Resources for adult study groups in 2022

Including a newly revised edition of

PARABLESStories for Life in God’s World

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The Kerygma Program supports and invigorates Bible study in congregations and communities. Those using Kerygma resources note the “exceptional scholarly quality made accessible to all” that makes Kerygma studies “deeply satisfying.”

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A Leader’s Guide accompanies the Resource Book, providing strategies to engage study participants in active learning, our Leader’s Guides offer a rich variety of learning strategies and multiple options for session planning. It allows the leader to be a facilitator and a learner among learners. The Leader’s Guide is designed to create opportunities that encourage discussion and dialogue within a community of learners that illuminate the Biblical materials.

The Leader Kit — Everything the Leader needs! The Leader kit includes a printed copy of the Resource Book and a Leader’s Guide, and digitized Leader material on Disc or Flash.

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Newly Revised!

Parables—short, seemingly simple stories that are intriguing, memorable, life changing. Jesus was the master of the parable, crafting and telling these stories that some scholars regard as the heart of the gospel message. Participants will examine what makes a parable unique and will study 30+ of these stories to begin to understand and appreciate why the parables of Jesus can continue to affect what we value and the choices we make.

8 sessions

Disc or Flash Drive!

Many of studies offer the Leader’s Guides on Disc or Flash Drive and include:

- a PDF of the LEADER’S GUIDE
- a Slide Presentation with visuals and activities for in-person OR online groups
- JPEGs of individual slides, to select slides you wish to use to create your own presentation
- Video visits with the author (included in some studies)

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Getting started with Bible study

Your Bible! The Study Begins
Resource Book by James A. Walther, Sr.; Leader’s Guide by Barbara Anne Keely
An introduction to the Bible that paves the way for future study and deeper understanding. Designed to help participants understand how the Bible came to be, what the Old and New Testaments are about, how we study the Bible and consider its place in our lives.

In seven, one-hour sessions, participants will explore:

- What Is the Bible?
- How Did the Bible Come to Be?
- What Is the Old Testament About?
- What Is the New Testament About?
- How Has the Bible Been Preserved and Handed On?
- How Shall We Study the Bible?
- What Is the Place of the Bible in Our Lives?

Resource Book: $18  LARGE PRINT: $25
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $39

Listening to Scripture: Strategies for Interpreting the Bible
Resource Book by Richard L. Rohrbaugh; Leader’s Guide by John Mehl
Introducing six strategies that enable learners to understand the meaning of Scripture for its original audience. Learning what the text meant is the first step in exploring what the text means and its message for us as Christians today.

Strategies include:

- Exploring the historical setting
- Discovering the literary context and audience
- Identifying oral and literary forms
- Analyzing the structure
- Investigating words and phrases.

Resource Book: $24
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader CD/DVD set): $45
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $45
Whole Bible

Discovering the Bible: A New Generation
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Boyd E. Lien

An introduction to the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, inviting adults to explore biblical people, events, ideas, and places through reading, reflection, discussion, creative expression, and discovery.

- An ideal resource for those new to the Scriptures or who want an overview of the entire Bible before taking on studies of individual books of the Bible.
- A great study to use for a 2-year program. The study is divided into 15 sessions for the Old Testament and 15 sessions for the New Testament.
- One approach used by some study groups is to begin with the New Testament, starting with material that may be more familiar, and then study the Old Testament—an approach that is similar to the way that many in the early church were introduced to the Gospel and to the entire story of God’s work and purpose for God’s world.

Excellent resource for use in a mid-week or Sunday morning program providing an overview of the entire Bible. The Leader Kit includes the Leader’s Guide PDF, a Slide Presentation, and short Video segments from the author to enhance each session.

Resource Book: $40
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Material on Disc): $75
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $75

The Bible in Depth
Resource Book by James A. Walther, Sr.; Leader’s Guide by Donald L. Griggs and Barbara Minges

Follow stories and events through the Old Testament and into the New Testament, helping participants to understand the Bible as a whole, rather than book-by-book, by exploring ten important themes:

- God’s saving acts
- Promise and covenant
- God—the knowable and unknowable
- God’s care for the world
- Leadership
- The kingdom of God
- Law and righteousness
- Wisdom
- Worship
- Hope

Resource Book: $48
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $87
The Bible and Theology
Resource Book by Donald K. McKim; Leader’s Guide by M. Agnes Peebles and LindaJo McKim

Explore eight major Christian doctrines using the Old and New Testament texts that inform these theological ideas. Understand how the church has formulated these ideas as doctrine.

