

Life Group Recommended Resources

FINANCES

Discovering God's Way of Handling Money, Dayton

There are more than 2,350 verses that address everything you need to know about handling money. The Bible is, indeed, a blueprint for managing our finances. This study is practical and will help you learn the profound impact that managing your money has on your relationship with God. This study covers such topics as debt, counsel, honesty, giving, work, saving and investing, and teaching children about money.
8 sessions, contains DVD, leader's guide, and workbook

The Treasure Principle, Alcorn

Most people can significantly give to the Kingdom of God, but they don't know how or haven't been taught the awesome eternal benefits of sowing into God's work on Earth. Randy Alcorn calls it a hidden treasure, and we all must learn this life-changing principle to find that hidden treasure. This study teaches the joy of giving and inspires those who attend to learn the principles of giving in a way that causes lasting change.
6 sessions, includes DVD, leader's guide, and book

PRAYER

Partners in Prayer, Maxwell

This book shows church leaders and laypeople how to unleash the potential of prayer on behalf of themselves and the church. Maxwell's insights include the fundamentals of prayer, praying for others, and encouraging prayer revival nationwide.
6 sessions, book with discussion questions

When God's People Pray, Cymbala

Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. This DVD features teaching by Pastor Jim Cymbala on truths put into practice in his congregation. Included are interviews with six individuals who have received extraordinary answers to their prayers.
6 sessions, includes DVD, study guides

Prayer, Yancey

Prayer is the act of seeing reality from God's point of view. Phillip Yancey helps you explore and experience the very heartbeat – the most fundamental, challenging, perplexing, and deeply rewarding aspect – of our relationship with God: Prayer.
6 sessions, includes DVD, and participant's guides

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

God is Closer Than You Think, Ortberg

John Ortberg helps participants discover the secret to living daily of God's most frequent promise in scripture, "I will be with you."
6 sessions, includes DVD, leader's and participant's guides

What's So Amazing about Grace?, Yancey

Based on the belief that the future of the church depends on how we "dispense grace", this series uses stories of how real people comprehend grace. Each session includes an aspect of grace to be considered, interviews on that theme, and a Bible study.
10 sessions, contains VHS, leader's guide, study guide

The Ten Commandments, Briscoe

Do the Ten Commandments have any significance for the Christian today? This study answers "yes" and presents the commandments not as a way of earning salvation, but as a way of demonstrating that we have been saved through Christ.
10 sessions, study guide

Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith, Stanley

What would it be like to have perfect faith? We will look at how we can approach each day with unshakable confidence; belief in God's control; and trust in his purposes. Discover how God uses practical teaching, providential relationships, private disciplines, personal ministry, and pivotal circumstances to grow your faith
6 sessions, includes DVD, leader's and participant's guides

BOOK OF THE BIBLE

Life Change Series, Intervarsity Press

Each of these guides has the purpose of providing a firm foundation of understanding of the book studied. Historical background, definitions, and other relevant notes are provided along with a range of questions for each session. Suggestions for leaders are provided at the end of each section. Several books of the Bible are available.

Number of sessions varies, study guides

Be Series, Wiersbe

Warren Wiersbe gives background and teaching to lead the reader to understand the message of a book of scripture and to apply that truth to life. Questions for group study are in the back of the book. Several books of the Bible are available.

Number of sessions varies, commentary with questions for discussion

I Thessalonians: A Spiritual Road Map in a Mixed Up World, Witt

I Thessalonians gives guidance for living the Christian life today. This study includes the topics spiritual growth, love for people, reaching outsiders, pure motives, and others.

12 sessions in 2 volumes, each has DVD, study guide

Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Coleman

Text of New Testament with discussion questions in margin

Judges – Returning to God, Baker

The book of Judges could be summed up as despicable people doing deplorable things. Only God could care about creatures such as these. Those who study it learn of the great depth of God's love and mercy, and receive help to hand over the throne room of life to God.

12 sessions, study guide

CHRISTIAN LIVING

Don't Waste Your Life, Piper

God created us for more than the American Dream. Nevertheless, millions of people waste their lives in pursuit of the innocent idols of this world because they never discover the simple, obvious, glorious, biblical reality that "God's steadfast love is better than life" (Psalm 63:3)

Our desire is that Jesus Christ would explode into your life, unite your fractured dreams and fragmented heart, and produce a single, holy, all embracing desire to live for Christ.

