

Curriculum Recommendations

from GroupLife Leaders and HPUMC Staff

Bible Study

	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
Ephesians Study (found at Logos)			
Mere Christianity	C.S. Lewis	40s-50s women	Helps us see the significance of our role in God's grand narrative.
Proverbs, Ancient Wisdom for a Postmodern World	Sue Edwards	50s women	A popular introduction to Christian beliefs.
Running with Horses: The Quest for Life at Its Best	Eugene Peterson	50s women	What's not to like about Proverbs?
Acts - Holy Spirit (small group study from Logos)	J.I. Stott	50s women	Explores what it means to be fully and genuinely human.
Luke (found at Logos)		30s-40s couples	Probably the most liked of our studies.
Becoming a Woman of Worth	Becky Drace	30s-40s couples	Luke teaches us how to live like Jesus.
Becoming a Woman of Grace	Cynthia Heald	40s-50s women	How 9 biblical women discovered contentment and confidence.
What Does Revelation Reveal?	Warren Carter	40s-50s women	Learn what makes God's grace so amazing.
Women of the Old Testament	Gladys Hunt	HPUMC staff	An easy to read companion to the book of Revelation.
Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture	Walter Brueggemann	40s women	Learn about a few of the more obscure women of the Old Testament.
Texts of Terror	Phyllis Tribble	HPUMC staff	A compelling faith exploration into the Old Testament prophets.
Why (DVD)	Adam Hamilton	HPUMC staff	A redemptive look into the Hebrew Bible's most horrific texts.
A Study in Adversity; Job	Kay Arthur	20s-30s single co-eds	Fresh insight to the question of how to understand the will of God.
Philippians - Jesus Our Joy	Donald Baker	30s-40s couples	Good study and it makes you think.
The Wesleys - Amazing Love	Carolyn Nystrom	40s women	Study of Paul's desire to teach us how to live joyfully in every situation.
John - The Way to True Life	Douglas Connelly	40s women	Wesley family and the influence they continue to have on Methodism.
Making Sense of the Bible	Adam Hamilton	40s women	Long study. My group lost interest.
Luke	N.T. Wright	HPUMC staff	A look into the humanity of the Bible and its wisdom for living.
		HPUMC staff	A commentary with thought provoking questions; good for discussion.

Prayer

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The Prayer Paths of Jesus	John Indermark	50s women	Manageable daily assignments, a group favorite.
Devotional Classics: Selected Readings	Foster & Smith	50s women	This is a great collection of excerpts from great theologians.
Prayers for a Privileged People	Walter Brueggemann	HPUMC staff	Prayers on behalf of people of privilege and entitlement.
Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer	Richard Rohr	HPUMC staff	Moving beyond the comfort of a settled life toward God.

Life Application

Ragamuffin Gospel
 Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, & Delight...
 Faith Club
 Life Together-Classic Exploration of Christian Comm.
 Enough (DVD)
 The Purpose Driven Life
 What to Do with Your Life
 The Gifts of Imperfection
 Song of Solomon: Study - Love, Sex, Marriage, Romance
 Naked Spirituality: Life with God in 12 Simple Words
 Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life

Author

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 Dietrich Bonhoeffer
 Adam Hamilton
 Rick Warren
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 Brene Brown
 Tommy Nelson
 Brian D. McLaren
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Meditation on grace and what it takes to access it...simple honesty.
 Favorite book of all time. Great book. Great gift!
 A thoughtful interfaith dialogue.
 Book with no study guide but great content.
 Discovering joy through generosity.
 Reduce stress, focus your energy, simplify your decisions...
 True stories of people who have found the most meaningful answers.
 Ten guideposts on the power of wholehearted living.
 Some editing may be required to reflect the group profile.
 This was awesome!
 Exciting study.

Book Study

Stitches
 The Great Divorce
 Screwtape Letters
 Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White
 Love Wins
 God Is Not One
 Founding Faith: Birth of Rel. Freedom in America
 Love Wins
 Divine Conspiracy
 Reason for God
 Blue Like Jazz
 Stuff That Christians Like
 Traveling Mercies
 An Altar in the World
 Learning to Walk in the Dark
 Love Does
 Simply Christian
 We Make the Road by Walking
 The Cost of Discipleship
 Falling Upward
 Soul Feast
 Reclaiming Your Heart

Author

Anne Lamott
 C.S. Lewis
 C.S. Lewis
 Adam Hamilton
 Rob Bell
 Stephen Prothero
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 Dallas Willard
 Timothy Keller
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How to find meaning and peace in loud and frantic times.
 Interesting alegory looking at heaven, hell and the inbetween.
 Emerge with a better understanding of living a faithful life.
 I think this is one of the best group discussion books!!
 Great discussion, some liked it more than others but great discussion!
 Great faith comparisons but may be too heady for some.
 What can we learn about the proper role of religion in America.
 A look at God's love and judgement.
 Really good and had lots of great discussion, it was just really long!
 Good discussion, but argued the same points over and over.
 Christian faith in a postmodern culture.
 Welcome to the funny side of faith.
 The church, & God's love, is big enough for all, even those struggling.
 Finding faith beyond the church walls. Mind, body, & soul will be fed.
 Spirituality of nighttime; exploring what God teaches us "in the dark."
 A light-hearted read on living out your faith.
 A case for Christianity from the ground up.
 52 weekly readings on what a difference faith can make in our world.
 A look into the relationship between ourselves & the teachings of Jesus.
 Explores growing spiritually more by doing wrong than by doing right.
 Reminds us how much God loves us during trials and seasons of life.
 Helps you find your way back to God's design for your life.

Methodism

United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers

Author

F. Belton Joyner Jr.

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Easy to absorb and will get you excited about being a Methodist.

Relationships/Parenting

Sacred Marriages
 The Baby Boomer Bible Study
 Finding the Hero in Your Husband
 Men Are Like Waffles, Women are Like Spaghetti
 Power of a Positive Mom
 Mom and Loving It
 Grace Based Parenting

Author

Thomas & Harney
 Joseph White
 Julianna Slattery
 Farrel and Farrel
 Karol Ladd
 Laurie Lovejoy Hilliard
 Kimmel and Lucado

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Great book.
 Nothing better than starting with the basics.
 Offers practical steps to help women enjoy holy matrimony.
 Biblical wisdom, solid insight, and humorous anecdotes.
 Great first book for us to start working together.
 Find purpose in nurturing children and cherishing their families.
 Good, but we thought it would be better if our kids were older.

Outreach

When Helping Hurts
 Generous Justice

Author

Steve Corbett
 Timothy Keller

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Responsible, mission outreach in everyday life.
 Bible is fundamental source for justice & compassion for those in need.

Advent

The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem
 The Purpose of Christmas (DVD)

Author

Adam Hamilton
 Rick Warren

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 20s-30s single co-eds

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Has great historical perspective.
 A beautiful way to prepare for Christmas.

Lent

On The Road Again
 Living with the Mind of Christ
 Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent

Author

Jim Moore
 James Harnish
 Richard Rohr

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A great Lenten study.
 Required some extra prep work from the facilitator.
 Meditations on the daily readings of lent.

Resources

HPUMC Resource Library
 Church Library
 Mon. - Wed. 9AM - 12PM, 1-3PM
 Sun. 8AM - 12:15PM

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