**Book One**  The Trinity:  Who is God?  Christology:  Who is Jesus Christ?

**Book Two**  Ecclesiology:  What is the Church?  Anthropology:  Who is Humanity?

**Book Three**  Soteriology:  How are we Saved?  Authority:  Where is Authority?

**Book Four**  Sacraments:  What are the Sacraments?  Eschatology:  What is the Kingdom?

Resource Book:  $18 each
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide):  $39 each

Supplemental Text:
*Theological Turning Points*, by Donald K. McKim  $39 each

Great Themes of the Bible
Resource Books by James A. Walther, Sr.; Leader Guides by Myra B. Nagel & Trish Towle Greeves

Four studies that focus on great themes from the Old and New Testaments and expand on themes found in *The Bible in Depth*.

**God Saves a People**
Trace the saving grace of God from the exodus to God’s new act of salvation through Jesus, and into the early church.

**Knowing God**
Questions God’s people have about their Creator:  Can we trust God to be loving, fair, and just?  How can we know the unknowable God?

**God Calls Leaders**
Inspire leaders today.  Explore how God worked through the lives of patriarchs and prophets, fishermen turned disciples, and a carpenter who is the Savior.

Resource Book:  $24 each
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide):  $45

7 Sessions Each
Shalom: A Study of the Biblical Concept of Peace
Resource Book on CD-ROM by Donald E. Gowan

Public cries for peace and healing in unsettled times call for biblical insight and understanding. Explore the concept of peace in Old and New Testament times; images of the Lord as a God of peace or a God of war; God’s intention for health and harmony for all creation; the hope of peace for Israel—and the world.

A discussion-style format is suggested for study sessions; participant materials can be printed from the Disc.

CD-ROM: $27

Meeting God in the Bible: Sixty Devotions for Groups
by Donald L. Griggs

A valuable collection of devotions for groups, for opening or closing meetings and study sessions. These innovative ideas involve people actively in devotional and prayer experiences. Most activities take between 10 -15 minutes to complete and can be printed from the Disc.

CD-ROM: $26

History of the Bible in English
by James A. Walther, Sr.

Trace the history of the Bible from original texts to modern English translations. Recommended for every study group, confirmation class and church library. Use the downloadable questions and answers with your participants for an interactive class experience.

34-Minute Audio-Visual Resource
DVD: $26
Studies for Advent and Lent

The Light Will Shine: A Study for Advent
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Carol J. Miller

An excellent study focusing on three important seasons of the church year—Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Consider big questions that biblical events point toward:

- Where is history headed?
- How does our focus on the future God promises impact the present?
- Why is Messiah coming and what is he announcing?
- Who is John the Baptist and what messages did he bring?
- What is the Annunciation?
- What is the significance of Mary’s song, the Magnificat, as Luke records it?
- What does the word “epiphany” mean and what does it say to a world that continues to search for meaning?

Resource Book: $18
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $38

Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey through Holy Week
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Carol J. Miller

Explore the main texts in all four Gospels and in Paul’s writings relating to the last week of Jesus’ life and resurrection. The Gospel writers help us to see who Jesus Christ is and what God is doing in and through him. With writings that pre-date the Gospels, Paul is the first New Testament writer to mention the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. He is the only writer we know to have witnessed the risen Christ.

Resource Book: $26
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader CD/DVD set): $46
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $46

Other studies to use during Lent
The Bible in Music

Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel’s Messiah
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Carol M. Bechtel

Explore the scriptural texts in Handel's Messiah in Advent and in Lent. This ten session study divides easily into two seasonal studies: four sessions in Advent and six sessions in Lent. Easily adapted for a weekend retreat. A full recording of Messiah is recommended for class use: Kerygma offers the 2-CD Chicago Symphony version.

