

# DVD Library for Home Group Studies

Mount Pleasant Christian Church

Fall 2010

## Apologetics Studies



**Faith Under Fire**, series by Lee Strobel and Garry Poole, are each four sessions long. Participant guides are \$7 each and descriptions of each volume follows:

**Volume 1** guides you through four sessions concerning **Faith and Jesus**. Each session includes two video segments from the corresponding DVD in which leading Christian and non-Christian voices engage in forceful but fair debate. You and your group will consider what you've heard and discuss challenging questions, such as:

- Are miracles merely a product of wishful thinking?
- Is the divinity of Jesus simply an idea that evolved over time?
- Do historical facts support the belief that Jesus rose literally from the dead?
- In the face of Jesus' exclusive claims, how confident are you that all roads lead to God?

**Volume 2: Faith and Facts.** Are the Gospels reliable or do they report mostly what their authors and others merely wish were true?

- Is heaven fact or fantasy?
- Would a loving God condemn people to hell?
- Does the universe look designed because it really was designed?

**Volume 3: Tough Faith Questions.** Why is hard to grasp that God forgives what humans find unforgivable?

- If God can end suffering right now, why doesn't He?
- Does the concept of the Trinity accurately describe God?
- Are the differences between Christianity and Islam significant?

**Volume 4: A New Kind of Faith** features debates on spiritual topics ranging from the perceived arrogance of Christianity to the future of religion in general. The small-group curriculum uses video snippets from the show plus additional comments from Lee, as a way of guiding discussions.



## **The Faith** by Charles Colson

When rightly understood, the Christian faith offers tremendous joy. Examine the historical and central truths of the faith with Charles Colson and Gabe Lyons. In six thought-provoking, soul-searching sessions, you'll reflect on the nature of God, the human condition, the work of Jesus, and the coming kingdom; and comprehend more clearly why it's a religion of hope, redemption, and beauty. Participant guides are \$7 each.

## **Books of the Bible**



## **Philippians: To Live is Christ and to Die is Gain** by Matt Chandler

Join Matt Chandler, Pastor of the Village Church in Dallas, Texas, as he walks us through Philippians. In one of the most intimate of Paul's letters, Chandler paints a beautiful picture of what it is to be a mature Christian in these 12 sessions. Participant guides are \$11 each.



## **Romans: The Letter that Changed the World Volume I & II** by Tommy Nelson

This study incorporates two volumes with 12 sessions each. Two participant guides are \$11 each. That Paul's Epistle written to the Romans is the most important writing ever is a hard statement to refute. More than this, Romans also communicates the most essential truths of the Christian faith; it is the Bible in miniature. Examine this "grand jewel" of the Bible with pastor Tommy Nelson, as he unlocks Paul's magisterial letter in this exciting and dynamic DVD study. You'll learn the Gospel at a level you never imagined, opening up your life to reformation and renewal.



## **Ecclesiastes: A Life Well Lived** by Tommy Nelson

How do I make the most of my life? It's an important question that we all struggle with, a question that perplexed even the wisest man who ever lived. At the sunset of his life, he looked back and found that this question can only be answered by discovering the answers to more questions. Questions like: Can prosperity fix all of my problems? Are hardships and difficulties the worst thing for me? How can I experience true joy and peace in this crazy and fallen world? How can I live a life without regrets? The man who asked these questions was, of course, Solomon.

He found answers to these questions, but it was not an easy process. He acquired wealth, chased women, sought wisdom, and in the end he found that none of these things answered life's questions, nor did they bring real meaning to life. Yet the answers Solomon did find were, and remain, astounding. They are simple, yet profound, and they are found in the book of Ecclesiastes. In 12 sessions. Participant guides are \$11 each.

## **Christian Life Topics**



### **Facing the Unknown: A Modern Look at the Life of Abraham**

by Mark Batterson for bluefish tv— in four sessions

What unknowns are you facing in life? Many people feel like their life leads them from one path to the next with no certainty. Is this the right job? Is he or she “the one?” Is now the time to have kids? What do I do now? Am I even on the right path? With four video-driven sessions with insightful topics, viewers will experience cinematic short videos that show Abraham living in the 21st century. What might he think and feel with the incredible steps of faith God asked him to take? After each short video, Mark will teach on the Biblical principles from Abraham’s story that apply to us today. A simple handout will be provided for participants.



