

## Small Group Curriculum Options

### Missional Living

#### **Gospel in Life** – Tim Keller 8 week DVD Series

What does your life look like from Monday to Saturday? What does it look like to live in your city and live out the gospel through things like work, community, and social justice?

#### **Go Fish** – Andy Stanley 6 week DVD Series

What is our motivation for sharing our faith? How can it be a natural part of our life? Andy Stanley explores the motivation behind our faith and how it can become a natural part of our lives.

#### **Don't Waste Your Life -John Piper** -10 session DVD study & Study Guide

Most people slip by in life without a passion for God, spending their lives on trivial diversions, living for comfort and pleasure, and perhaps trying to avoid sin. This book will warn you not to get caught up in a life that counts for nothing. It will challenge you to live and die boasting in the cross of Christ and making the glory of God your singular passion.

### Stewardship

#### **Treasure Principle** – Randy Alcorn 8 week DVD Series

Randy Alcorn helps us understand that the true treasure on life in the joy of walking with Jesus. As we uncover the treasure of Jesus, we discover the secret of joyful giving.

**Effective Stewardship- Action Media-** DVD -5 session 20 min videos - The second lesson in Action Media's five part series on Christian stewardship looks at our role as stewards of God's creation. The film suggests that Christians may care deeply about the environment and nevertheless support proposals that do more harm than good. As six experts make clear, we are called not simply to care for God's creation but to care for it effectively.

#### **Freed-Up From Debt – DVD/Workbook –Matt Bell**

*Freed-Up from Debt* is an all-inclusive, biblically-based two-session workbook that provides the tools necessary to get out-and stay out- of debt for a lifetime. More than just simply "how-to's", this plug-and-play resource helps you examine your heart and motivations around money and debt, while giving you the steps you need to take to get free from the emotional and spiritual bondage debt produces.

#### **Financial Peace University – Dave Ramsey**

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

### Salvation

#### **Just Walk Across the Room** – Bill Hybels 4 week DVD Series

Do you think saying hello to another person could have an impact on their eternity? This 4 week experience will equip and inspire you to follow God's lead by taking simple walks across rooms to extend care, compassion, and inclusiveness to people who might need a touch of God's love today.

### **Why I Believe (Finding Answers)– Chip Ingram**

If you want to be able to understand and defend your Christian faith, this study will help you find the answers to issues at the core of human existence.

### **Becoming a Contagious Christian – DVD/Workbook – Mark Mittleberg, Lee Strobel, Bill Hybels**

Releasing the hidden evangelist in every Christian---Picture all of your church members as evangelists who: Demonstrate a contagious Christian character, Build spiritually strategic relationships ,Direct conversations toward matters of faith ,Communicate their faith in a style that's personal and natural, Explain biblical truths in a style that's personal and natural, Explain biblical truths in everyday language, Respond to the most common objections to Christianity. Becoming a Contagious Christian is a proven course designed to equip believers for effective evangelism in today's world. It avoids stereotyped approaches that feel intimidating to many Christians. Instead, it shows ordinary believers how they can share the gospel in a natural and powerful way while being the person God made them to be. Each session's exercises, discussions, self-assessments, and video vignettes give step-by-step guidance to help participants become effective communicators for Christ to those around them.

### **Discipleship**

#### **Real Life Discipleship Training Manual – by Avery Willis, Jim Putman, Bill Krause, Brandon Guindon**

This companion training manual to Real-Life Discipleship provides unique guidance and insight to pastors, church leaders, and their disciples as they work to create an effective discipleship program. With a thorough, results-oriented process that can be applied in other contexts and cultures, this manual explains the necessary components of disciple making so that every church member can play a part in reaching others for Christ.

#### **Experiencing God – Henry Blackaby - 13 week study**

Conduct an Experiencing God Weekend or church wide spiritual growth emphasis. Written by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, and Claude King, the Experiencing God Bible Study is based on the Experiencing God book, which has sold millions of copies worldwide. Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. Churches will be helped to better function as the body of Christ, as members understand how to experience God as a church.