ADVENT—Comfort, Comfort My People • Who May Abide the Day of His Coming • For Unto us a Child Is Born • Glory to God in the Highest

LENT—Behold the Lamb of God • He Trusted in God • Who is the King of Glory • I Know That My Redeemer Liveth • Why Do the Nations Rage • Worthy Is the Lamb

Resource Book: $24 LARGE PRINT: $29
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $55

Supplemental Resources:
- **MESSIAH—The Gospel According to Handel’s Oratorio** by Roger A. Bullard $35
- **Handel’s Messiah—The Complete Oratorio** (Atlanta Symphony Orchestra & Chamber Chorus George Frideric Handel (Composer), Robert Shaw (Conductor) Audio CD $35

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms’ Requiem
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Carol M. Bechtel

Follow this famous requiem’s tour of biblical references about death, grief, the brevity of life, and faith for here and here-after. Music and scripture help us to move from graveside and grieving to new perspectives and hope beyond.

Resource Book: $20
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $39

Supplemental Resource:
- **Brahms’ Requiem, Chicago Symphony Orchestra & Chorus CD** $18
Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis

Take a fresh look at familiar biblical stories—discussions of creation and creationism, the rebellion of humankind, and the flood. The experiences of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph speak to Christians seeking to live responsibly in our world.

Resource Book: $32
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader's Guide): $69

Supplemental Text:
Genesis (Interpretation) by Walter Brueggemann: $39

14 Sessions

Exodus: Gateway to the Bible
Resource Book by Donald E. Gowan; Leader's Guide by Myra B. Nagel & Trish Towle Greeves

Stories of the exodus help us to discover how the covenant relationship between God and people echoes throughout the whole Bible. Learn about important events, people, and foundations of our faith:

- The burning bush and God’s self-introduction;
- Moses, an unlikely leader
- Who Is God—Yahweh or Pharaoh
- Instructions for living
- Passover and the Last Supper
- Covenant as God’s promise

Resource Book: $28
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader's Guide): $59

Supplemental Text:
Theology in Exodus by Donald E. Gowan: $45

14 Sessions

The Commandments: For a Blessed Life
Resource Book by Patricia Dutcher-Walls; Leader's Guide by Myra B. Nagel and Trish Towle Greeves

Discover how God’s timeless laws speak truth to us today. Explore the commandments from their biblical setting through the teachings of Jesus. Gain a new appreciation of God’s guidance toward faithful and blessed living.

Resource Book: $24
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader's Guide): $49

7 Sessions
Old Testament

ISAIAH—IN 3 PARTS

ISAIAH—Holy, Holy, Holy
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Boyd Lien

A study focusing on the first 39 chapters of an important book to both Old and New Testament communities. Explore the ways that Isaiah communicated God’s message through images and metaphors, sounds and words. See and hear the word of God through the faithful witness of this prophet as he reveals what God would say to us—with reverence, compassion, and an imagination that our image-oriented culture can appreciate. The slide presentation is an important part of this image-rich study.

Resource Book: $28
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader DVD): $59
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $59

ISAIAH—Do Not Be Afraid! Part II

ISAIAH—Your Light has Come Part III
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Boyd Lien

ISAIAH—Do Not Be Afraid! focuses on chapters 40-55. Hear the word of the Lord to Jewish exiles in Babylon after the collapse of all that they had known. The prophet speaks of God’s grace offered in response to the people’s pain and lament. Once again Rev. Boyd Lien calls upon participants to focus on the image-rich language used in these chapters.

An excellent study for Lent and Eastertide. Many passages from Isaiah 40-55 are included in lectionary readings during these seasons of the church year.

ISAIAH—Your Light Has Come, concludes with chapters 56-66. Returning exiles and those who stayed behind struggle to reestablish a community. How will all God’s people come together to share in God’s future? Isaiah speaks of God reaching out to all nations and communicates God’s promises, capturing the attention and imagination of a struggling community—and eventually a New Testament community that records Jesus reading from Isaiah 61 to identify himself and his mission.

Once again, study participants focus on the image-rich language in these chapters of Isaiah, considered to be among the most beautiful passages in Scripture.

Resource Book: $32
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s DVD): $61
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $61

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Amos & Hosea: Boundaries, Tough Love, Amazing Grace
Resource Book by George W. Ramsey; Leader’s Guide by Victoria Smit

Join these prophets as they cross boundaries between religion and politics, between “us” and “them.” Their message is relevant for any society divided by issues of theology, politics, economics, government, and morality. Observe how God’s tough love and amazing grace are extended to a people who have often broken God’s heart.

