



Curriculum Recommendations

from GroupLife Leaders and HPUMC Staff

BIBLE STUDY	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
Ephesians Study (found at Logos)		40s-50s women	Helps us see the significance of our role in God's grand narrative.
The Power of a Focused Heart	Mary Lou Redding	Women's group	Adds meaning to how Jesus wants us to interact with others
Proverbs, Ancient Wisdom for a Postmodern World	Sue Edwards	50s women	What's not to like about Proverbs?
Running with Horses: The Quest for Life at Its Best	Eugene Peterson	50s women	Explores what it means to be fully and genuinely human.
Acts - Holy Spirit (small group study from Logos)	J.I. Stott	30s-40s couples	Probably the most liked of our studies.
Namesake: When God Rewrites Your Story	Jessica LaGrone	HPUMC staff	Look at God's transformative power & how we're part of a grand plan.
Becoming a Woman of Worth	Becky Drace	40s-50s women	How 9 biblical women discovered contentment and confidence.
Becoming a Woman of Grace	Cynthia Heald	40s-50s women	Learn what makes God's grace so amazing.
What Does Revelation Reveal?	Warren Carter	HPUMC staff	An easy to read companion to the book of Revelation.
Women of the Old Testament	Gladys Hunt	40s women	Learn about a few of the more obscure women of the Old Testament.
Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture	Walter Brueggemann	HPUMC staff	A compelling faith exploration into the Old Testament prophets.
Texts of Terror	Phyllis Tribble	HPUMC staff	A redemptive look into the Hebrew Bible's most horrific texts.
Why (DVD)	Adam Hamilton	20s-30s single co-eds	Fresh insight to the question of how to understand the will of God.
A Study in Adversity; Job	Kay Arthur	30s-40s couples	Good study and it makes you think.
Philippians - Jesus Our Joy	Donald Baker	40s women	Study of Paul's desire to teach us how to live joyfully in every situation.
The Wesleys - Amazing Love	Carolyn Nystrom	40s women	Wesley family and the influence they continue to have on Methodism.
Luke	N.T. Wright	HPUMC staff	A commentary with thought provoking questions; good for discussion.
Making Sense of the Bible	Adam Hamilton	HPUMC staff	A look into the humanity of the Bible and its wisdom for living.
Listening for God Through Acts (Lectio)	Mark Moore	HPUMC staff	An opportunity to read Acts, meditate on it, and prayerfully respond.

PRAYER	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
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.
Too Busy Not To Prayer	Bill Hybels	HPUMC staff	This book will reinvigorate your prayer life
Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully Through...	Macrina Wiederkehr	HPUMC staff	Recognizing the sacred in each moment.

LIFE APPLICATION	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
Ragamuffin Gospel	Bennan Manning	40s-50s women	Meditation on grace and what it takes to access it...simple honesty.
Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, & Delight...	Wayne Muller	50s women	Favorite book of all time. Great book. Great gift!
Faith Club	Idlisy, Oliver...	HPUMC staff	A thoughtful interfaith dialogue.
Life Together-Classic Exploration of Christian Comm.	Dietrich Bonhoeffer	50s women	Book with no study guide but great content.
Enough (DVD)	Adam Hamilton	20s-30s single co-eds	Discovering joy through generosity.
The Purpose Driven Life	Rick Warren	20s-30s single co-eds	Reduce stress, focus your energy, simplify your decisions...
What to Do with Your Life	Po Bronson	20s-30s single co-eds	True stories of people who have found the most meaningful answers.
The Gifts of Imperfection	Brene Brown	HPUMC staff	Ten guideposts on the power of wholehearted living.
Song of Solomon: Study - Love, Sex, Marriage, Romance	Tommy Nelson	30s-40s co-eds	Some editing may be required to reflect the group profile.
Naked Spirituality: Life with God in 12 Simple Words	Brian D. McLaren	30s-40s co-eds	This was awesome!
Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life	Rick Warren	30s-40s co-eds	Exciting study.
Walking with God in the Desert	Vander Laan, Sorenson	HPUMC staff	A reminder that God walks closely with us in difficult times.