#### **Firm Foundations-Creation to Christ – Trevor McIlwain**

A steadfast faith is built on the firm foundation of God's Word. For decades, this pattern of teaching has helped men and women around the world gain a clear understanding of God, man's relationship with Him, and the grace He has made freely available through the death of His Son. Firm Foundations: Creation to Christ presents in order key teachings about: \* God's nature and character \* Man's sinful state and separation from God \* God's grace, presence and activity through history \* Christ as the promised Redeemer Moving from Genesis through the life of Christ, your students will see God's plan of redemption unfold. They'll follow God's pattern of progressively revealing His character

#### **The Essentials – Greg Ogden- Workbook**

We grow in Christ as we seek him together. Jesus' own pattern of disciple-making was to be intimately involved with others and allow life to rub against life. By gathering in twos or threes to study the Bible and encourage one another, we most closely follow Jesus' example with the twelve disciples. This workbook by Greg Ogden is a tool designed to help you follow this pattern Jesus drew for us.

## **The Adventure of Discipling Others – Ron Bennett, John Puruis**

Just like Jesus, you can pour faith into believers, helping them grow spiritually and fulfill their unique niche in God's kingdom. In this handbook and Bible study you'll learn: why we are called to disciple believers, what topics lay a biblical foundation for new Christians, and how to develop a discipling process.

## **True Spirituality According to Jesus- Chip Ingram**

Christians today live in a world that is activity heavy and relationship light. The result is spiritual emptiness. We struggle to know what God wants *from* us and *for* us . . . and we're unsure what a real relationship with God really looks like. But that was never God's idea. HIS idea of faith is not about rules or religion— it's about relationship. That's where God tells us to start. In Romans 12, God gives us a clear picture of what Christians should look like at the root level. If you're ready to move from "in" to "all in," then you're ready to become a Romans 12 Christian. The next steps of your journey toward true spirituality start here.

## **What on Earth am I Here For? – Rick Warren – Book**

The most basic question everyone faces in life is Why am I here? What is my purpose? Self-help books suggest that people should look within, at their own desires and dreams, but Rick Warren says the starting place must be with God and his eternal purposes for each life. Real meaning and significance comes from understanding and fulfilling God's purposes for putting us on earth

### Prayer

## **When God's People Pray – Jim Cymbala 6 week DVD Series**

Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. What are the keys that unlock its power, that turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all his resources?

## **The Power of the Whisper – Bill Hybels 4 week DVD Series**

Learn how to respond to God in the everyday rhythm of life. Learn how to discern the "voice" of God from the other voices that vie for your attention, how to invite his input into your daily routine, how to practice his presence and how to allow heaven-sent input to direct your life toward making a kingdom- oriented difference in this world.

### Bible Study

**Pastor's Sermon Notes-** Pastor's sermon notes are weekly questions that follow along with the current sermon series or message that has been preached. Sermon notes are meant to provide small groups the opportunity to explore in more detail the message that was preached.

## **The Discipleship Program – Credo House-10 week DVD Series**

How do you grow as a disciple of Christ? What are foundational truths that followers of Jesus need to know? This 10 week series is a great overview of topics that include Jesus, mankind, the Trinity, the Bible, faith, and living with God to name a few.

## **Gospel Revolution –Recovering the Power of Christianity – J.D. Greer 8 week DVD Study**

The Gospel in our lives is a response to what God is doing and will do. In this study you will learn that true Christianity is not a list of things to do but something that comes naturally as we walk with God.

### **Revelation Series– John McArthur –**

Through vivid imagery, John writes Revelation to reveal the end of human history, the return of Christ, and the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth. Revelation message of hope assures Christians that God is in sovereign control of all past, present, and future events, and that Jesus Christ will judge the lost and rule in ultimate victory over all human and demonic opposition. The Mac Arthur Study Guide Series provides a twelve week, verse-by-verse examination of the book of the Revelations.

### **The Best Question Ever – Andy Standley –**

When it comes to sorting out the complexities of life, only wisdom can reveal the best path. Let's face it—we've all made some pretty dumb decisions in our lives. For most of us, there are chapters in the past we would like to rewrite. There's money we wish we had never spent, relationships we wish we had never started, and perhaps a few invitations we wish we had never accepted. Unfortunately, we can't do anything to reverse the bad decisions of the past. But there is certainly no reason to repeat them either. This six-part DVD and study guide focuses our attention on one crucial question that has the power to goof-proof our decision making from this point forward.

### **One to One Bible Reading – David Helm**

Can you think of people in your life that you would like to see progress spiritually—perhaps a non-Christian colleague, or a Christian friend at church, or a family member? Here's a way to help them understand more of God in a way that was simple and personal, and that didn't rely on getting them to a church program or event. All this is possible through one-to-one Bible reading.

