the church and moving out into ministry in their everyday lives. For use in groups of any size, it does not matter how much or how little people know about the Christian faith all are welcome. Starting with the experiences of those in the group, Saints Alive! takes the leaders and participants on a voyage of discovery. It begins by considering our relationships, and in particular our need for God in

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the centre of our lives. Two sessions look at Jesus what He taught and what He did, particularly studying the cross and the empty tomb, and then two sessions focus on the work of the Holy Spirit and His significance for our life today. Session six offers a time of ministry when people can respond to what they have learnt and receive whatever ministry is right for them, before the concluding sessions which explore how we can grow as Christians in fellowship with others in the Church and begin to minister to people you

With a leader's manual, optional videos, and a journal for every member with teaching, Bible readings, and space to record their thoughts, *Saints Alive!* has been used by hundreds of thousands all over the world and with this new edition it will be used more widely still.

This useful and accessible guide provides an introduction the Gospel of Mark. It is perfect for readers who are new to the Gospel as well as those who are looking for a new perspective on its message. This guide is perfect for individual or group study. Donald L. Griggs' popular volumes *The Bible from Scratch: The Old Testament for Beginners* and *The Bible from Scratch: The New Testament for Beginners* presented basic themes, histories, personalities, and meanings of the Bible. With this expansion of the series, Griggs offers the lay reader an opportunity to build on the foundation of that broad knowledge with a series of volumes based on the individual books of the Old and New Testaments. A leader's guide and participant section are included for each book, making each volume an excellent resource for group or individual study.

Half a century after the Second Vatican Council called for the active participation of the laity in the liturgy, a comprehensive theology of what liturgical participation actually means remains elusive. While most sacramental studies have highlighted the role and action of Christ, the conciliar reform and the theology that emanated from it call for a deeper trinitarian understanding of the liturgy and sacraments. In this fascinating new work, Gabriel Pivarnik identifies the major theological developments in the concept of active participation of the last century, most notably in *Mediator Dei* and the Vatican II documents. He also considers the reception of those developments. Drawing especially on the work of Cipriano Vagaggini and Edward Kilmartin, Pivarnik offers a lucid demonstration of how liturgical participation can be viewed in metaphysical, soteriological, and ecclesiological terms through the lens of a trinitarian narrative. R. Gabriel Pivarnik, OP, teaches theology at Providence College, where he also serves as director of the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies.

This book explores the ways through which Korean American men demonstrate and navigate their manhood within a US context that has historically sorted them into several limiting, often emasculating, stereotypes. In the US, Korean men tend to be viewed as passive, non-athletic, and asexual (or hypersexual). They are often burdened with very specific expectations that run counter to traditional tropes of US masculinity. According to the normative script of masculinity, a "man" is rugged, individualistic, and powerful—the antithesis of the US social construction of Asian American men. In an interdisciplinary fashion, this book probes the lives of Korean American men through the lenses of religion and sports. Though these and other outlets can serve to empower Korean American men to resist historical scripts that limit their performance of masculinity, they can also become harmful. Mark Chung Hearn utilizes ethnography, participant observation, and interviews conducted with second-generation Korean American

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men to explore what it means to be an Asian American man today.

In *Liturgy and the New Evangelization*, Timothy O'Malley provides a liturgical foundation to the church's New Evangelization. He examines questions pastoral ministers must treat in order to foster the renewal of humanity that the New Evangelization seeks to promote. Drawing on narrative, as well as theological concepts in biblical, patristic, and systematic theology, O'Malley invites readers into a renewed experience of the liturgical life of the church, learning to practice the art of self-giving love for the renewal of the world.