BOOK STUDY	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
Stitches	Anne Lamott	HPUMC staff	How to find meaning and peace in loud and frantic times.
The Great Divorce	C.S. Lewis	40s women	Interesting alegory looking at heaven, hell and the inbetween.
Screwtape Letters	C.S. Lewis	50s women	Emerge with a better understanding of living a faithful life.
Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White	Adam Hamilton	20s-30s co-eds	I think this is one of the best group discussion books!!
Love Wins	Rob Bell	20s-30s co-eds	Great discussion, some liked it more than others but great discussion!
God Is Not One	Stephen Prothero	40s women	Great faith comparisons but may be too heady for some.
Founding Faith: Birth of Rel. Freedom in America	Steven Waldman	HPUMC staff	What can we learn about the proper role of religion in America.
Love Wins	Rob Bell	20s-30s women	A look at God's love and judgement.
Divine Conspiracy	Dallas Willard	20s-30s co-eds	Really good and had lots of great discussion, it was just really long!
Reason for God	Timothy Keller	20s-30s co-eds	Good discussion, but argued the same points over and over.
Blue Like Jazz	Don Miller	30s couples	Christian faith in a postmodern culture.
Stuff That Christians Like	Jonathan Acuff	20s-30s single co-eds	Welcome to the funny side of faith.
Traveling Mercies	Anne Lamott	HPUMC staff	The church, & God's love, is big enough for all, even those struggling.
An Altar in the World	Barbara Brown Taylor	HPUMC staff	Finding faith beyond the church walls. Mind, body, & soul will be fed.
Learning to Walk in the Dark	Barbara Brown Taylor	HPUMC staff	Spirituality of nighttime; exploring what God teaches us "in the dark."
Love Does	Bob Goff	HPUMC staff	A light-hearted read on living out your faith.
Simply Christian	N.T. Wright	HPUMC staff	A case for Christianity from the ground up.
We Make the Road by Walking	Brian McLaren	HPUMC staff	52 weekly readings on what a difference faith can make in our world.
The Cost of Discipleship	Dietrich Bonhoeffer	HPUMC staff	A look into the relationship between ourselves & the teachings of Jesus.
Falling Upward	Richard Rohr	HPUMC staff	Explores growing spiritually more by doing wrong than by doing right.
Soul Feast	Marjorie J. Thompson	HPUMC staff	Reminds us how much God loves us during trials and seasons of life.
Reclaiming Your Heart	Denise Hildreth Jones	HPUMC staff	Helps you find your way back to God's design for your life.
Mere Christianity	C.S. Lewis	50s women	A popular introduction to Christian beliefs.

METHODISM	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers	F. Belton Joyner Jr.	HPUMC staff	Easy to absorb and will get you excited about being a Methodist.
Being United Methodist: What It Means, Why It Matters	J. Ellsworth Kalas	HPUMC staff	A must read for those struggling to answer, "Why I'm A Methodist."

RELATIONSHIPS/PARENTING	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
Sacred Marriages	Thomas & Harney	30s women	Great book.
The Baby Boomer Bible Study	Joseph White	HPUMC staff	Nothing better than starting with the basics.
Finding the Hero in Your Husband	Julianna Slattery	30s women	Offers practical steps to help women enjoy holy matrimony.
Men Are Like Waffles, Women are Like Spaghetti	Farrel and Farrel	30s couples	Biblical wisdom, solid insight, and humorous anecdotes.
Power of a Positive Mom	Karol Ladd	30s women	Great first book for us to start working together.
Mom and Loving It	Laurie Lovejoy Hilliard	30s women	Find purpose in nurturing children and cherishing their families.
Grace Based Parenting	Kimmel and Lucado	30s women	Good, but we thought it would be better if our kids were older.

OUTREACH	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
When Helping Hurts	Steve Corbett	HPUMC staff	Responsible, mission outreach in everyday life.
Generous Justice	Timothy Keller	HPUMC staff	Bible is fundamental source for justice & compassion for those in need.

WOMEN'S STUDIES	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
Rising Strong	Brene Brown	HPUMC staff	Great thoughts on vulnerability and self worth.

ADVENT	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem	Adam Hamilton	40s women	Has great historical perspective.
The Purpose of Christmas (DVD)	Rick Warren	20s-30s single co-eds	A beautiful way to prepare for Christmas.

LENT	Author	Reviewed by	Notes
On The Road Again	Jim Moore	40s women	A great Lenten study.
Living with the Mind of Christ	James Harnish	40s women	Required some extra prep work from the facilitator.
Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent	Richard Rohr	HPUMC staff	Meditations on the daily readings of lent.
24 Hours That Changed The World	Adam Hamilton	Women's group	This book made Easter a more meaningful experience.

RESOURCES

HPUMC Resource Library
 Church Library
 Mon. - Wed. 9AM - 12PM, 1-3PM
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