### **Bible Study Methods – Rick Warren**

The Bible's truths will transform you, aligning you with the character and ways of Jesus as you encounter him in the Scriptures. This easy-to-understand book shows you how to study the Bible Rick Warren's way. It gives you not just one, but twelve methods for exploring the riches of God's Word. At least one of them is exactly what you're looking for---an approach that's right for you, right where you're at. Simple step-by-step instructions guide you through the how-tos of the following methods: \* Devotional \* Chapter Summary \* Character Quality \* Thematic\* Biographical \* Topical \* Word Study \* Book Background \* Book Survey\* Chapter Analysis \* Book Synthesis \* Verse Analysis

### **Gospel Project – Ed Setzler -Study Guide**

The Bible is not a collection of stories. It is one story, the story of God's plan to rescue His people from sin and death. It is the story of redemption, the gospel message of Jesus Christ. And it's our story, too. The Gospel Project is a Bible study resource that invites Adults, Students, and Kids of all ages to dive deeply into God's story of redemption through Jesus Christ. In every lesson, participants are immersed in the gospel and learn how when the gospel works on them, they become a part of the story, too, the very hands and feet in God's gospel project.

## **Worship**

### **Living on the Edge – Chip Ingram 10 week DVD Series**

Do you dare to experience true spirituality? The Edge is the place where you are in sync with God and His purposes for your life.

## Relationships

### **Love & War** – John Eldredge 8 week DVD Series

Hear how John and Staci Eldredge show couples how to fight for their love and happiness in marriage. They offer a balance and perspective from both sides of the fence and challenge couples to step into one of the greatest adventures life has to offer.

### **Song of Solomon** – Tommy Nelson 11 week DVD Series

“We all have a passion and yearning for intimacy. God designed us this way. Whether you are single or married, how you handle your romantic relationships will change you – for better or for worse. But God did not create these desires in us without also giving us the owner’s manual for relationships. In fact, He gave us an entire book of the Bible which deals with all aspects of love, marriage, sex and romance. It’s called the Song of Solomon.” – Tommy Nelson

### **Connections – Wired for Community** – Steve Gladden 6 week Interactive Study

We were not meant to go it alone in our life, let alone in our walk with God. We are meant to experience life together. When we begin to understand why the connections in our lives are so important and begin to pursue them in healthy ways, we find the abundant life Jesus promised.

### **Systems-Liberating your organization Catalyst– Andy Stanley** – DVD Series

We all have systems, processes, and methods that we employ, and these systems elicit behaviors in ourselves, our families, our friends, and our co-workers. If you aren't getting the results you desire from your team, your congregation, or yourself, it's probably because you have absent or ineffective systems.

### **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** – Peter Scazzero 8 week DVD Series

Moving beyond the “tip of the iceberg spirituality,” Emotionally Healthy Spirituality will help you develop your emotional and spiritual health.

### **Twisting the Truth- Andy Stanley DVD and workbook**

Our postmodern society is expert at distorting the truth. How can we learn to discern in a culture of deception? In this 5-session curriculum, Andy Stanley exposes four destructive lies about authority, pain, sex, and sin. His straightforward insights will help you exchange the falsehoods of our day for the life-changing truths of Scripture.

### **Out Live Your Life – DVD & Study Guide – Max Lucado**

In this DVD study, Max Lucado presents four sessions that follow the real-life stories of people who are making their lives count. Designed for individual study or for a small group experience, each session will show you not just why but how to live intentionally so that everything in your life---your time, your skills, your passions---all add up to something bigger than you.

### **Sleeping Giant – Kenny Luck**

Many pastors see the need but are at a loss for how to really engage men in their culture and church context. Deep down they know they haven’t yet inspired men into the mission and vision of the local church on the same scale as women. Meanwhile, most men feel further detached from worship, left only with worldly expressions of manhood to fuel their identity. *Sleeping Giant* is a punch in the gut and pat on the back for pastors and men worldwide, a powerful biblical approach that will bring them together and awaken some serious ministry potential.

### **Love Life –DVD/Study – Mark Driscoll**

What does it really mean to love? What does love look like in singleness, dating or marriage? Through this exciting and dynamic DVD study of the Song of Solomon, Mark Driscoll reveals an Old Testament understanding of biblical sexuality with crystal clear teaching, and keen understanding of our current cultural climate. Learn to celebrate God's gift of love in all of life by walking through this timely series.