Christianity is the world's most populous religion, with some two billion adherents. As a world religion, Christianity has flourished because it is capable of taking on new forms in new contexts. To understand both the religion's history and its present state, Mary Gerhart and Fabian Udoh gather original texts—from early Christian writings to contemporary documents on church-related issues—in *The Christianity Reader*. The most comprehensive anthology of Christian texts ever in English, this is a landmark sourcebook for the study of Christianity's historical diversity. With newly edited, annotated, and translated primary texts, along with supplemental analytical essays, the volume allows Christianity, at long last, to speak in its many voices. Focusing on Christianity as a religion, Gerhart and Udoh select texts that illuminate issues such as theology, mysticism, and ritual, while also articulating the stories of previously marginalized groups, as well as those in new and growing epicenters of the religion. With nearly three hundred selections, the texts encompass the entire history of Christian writings excluding the New Testament, from Justin Martyr and Tertullian to Fabien Eboussi Boulaga and Teresa of Calcutta. Eight thematic sections cover biblical traditions and interpretations; early influences; nascent forms; patterns of worship; structures of community; philosophy, theology, and mysticism; twentieth-century issues and challenges; and the contemporary relationship between Christianity and other world religions. The Reader's contents are arranged chronologically and are supported with introductions and source notes that explain the rationale for their inclusion and their context. Providing a far richer selection than ever before available in a single volume, *The Christianity Reader* will be welcomed as both a classroom resource and a work of reference for decades to come.

Use your personal faith to spread the health! *Health Through Faith and Community* is a unique study guide that encourages Christian congregations to enhance the well-being of individual church members as well as society as a whole. Presented as eight study sessions that can be used independently or combined for an in-depth learning process, this notebook-size guide includes unique insights and learning activities from an ecumenical Christian perspective about the physical, mental, social, and environmental aspects of health. This well-referenced book includes more than 50 illustrations, handouts, and figures, as well as numerous resources for prayer, activity, discussion, self-reflection, Bible study, and practical applications that will help connect personal faith with congregations and communities. The study sessions presented in *Health Through Faith and Community* are arranged in a series that can be easily adapted to adult Sunday school classes, workshops, retreats, and independent study. Sessions focus on individual themes and each builds on the previous one, blending together various learning approaches, including factual information, self-assessment and reflection exercises, small group discussion, and interaction exercises. The book also provides notes and guidelines for a study leader, handouts, overhead projection materials, suggested prayers, and Bible passages, materials for group discussions and exercises, Internet resources, and supplemental activities. Each study session presented in *Health Through Faith and Community* includes: an opening prayer to reinforce the group's intention to learn together a review of working definitions, concepts, and content, all presented in layperson's terms material from relevant Christian sources-scriptures,

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personal stories, images, literature, poetry, art introspective activities that can be done in-group settings or privately group interaction-stories, spontaneous dialogue, and interactive exercises a holistic Christian perspective on faith and healing reflections by the session leader on ways to learn more about nurturing well-being in individuals, relationships, and the community The study sessions build to a final session that helps congregations create goals to promote personal and social health in the church community, the local community, and beyond. Health Through Faith and Community is an invaluable resource for pastoral counselors, chaplains, retreat leaders, parish nurses, and faith-based social workers.

Jesus is very clear about the mission for His followers. In *It Starts with One*, you will explore Acts 1:6, the early formation of the church and the disciples dependency upon the Holy Spirit as they discover what this means for the church today."

Filled with well-chosen resources to help you design your own outdoor retreats and prayer experiences. You will find clearly outlined directions, imaginative suggestions and handouts for retreatants' participation. The activities, prayers, and handouts can be combined in ways to meet the unique and changing circumstances that you might face in providing outdoor retreat experiences for you young people. Drawing on range of text genres including novels, poems, health forums, holiday guestbooks, prayers, political songs and news stories, each chapter uses cognitive linguistics to shed light on the meanings and meaning-making processes invoked when we encounter texts belonging to different literary and political genres. The book presents new insights into the workings of textual phenomena such as metaphor, viewpoint and deixis and also sheds light on more elusive, epiphenomenal qualities such as a text's ambience, atmosphere, power, ideology or persuasiveness. It also takes new strides in cognitive text analysis by exploiting experimental and ethnographic methods to empirically investigate readers' reception of, and resistance to, texts.

With questions for reflection and discussion that follow the trade book, *The Good Book Participant's Guide* will foster group discussion among small-group and Sunday School members, helping them understand the Bible's most prominent themes in a way that applies to their own lives.

Based on the Revised Common Lectionary and broadly ecumenical, this addition to the *Just In Time!* series provides creative liturgies, sermon helps, and prayers for Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and the 40 days of Easter.