### **Joshua: Be Strong and Be Courageous**

by Todd Phillips for bluefish tv—in four sessions

Whether a slave making bricks or a leader of a nation, Joshua lived a life defined by courage, humility, prayer, and worship. His life serves as an example and encouragement to us all. Join author Todd Phillips in the heart of the nation’s capitol as he uses American history to illuminate the story of Joshua in a way never before experienced. This four-part video Bible study will challenge everyone to be strong and courageous. A simple handout will be provided for participants.



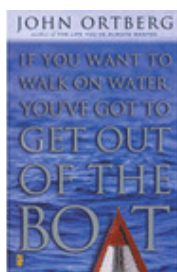
### **Joseph: The Hard Life** by Rob Duford for bluefish tv - in four sessions

For a man with so much hope for the future, Joseph spent a good part of his life rejected, abandoned, and imprisoned. How did he endure the abuse, betrayal, disappointment and injustice so prevalent in his life? This four-part, video-based Bible study takes a look at how the choices Joseph made helped him overcome every obstacle life threw at him. A simple handout will be provided for participants.



### **Chasing Daylight** by Erwin McManus for bluefish tv—in ten sessions

Adventure awaits. Opportunity is all around us. In *Chasing Daylight*, city pastor Erwin McManus calls us to risk everything for a life of genuine purpose. The biblical character of Jonathan was a man on a mission. In faith and doubt, he stepped out to launch a daring attack that energized his people. With that attitude, we can be movers and shakers rather than moaners and slackers. McManus culls eight characteristics of an adventurer’s heart, what he calls “The Jonathan Factor.” Real-life stories, personal interviews, and in-your-face teaching moments make this study an excellent resource. Participant guides are \$6 each.



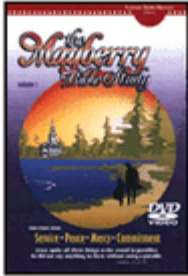
### **If You Want to Walk on Water You’ve Got to Get out of the Boat** by John Ortberg

Far too many of us have put our faith in a casual Christianity that never compels us to leave our comfort zones. But, deep within our hearts, we know that Christ has not called us to comfort, but to an exciting, sacrificial and overwhelmingly fulfilling faith. Ortberg teaches us how to step out of the “boat” of casual Christianity so that we can faithfully follow the Lord who is calling us out onto the risky, exciting waters of the high seas. He will teach you how to leave your comfort zone for a remarkable life of faith. In 10 sessions. Participant guides are \$13 each.



**Paul The Apostle** by David Nasser for bluefish tv—in four sessions

Americans live in a culture that places high emphasis on entertainment, achievement and self. It's increasingly difficult for scriptural truth to cut through the noise and sink into our hearts. But when we stop and study Scripture, the culture we live in faces the same problems as the early church. In these four small group video sessions, David Nasser uses the life of Paul to highlight how followers of Christ can stand up to cultural "norms" and stand firm in Christ. A simple handout will be provided for participants.



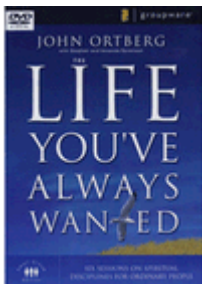
**The Mayberry Bible Study, Volumes 1-4** by Stephen Skelton in 4 sessions each.

Featuring 4 classic episodes from *The Andy Griffith Show* with relevant scripture, this study resource uses them as modern parables on the teaching of Jesus. Pack includes 4-episode DVD and leader book with answers. Volume 1 contains important lessons about service, peace, mercy and commitment. Volume 2: pride, accountability, trouble and teaching. Volume 3: courage, folly, gossip and discernment. Volume 4: values, temptation, encouragement and guidance. Participant guides are \$8 each.



**The Purpose Driven Life** by Rick Warren

Rick Warren shows your friends and you how to discover the answer to life's most fundamental question: "What on earth am I here for?" As you discuss the implications and applications of the truths found in Warren's best-selling book, you'll discover your own place of significance in God's creation. In six sessions. Participant guides are \$8 each.



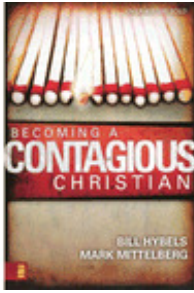
**The Life You've Always Wanted** by John Ortberg

In this six-session curriculum, Ortberg teaches participants the skills essential to "running the marathon" in the Christian life: slowing down, celebrating joy, practicing prayer, studying Scripture, and trusting God. Participant guides are \$9 each.