### **One Month to Live – Workbook/DVD – Kerry and Chris Shook**

What if you only had one month to live? What changes would you make in your life? Kerry and Chris Shook's New York Times best-seller, **One Month to Live: Thirty Days to a No-Regrets Life** encourages readers to face their own mortality and live life to the absolute fullest.

### **Crazy Love – DVD/Book – Francis Chan**

God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe--the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor--loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not...we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts--it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis Chan describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.

### **Guardrails – Andy Stanley**

Guardrails: a system designed to keep vehicles from straying into dangerous or off-limit areas. ]They're everywhere, but they don't really get much attention . . . until somebody hits one. And then, more often than not, it is a lifesaver. Ever wonder what it would be like to have guardrails in other areas of your life---areas where culture baits you to the edge of disaster and then chastises you when you step across the line? Your friendships. Your finances. Your marriage. Maybe your greatest regret could have been avoided if you had established guardrails. In this six-session video based study, Andy Stanley challenges us to stop flirting with disaster and establish some personal guardrails.

### **Community – Andy Stanley**

You Cannot Grow Spiritually Unless You're Connected Relationally Why is community so important to your spiritual life? God designed us that way. He wants to use other people to grow us and he wants to use us to grow other people. In this 8-session, video-based study, you'll explore how building deep relationships with the people in your small group and serving in the larger community around you will grow your faith. You'll learn why your unique story matters ... to God and to the people you do life with.

### **Sacred Marriage – Gary Thomas –DVD/Book**

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?

## **Better Together – Rick Warren DVD & Study Guide**

From the beginning, God planned for us to do his will alongside others. Why? Because we're better together! In six dynamic sessions, Rick Warren offers biblical examples and practical applications to help you fulfill five purposes God has for you---reaching out, belonging, growing, serving, and worshiping. You'll learn how God uses others for your spiritual growth!

### Service

#### **S.H.A.P.E. – Erik Rees 6 week DVD Series**

This small group study is designed to take you to the next level of purpose in life. It will help you reveal how God has designed you and help you see how that design fits the intention for which you were created.

#### **Purpose Driven Church – Rick Warren –**

Rick Warren 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 \* larger through evangelism The Purpose Driven Church shifts the focus away from church building programs to emphasizing a people-building process. Warren says, 'If you will concentrate on building people, God will build the church.'

#### **REGROUP – DVD – Henry Cloud, Bill Donahue, John Townsend**

In this revolutionary new curriculum, Henry Cloud, Bill Donahue, and John Townsend establish a whole new training paradigm---one that equips leaders and groups simultaneously and gives them everything they need to start and sustain a life-changing group. All it requires is a small group and a DVD player. Four sixty-minute sessions train leaders and group members in the foundational values and practices of becoming a life-changing community. These sixty-minute sessions are the foundations of small groups that include teaching by the authors, creative segments, and activities and discussion time.

### Global Perspective

#### **Explore – 6 week Book Study**

Explore God's Word, God's World, and God's Work. How does it all fit together? There are 6.8 billion people in the world? How is the church to be involved in their lives? What is our purpose as a church? How do we fit into God's plan?

#### **Operation World – 8 week DVD Series**

What is the story above all stories? What does it mean? The Kingdom strikes back? What is the romance of the universe? What is your destiny in God's story? Operation World will help you understand the big picture of God's plan for the world.

#### **Missional Communities – Reggie McNeal**

From Reggie McNeal, the bestselling author of *The Present Future* and *Missional Renaissance*, comes the third book in the series that helps to define and illuminate the popular missional movement. This newest book in the trilogy examines a natural outgrowth of the move toward a missional orientation: the deconstruction of congregations into very small Christian communities.

## **Truth Project -Focus on the Family – DVD & Study Guide**

The Truth Project is an in-depth Christian worldview experience. This is a DVD-based small group study designed to equip believers with a comprehensive biblical worldviews. Practically and personally, participants will be reintroduced to the truth claims of God. This is broken into 12 one-hour lessons.

### **Parenting**

#### **Sacred Parenting – DVD-6 sessions by Gary Thomas**

In this six-session video group study, designed for use with the *Sacred Parenting Participant's Guide*, Gary Thomas will help you and your groups look at parenting from a different perspective: not about successfully raising perfect children, but about you becoming more holy. Learn how to transform dirty diapers, a toddler's tantrums, and a teenager's silence in order to transform you into a person who reflects the image of Christ.