See Luke's Gospel anew—through the lense of prayer. In *Revealing the Heart of Prayer*, Craig G. Bartholomew helps us see how to live and participate effectively in God's mission—by looking to Jesus as an example for how we should pray.

Based on the critical conversations between education, liturgy, sociology, and theology, this book suggests an alternative eucharistic pedagogy for the Presbyterian Church of Korea by reforming eucharistic and curricular practices with attention to students' specific local contexts. This process includes the formulation of the definition of the new eucharistic pedagogy, the reconceptualization of concepts regarding the eucharistic pedagogy, and five steps as pedagogical strategies for a new eucharistic pedagogy for the Presbyterian Church of Korea including pedagogical guidelines for teachers and students. This book will open the door for further educational and liturgical discussions of the work of contextualization in churches around the world. Even though this study investigates a contextual pedagogy limited to the PCK, this task needs attention and study in a larger context beyond the PCK. The gospel is the worldwide truth that

cannot be limited to a certain culture but becomes incarnated into each local culture. Therefore, this kind of contextual investigation between the gospel and culture will not be optional, but imperative to all churches.

The invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow me". Experience the magnificent passages in John including the I am statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water and more). Revisit stories only told in John's gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and the raising of Lazarus. During the weekly video segments, travel into the scripture as you hear the Word, experience the grand artwork connected with each story and interview the scholar. Each week wraps up with a small group discussion on video to spark your own conversation. Participants for this Invitation to John do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy and benefit from participation. Reading just two chapters of John a week, they will discover the life altering stories that will invite them to follow Christ as true disciples. This eleven-week study includes a participant book outlining daily reading assignments for group preparations, a leader guide suggesting discussion activities for use in the 60–90-minute weekly meeting, and a video component providing interpretation and context for the biblical texts. Robert D. Kysar, Bandy Professor Emeritus of Preaching and New Testament, Candler School of Theology, is a noted scholar on the Gospel of John. He has authored numerous articles and books, including a revised edition of *John: The Maverick Gospel*; *Preaching John*; and most recently *Voyages With John: Charting the Fourth Gospel*. Session titles and scripture: Come and See (John 1–2) How Is It Possible? (John 3–4) Taste for Yourself (John 5–6) To Believe or Not to Believe (John 7–8) Are We Blind? (John 9–10) I Couldn't Believe My Eyes! (John 11–12) Would You Believe It? (John 13–14) What Time Is It? (John 15–16) Look Out! (John 17–18) Believing Without Seeing (John 19–20) Do You See Him? (John 21)

This trusted resource is the essential guide for preparing the liturgy. For each season, you can explore background information on the saints, the liturgical books, the liturgical environment, and the liturgical music, along with ways to bring the liturgy into your home.

Millions of Christians believe that prayer is the breath of the soul, on which depends the quality of their spiritual life. The reality, however, is that genuine prayer is something we need to learn repeatedly. We share the helplessness of the disciples who asked Jesus, 'Lord, teach us to pray' (Luke 11:1). This volume focuses on the praying of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. The *Seven Prayers of Jesus* investigates his prayers in their literary and socio-historical context, and points to their theological significance and relevance for today. Laszlo Gallusz hopes that this work will not only provide a fresh biblical perspective on the prayers of Jesus but also become a source of inspiration for our own prayer lives. 'Dr Gallusz's . . . engagement with Scripture shows his mastery of the biblical topic. Yet he also writes with the heart of a pastor, applying his insights to the life of the individual Christian and also that of the church. This book will enrich the

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intellect and nurture the spirit of all those who read it. I recommend it wholeheartedly.' Laurence A. Turner, Principal Lecturer Emeritus in Old Testament, Newbold College, Bracknell, UK

In almost 500 years of evangelical praying, there has never been a book like this. *Teach Us to Pray* is in effect four books in one. It begins with a detailed analysis of the biblical theology of prayer, surveying each part of the Scriptures in turn. Next comes an investigation of prayer and spirituality within Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, historic Christianity (Puritanism) and a different Christian contemporary tradition (Roman Catholicism). In addition, expert commentators offer *Lessons in Prayer from the Worldwide Church*, featuring Korea, China, Latin America and Africa. Finally a group of Christian leaders write about prayer in their individual experience, adding a personal dimension to this comprehensive book. This is a full library on the subject of prayer, conserving the best insights of the past and breaking new ground with penetrating original thinking.