Resource Book: $22
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide on Disc): $47
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide on Flash): $47

An Odd Couple, Jonah and Ruth: Lessons for Our Fractured World
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Carol J. Miller

A Comedy! A Romance!
Use as one study or two shorter studies. Explore the connecting themes. A slide presentation and bonus videos are included on the Leader Discs or Flash Drive.

JONAH
Through the character of an outrageous excuse of a prophet, the book of Jonah shows the leaders and people of Judah just how foolish are their insistence on isolationism and the exclusion of “the other.” We consider the question, “If God loves the outsider, shouldn’t we?”

RUTH
What would life look like if God’s people treated each other with His loving-kindness—insiders and outsiders alike? In Ruth, God uses the unexpected and kind actions of people to demonstrate the love that God gives to all, whether they realize it or not.

Resource Book: $22  LARGE PRINT: $25
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader CD/DVD Set): $49
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $49
Job and the Life of Faith: Wisdom for Today’s World
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Carol M. Bechtel

The most profound exploration of the life of faith ever written, the book of Job wrestles with a monumental question: do we continue to worship God if there are no guarantees? Job addresses the limits of human wisdom. We do not have all the answers, but God does. Explore faith as an exercise in radical trust.

The Leader Disc/Flash includes short Video segments with the author and a Slide Presentation.

Resource Book: $25  LARGE PRINT: $28
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Disc): $49
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $49

Discovering the Psalms—Passion, Promise, and Praise
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Donald L. Griggs

Psalms—the hymnbook of God’s people. Blends scholarly background, spirituality, corporate worship, and personal growth through 49 days of guided reading. Both an introduction to these scriptures and a deeper look for those familiar with particular psalms. Can be used during Lent or for a discussion of music in worship.

This CD/DVD set offers the Leader’s Guide in PDF form, a slide presentation to enrich sessions, and video visits with beloved author and Christian educator Don Griggs.

Resource Book: $28
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader CD/DVD set): $49
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $49

Supplemental Text:
   Out of the Depths by Bernhard W. Anderson: $38
The Gospel of Matthew: God With Us
Resource Book by Robert A. Bryant; Leader’s Guide by Victoria Smit

Matthew describes the church as an earthly manifestation of the Kingdom of God, comprised of Jesus’ followers who have been called to live righteously in the world. Study this community as it strives to understand what it means to serve in the manner of Christ, with humility and forgiveness, for the blessing of the world.

Resource Book: $29  
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader CD/DVD set): $58  
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $58

The Gospel of Mark: Jesus-Powerful, Courageous, Trusting
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Carol J. Miller

Mark portrays Jesus as a powerful man, confident in his choices, thoroughly trusting in God even as he faces persecution and ultimately death. Jesus's words encourage disciples to see clearly the path he invites us to follow.

Resource Book: $25  
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Disc): $54  
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $54  
Supplemental Text: Mark (Interpretation) by L. Williamson, Jr.: $34

Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Carol J. Miller

Luke’s Gospel speaks to all people. The good news is for the outcast and the establishment, for the faithful and those who are searching. Luke writes to deepen faith and inspire action.

Resource Book: $32  
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $59  
Supplemental Text: Luke (Interpretation) by Fred B. Craddock: $38
New Testament

That You May Believe: The Gospel of John
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Carol J. Miller

Witness signs and wonders as John’s Gospel offers spiritually attuned, stunningly beautiful insights into the nature of Jesus and the meaning of faith. View contrasts of darkness and light, blindness and sight, death and new life as John puts before us who Jesus is, where he is coming from, and where he is going.

Resource Book: $30
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $59
Supplemental Text:
   John (Abingdon NT Commentaries) by D. Moody Smith: $38

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Six Studies on Spirituality and the Lord’s Prayer
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by John C. Purdy

Explore the key phrases of the Lord’s Prayer—as among the greatest treasures of faith—as they enable us to express our trust, our concerns, and our needs to God. A 6-session study, ideal to use during Lent.