10 sessions, includes DVD, leader's guide, book

Discovering God's Will, Stanley

Discovering God's will can be a difficult process. This study leads the believer through steps in the decision making process.

8 sessions, DVD with questions

The Life You've Always Wanted, Ortberg

What does the Spiritual life really look like? What keeps you from living such a life? If you're tired of the status quo – if you suspect there's more to Christianity than what you've experienced – this study invites you on a road to transformation and spiritual vigor that anyone can take.

MEN

Wild at Heart, Eldredge

John Eldredge has as his goal to rescue men, and see them restored by Christ and released for God's kingdom. This video series is a tool to use in the process of God making irreversible change in men's lives.

8 sessions, includes DVD, facilitator's guide, field manual

Marriage

Love & Respect, Eggerichs

What's the secret to a happy marriage? Unconditional respect for him and unlimited love for her It's as simple---and complicated---as that! Drawing on 30 years of counseling experience, Eggerichs will help you and your spouse achieve a deeper level of intimacy by stopping the cycle of conflict, initiating energizing change, and enjoying renewed passion.

397 Minutes, 7 Hours

DNA of Relationships, Smalley

Have you discovered the building blocks of lasting bonds? Smalley discloses 17 core fears that can aggravate relationships and the secrets to dealing with them. He provides practical

strategies for stopping unhealthy and damaging patterns; unfolds the road map to love; and helps you to understand that God made you for satisfying relationships.

DVD

Sacred Marriage, Thomas

Your marriage is more than a sacred covenant with another person. It is a spiritual discipline designed to help you know God better, trust him more fully, and love him more deeply. Scores of books have been written that offer guidance for building the marriage of your dreams. But what if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy . . . but holy? And what if your relationship isn't as much about you and your spouse as it is about you and God? *Sacred Marriage* uncovers the mystery of God's overarching purpose. This book may very well alter profoundly the contours of your marriage. It will most certainly change you. Because whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God, and to a spiritual integrity that, like salt, seasons the world around you with the savor of Christ.

6 Sessions, 120 Minutes

Relationships

Boundaries, Cloud and Townsend

Are you in control of your life? Do people take advantage of you? Do you have trouble saying no? All of us focus so much on being loving and giving that we forget our own limitations. This study will give you Biblically based answers to this continual predicament and how you can to set healthy boundaries with those around you.

9 sessions, includes DVD with leader's guide, participant's guide

Parenting

Effective Parenting in a Defective World, Ingram

Raising children is a tough challenge in today's world—especially when they face constant pressure from their peers and culture. Packed with practical advice and Ingram's own experiences, these nine sessions will give you a vision for your children's future, a new understanding of God's principles for child-rearing and life-changing help for today.

9 Sessions

Apologetics

Case for Christ, Strobel

Join us on the quest for the truth about Jesus. Rejecting easy answers, we will sift through fascinating historical evidence and weigh compelling expert testimony. In the end, you will see Jesus in a new way and hope to even find your life transformed. T

6 sessions, includes DVD, book, leader's and participant's guides

Case for Faith, Strobel

Are faith and reason incompatible, as so many claim? How do we reconcile a world filled with pain and suffering with a personal, loving God? You will be encouraged to reflect and interact toward a deeper faith conviction and greater confidence in discussing these questions and others.

6 sessions, includes DVD, book, leader's and participant's guides

Battling Unbelief, Piper

Pastor John Piper shows how to sever the clinging roots of sin that ensnares us, including anxiety, pride, shame, impatience, covetousness, bitterness, despondency, and lust.

10 sessions, DVD

Evangelism

Just Walk Across the Room, Hybels

This study is designed to give a fresh understanding of what evangelism is and impart a dose of inspiration regarding how to get it done.

4 sessions, contains video, book, participant's guide

Becoming a Contagious Christian, Hybels

It's a real thrill to be used by God to share Christ with another person. This study equips Christians to naturally and effectively communicate their faith.

8 sessions, contains DVD, resource CD-ROM, book, participant's and leader's guides

Spiritual Gifts

Network, Bugbee

Identify your spiritual gifts, personal style and ministry passion in this study. Also learn God's design for the church and your role in it.

6 sessions, includes DVD leader's and participant's guides.