Minicourse appropriate for grades 9-12 Countless young people have embraced journal keeping as a wonderful tool for self-discovery and for exploring the meaning of life experiences. In three highly creative and engaging sessions, *Keeping a Journal* introduces young people to the value of journal keeping and exposes them to a wide variety of writing techniques and strategies. The course does not require or presume that the young people have prior experience with journals. The participants are invited not only to discover deeper dimensions of themselves but also to encounter their God in a powerfully personal way.

This is the Participant Guide that accompanies the Prayers of Jesus 6-Session DVD Prayer was the backbone of Jesus' life and ministry. From his baptism to his crucifixion, the Gospels portray Jesus as a man of prayer who knew and deeply valued intimate communion with his heavenly Father. What can we learn from the prayers he prayed? In six engaging and interactive small group sessions, this Deeper Connections DVD study explores the prayers of Jesus, revealing new insights into prayer, the character of God, and your relationship with him. Unlike most Bible studies available, each session begins in Israel, making it easier to experience and understand the cultural background of key events. This dynamic and easy-to-understand study is written and taught by biblical experts with specialized areas of knowledge. The DVD curriculum is available (ISBN: 9781628627688) and comes with a downloadable leader guide--so anyone can lead this study! 6-Session Overview of the Prayers of Jesus From the Lord's Prayer to the story of the persistent widow, get a fantastic overview of 6 major lessons on prayer and what they meant in first-century Jewish and Roman culture: Watch and Pray: Jesus' Model Prayer Life Our God Listens: The Persistent Widow Joining in Jesus' Prayer: The Lord's Prayer Praying to a Good God: The Friend at Midnight Praying with Purpose: Jesus' Final Prayer A Friend in High Places: Faith, Prayer, and Answers Each session of this DVD study includes: 25-35 minute teaching sessions with optional audio

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reading and a flexible structure design to facilitate group discussions. A video introduction from Israel, showing key places Jesus walk and relevant locations of well-known Bible passages. Enjoy seeing: Capernaum The Garden of Gethsemane Galilee and much more! Easy-to-understand commentary from top professors and experts from Biola, Wheaton, Talbot, and more! Incredible historical insights that will deepen your understanding of these familiar stories. Practical Applications. Accurate, encouraging, and challenging applications of the Bible's message to life today. Included with the DVD (ISBN: 9781628627688) is a FREE leader guide with step-by-step suggestions to get the most out of this study including a materials list, session outlines, time frame for 60- and 75-minute session options with extensions, leading tips, and more! It's never been easier to lead! Perfect for small groups, Bible studies, or personal use. (Participant Guide ISBN: 9781628627695) About the Series The Deeper Connections series is unique. Unlike any other Bible study available, this visually stunning DVD series is written and taught by biblical experts - six professors with specialized areas of knowledge. Don't let the word deeper scare you. These engaging and accessible studies are for everyone who wants to deepen their understanding of God's Word and apply it more faithfully and effectively. In fact, a full one-third of each study is centered on modern application of Jesus' life and teachings. Hosted by Jarrett Stevens, who introduces each session from Israel, and filmed in locations as diverse as the Rocky Mountains, the Arizona desert, downtown Chicago, and Little Rock, Arkansas, each volume consists of six fascinating sessions. Each session is taught by a different teacher and emphasizes three components: Historical and cultural background An engaging, close look at the biblical text and its meaning Accurate, encouraging, and challenging applications of the Bible's message to life today Make a deeper connection to the world of the Psalms so that these well known scriptures can help you give voice to all aspects of our human experience—joy, faith, uncertainty and sorrow. During two weekly video segments, experience a varied presentation of individual Psalm texts, including dramatic reading, music, dance, and images. Listen to insights into specific Psalms presented by one of two biblical scholars through an informal, roundtable conversation format Ideal experience for adults who are interested in the practice of prayer and worship and would like to connect prayer practice with Scripture. The study is accessible for adults with little prior Bible experience. Participants for this Invitation to Psalms do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy and benefit from participation. Reading just two chapters of Psalms a week, they will discover the life altering stories that will invite them to follow Christ as true disciples. This ten-week study includes a participant book outlining daily reading assignments for group preparations, a leader guide suggesting discussion activities for use in the 60–90-minute weekly meeting, and a video component providing interpretation and context for the biblical texts. Michael Jenkins is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He serves as Dean of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he is also Professor