Resource Book: $18
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $39

PARABLES: Stories for Life in God’s World
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Richard J. Henderson

The parables of Jesus appear to be simple stories that make a moral point. As we understand them and their complexity, however, we find an expanding richness and depth. Just when we think we have fully understood the parable, a window opens and we see a broader and more profound meaning. In this study we explore the depth of the parables and how they apply to our everyday lives. In addition to a thorough understanding of these unique stories, this study touches on the power of parables in the Old Testament as well as those by authors in more recent times.

A great study to use as a Lenten series, for a series on the meaning of discipleship, or for workshops on faith and writing.

Resource Book: $24
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Disc): $46
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $46

NEWLY REVISED!
**New Testament**

**Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life**  
*Resource Book by John C. Purdy; Leader's Guide by Dorothy M. Hill*

A study of the Beatitudes from Matthew’s Gospel that invites us to pause in the midst of our busy lives and to reflect on where we are going and what we are doing as fellow travelers along life’s journey. Examine the Old Testament roots and the New Testament context of these 6 statements, and learn from stories of those who have been prophets of righteousness, rescuers, peacemakers, and comforters.

*Resource Book: $22  
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $45*

**Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles**  
*Resource Book by Carol J. Miller; Leader’s Guide by Patricia Heidebrecht*


*Resource Book: $30  
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $59  
Supplemental Text:  
Acts (Interpretation) by William H. Willimon: $34*

**Romans: A Letter for Today**  
*Resource Book by Calvin J. Roetzel; Leader’s Guide by Myra B. Nagel and Trish Towle Greeves*

Understand why “the most influential letter ever written” and the words of the Apostle Paul to the church in ancient Rome continue to energize and empower the faith of believers through the centuries.

Revised by the author, and includes Dr. Roetzel’s preface about the historic significance of Paul’s letter and the start of the Reformation.

*Resource Book: $25  
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader DVD): $57  
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $57*
First Corinthians: One in Christ
Resource Book by Robert A. Bryant; Leader’s Guide by Ginny Ward Holderness

Paul’s first letter to the church in the cosmopolitan world of Corinth speaks clearly to us as we learn about the Corinthians’ problem of disunity. Having fixed our sight upon Jesus Christ, Paul encourages us to have the mind of Christ, affecting the way we value ourselves, others, and our world. Believers are encouraged to value every contribution that strengthens the community of faith. Having the mind of Christ radiates humility and peace, individually and corporately.

Resource Book: $29 LARGE PRINT: $36
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader CD/DVD set): $59
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $59

Second Corinthians: Living Letters in Christ
Resource Book by Calvin J. Roetzel; Leader’s Guide by Boyd Lien

Paul’s most profound statements on discipleship, ministry and calling, and faithful service to the truth he finds in Jesus Christ. Experience Paul as he is—his writing at times raw and at other times rejoicing— scolding, begging, enticing his brothers and sisters in Christ to honor God with every fiber of their being.

Includes session plans and slide presentations on CD and video visits with author Calvin Roetzel on DVD.

Resource Book: $27
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader CD/DVD set): $57
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $57

Supplemental Text
2 Corinthians (Abingdon NT Commentaries) by Calvin J. Roetzel: $34
Galatians & James: Faith and Works
Resource Book and Leader’s Guide by Carol J. Miller

Two small—but mighty!—studies tackle one of the most contentious issues in theology: what are the roles of faith (grace) and works when it comes to salvation?

GALATIANS
Paul writes to Christians being pressured to maintain tokens of the church’s Jewish heritage, dietary laws, and rituals—proclaiming loud and clear that we are saved by grace alone and not by adherence to the Mosaic Law.

JAMES
While agreeing with Paul that salvation is found solely through Christ, James writes with absolute conviction that concern and care for one’s neighbor fulfills the law. Did Paul’s words about grace mean that disciples could neglect their obligation to aid their suffering brothers and sisters? How would a modern James indicate that “they will know we are Christians by our love”?

Resource Book: $25
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader CD/DVD set): $54
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader Flash Drive): $54

The Book of Revelation: Visions for the Church in Crisis
Resource Book by James A. Walther, Sr.; Leader’s Guide by Donald L. Griggs and Barbara Minges

The author of The Bible in Depth brings deep insight to a very challenging book. Study Revelation in context to clarify its message to an early church facing severe crisis—and to make clear its relevance to the church today as assurance of God’s victory and our hope.

Resource Book: $28
Leader Kit (Resource Book & Leader’s Guide): $59
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