of Pastoral Theology. Michael is the author of eleven books, including *In the House of the Lord: Inhabiting the Psalms of Lament*, *Invitation to Theology*, and *Letters to New Pastors*. *Sessions: Word of God, Words of Prayer* The Prayer Book of God's People *Praying the Psalms* *The Language of the Heart* *A Geography of the Imagination* *A Theology of the Imagination* *Lament and Praise* *Grace and Repentance* *Love and Wrath* *Hallelujah and Amen*

Many opinions contend in the church today for what constitutes true worship of God and how best it can be practiced. This collection of essays carries on a conversation between biblical scholars and church music practitioners. It begins with three studies investigating what we can learn about worship in the Old Testament, followed by essays on the teaching about worship in the Gospels, Epistles, and the book of Revelation in the New Testament. The church music practitioners featured in the book respond to each of these essays. The final essay by Wendy Porter takes a historical journey of theological reflection on Christian worship from the days of the early church, tracing worship developments in the Western church through the centuries to today. This is an important book for anyone who wants to think theologically about how and why Christians worship God.

This continuation of the *Deeper Connections* series takes us behind the scenes of main events in Jesus' life to understand what made him extraordinary and to learn how to draw on his transforming power. It is only when we drink deeply from the life of Christ that we can be rescued from our failures and spiritual death."

Few things make us feel as helpless as living with a story we don't like. Maybe one that involves the loss of a loved one, an unwanted transition, a difficult diagnosis, or a dream that fell through. At one time or another, we all deal with disappointments and feelings that life is unfair or that we are being punished. In *Renewed*, a four-week study of the Book of Ruth, women glean wisdom from Naomi's perspective, a woman who lived a story she didn't choose or like. Forced to chart a new path as she mourned the loss of her husband and two sons, Naomi learned that the journey from bitterness to renewed hope and joy was rooted in God's promise of redemption. With insight from her own journey of living with a story that is not easy, Heather M. Dixon teaches women to flourish even as they live hard stories through a willingness to trust that God can transform them and trade their heartache for hope. They will learn to rely on God's movement in the details of their story, even when it can't be seen, gain confidence to act in the part of their stories that they can change, and watch expectantly for God to redeem the parts they can't. Components for this four-week Bible study, available separately, include a Participant Workbook with Leader Helps and a DVD with four 20 to 25-minute segments (with closed captioning). A four-week study of the Book of Ruth from Naomi's perspective. This shorter study is ideal for in-between or busy times. Helps women find the courage to live with a story they don't like and trust in God. Participant Workbook with Leader Helps includes group sessions guides, discussion questions, prayers, video viewer

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guides, and more. DVD features dynamic, engaging teaching in four 20 to 25-minute segments.

What does a follower of Christ actually look like, and how can I become one? The Christ-follower DVD-based study focuses on the fundamentals of the Christian faith, going directly to the words of Jesus in Luke chapter 6 to answer important questions like, Who does Jesus claim to be? How does he pray? Whom does he bless? How does he treat his enemies? How does he say we should view ourselves? And what does this mean for me today? The Christ-Follower Participant's Guide will guide you as you grow in your relationship with Christ and take steps toward becoming a doer of the Word rather than a hearer of the Word. You will rekindle your passion and devotion to follow Christ as you: Worship God enthusiastically Grow in maturity and consistency Connect with the church regularly Serve others unselfishly Share your faith effectively This unique study can be used on your own for personal devotions and study or for study with your small group, family, youth group, or even your entire church. Participant's Guide Features Include: Daily readings Questions for personal reflection Action steps for personal growth Guide for small group discussion Guide for family discussion Tips for implementing this study in a youth group

"This unique, in-depth look at the prayers of Jesus will give you new insights into prayer, the character of God, and how to deepen your relationship with him."--DVD cover.

Touch both the hearts and the minds of young people by training them--spiritually and practically--to be confident, skilled servants committed to Jesus Christ, to the Eucharistic liturgy, and to the Church. Rooted in the gifts of self and prayer, Gather Faithfully will help transform young people into more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. The participant's booklet includes material for young people's reflection and formation, as well as the how-to's of liturgical ministry. The leader's guide provides clear direction for involving young people, with three training sessions each for six ministries: ministry of reader, ministry of Holy Communion, ministry of altar server, ministry of hospitality, ministry of sacristan, and ministry of cantor.

A resource guide for designing, facilitating, and conducting Sunday morning catechumenate sessions and for assisting personal reflection during the catechumenate.

By teaching young people to pray, you can open for them a way to communicate on a deeply personal level with God, who is the source of all holiness. By inviting them to explore different forms of personal prayer, you will encourage them to expand their image of God and their expectations of prayer. By challenging them to look at communal prayer, you will remind them that their role in building God's Reign and as a part of the Body of Christ is important, unique, and valued. This manual can help you give young people the tools to pray all ways, and always, and enable them to build their relationship with God on a solid foundation.

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Minicourse appropriate for grades 11-12 Saint Paul's influence on the development of the early church was profound. Paul: The Man and the Message is designed to help young people appreciate the life and writings of the person that some have called the "second founder" of Christianity. Participants explore the roots of Paul's passion, conviction, and deep spiritual insight. Their study of his letters reveals the struggles and successes of the first Christian communities. Ultimately, the course invites the young people to a deeper appreciation of God's love and saving power in their life.

Prayer was the backbone of Jesus' life and ministry. From his baptism to his crucifixion, the Gospels portray Jesus as a man of prayer who knew and deeply valued intimate communion with his heavenly Father. What can we learn from the prayers he prayed? In six engaging, interactive small group sessions, this Deep Connection DVD helps you explore the prayers of Jesus to gain new insights into prayer, the character of God, and how to deepen your relationship with him. With maps and pictures, outlines, key Scripture verses, discussion questions, plenty of room for note taking, and a personal five-day Bible study for each session, this participant's guide will help you get the most out of The Prayers of Jesus, both in your group and in applying what you learn to your life.

Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. In six engaging, interactive small group sessions, this Deep Connection DVD gives you will gain new insights into his parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life. With maps and pictures, outlines, key Scripture verses, discussion questions, plenty of room for note taking, and a personal five-day Bible study for each session, this participant's guide will help you get the most out of The Parable of Jesus, both in your group and in applying what you learn to your life.

An ecumenical introduction to the study of Christian worship which emphasises the complementarity of Word and Sacrament and the unity of theology and practice, and considers the place of worship in the modern age. It is especially designed for those, of various traditions, who are preparing for the ministry or who participate regularly in worship and wish to deepen their understanding.

Christian churches and groups within Anglo-American contexts have increasingly used popular music as a way to connect with young people. This book investigates the relationships between evangelical Christianity and popular music, focusing particularly on electronic dance music in the last twenty years. Author Stella Lau illustrates how electronic dance music is legitimized in evangelical activities by Christians' discourses, and how the discourses challenge the divide between the 'secular' and the 'sacred' in the Western culture. Unlike other existing books on the relationships between music cultures and religion, which predominantly discuss the cultural implications of such phenomenon, Popular Music in Evangelical Youth Culture examines the notion of 'spirituality' in contemporary popular electronic dance music. Lau's emphasis on the sonic qualities of electronic dance music opens the door for future research about the relationships between aural properties of electronic dance music and religious discourses. With three case studies conducted in the cultural hubs of electronic dance music – Bristol, Ibiza and New York – the

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monograph can also be used as a guidebook for ethnographic research in popular music.

Hope is central to our identity as Christians. Just as our bodies need food, our souls need hope, and the supreme hope is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. How does that relationship become real to us? In this book and 4-week study, readers are guided on a formative path of understanding who God is and who they are as God's children. This Leader Guide includes everything a group leader needs to plan and facilitate the four sessions, helping participants to explore what they have read and to discuss the reading with the group. The guide walks leaders through the study format and provides options for tailoring sessions to the time-frame and style of each group. Citizens of Hope is part of The Basics Series.

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