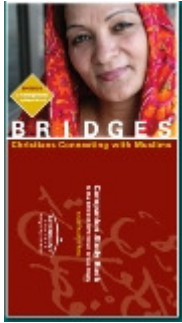
**Share Jesus without Fear** by William Fay

Looking for an easy-to-understand, step-by-step, no-more-excuses guide to sharing Jesus? You just found it! From his simple yet probing "Share Jesus Questions" to his list of ready responses for 36 common objections, Fay provides everything you need to get people witnessing with confidence. Includes appendixes of questions, Scriptures, and scripts. In 10 sessions. Participant guides are \$9 each.



### **Becoming a Contagious Christian** by Bill Hybels

People matter to God. In this study you will discover why we are called to be *Contagious Christians*, how authenticity, compassion and sacrifice help us relate to seekers and how to clearly share the gospel with those you love. Let *Becoming a Contagious Christian* revitalize your passion for evangelism and enable you to fulfill Christ's Great Commission! Six Sessions. Participant guides are \$11 each.

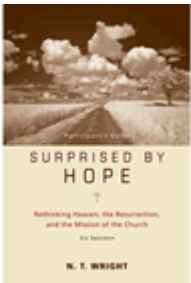


**Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims** Crescent Project  
Two DVDs feature six sessions. The Companion Study Book (\$11 each) includes Leader's Notes and two full-length books by Fouad Masri. We want equip you with tools that will better enable you to share the hope with your Muslim friends and aid in your own understanding of Islam and to use in connecting with the Muslims in your life.



### **The Divine Conspiracy** by Dallas Willard and John Ortberg

A six-session DVD study with Dallas Willard and John Ortberg renews our understanding of discipleship and the true nature of the teachings of Jesus, who intended that His followers become His disciples and taught that we have access now to the life we are only too eager to relegate to the hereafter. The authors call us into a more authentic faith and offer a practical plan by which we can become Christ-like. Participant guides are \$8 each.



### **Surprised by Hope** by N. T. Wright

What is heaven really like? Is our duty to simply help non-Christians get there? In six invigorating, faith-inspiring sessions, N.T. Wright explores hope, resurrection, heaven, the second coming, salvation, and the church---revealing that what we believe about the future has a direct impact on how we live in the present. Participant guides are \$8 each.



### **Beginning Life Together** by Zondervan Publishing

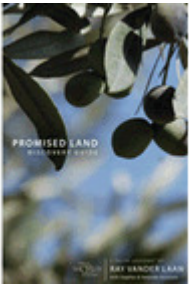
The first words of the Bible are, "In the beginning God created..." The Doing Life Together series for adults is designed to help you live the purpose-driven life through being part of a purpose-driven small group. These groups seek to help each member balance the five biblical purposes of the church talked about in Rick Warren's best-selling *Purpose Driven Life*. In addition to study and discussion questions there are icebreakers, study notes, directions for prayer and worship, and texts listed for further study. In six sessions. Participant guides are \$7 each.



### **Connecting with God's Family** by Zondervan Publishing

God longs for you to have rich, genuine connections with him and a handful of other people. These six sessions will help you connect more deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with Christian friends. Christ's love makes it possible for you to be known and to know others, to be loved and to love, to resolve conflict effectively, and to move outward together in faith. Participant guides are \$7 each.

## Historically Based Studies



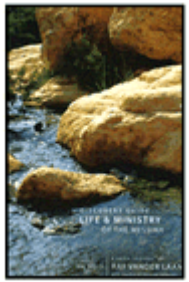
### **Faith Lessons 1: The Promised land** by Ray Vander Laan

Travel to Israel and radically change your understanding of the Scriptures. Wet your feet in the Jordan River and impact the culture with life-giving water. Show your trust in the Lord's provision by offering up first fruits at Jericho. And cleanse the land by confronting evil and using the tools of society to redeem your world for God. In this first volume of the "That the World May Know" series, historian and teacher Ray Vander Laan will show you how God guided his people to a specific place - the Promised Land - to impact the world both in ancient times and today. In five sessions. Participant guides are \$8 each.



### **Faith Lessons 2: Prophets & Kings of Israel** by Ray Vander Laan

Filmed on location in Israel, *Faith Lessons* is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals keen insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers. These illuminating "faith lessons" afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life. The six sessions include: 1. Innocent Blood (Part 1) 2. Innocent Blood (Part 2) 3. Who is God? 4. Wages of Sin 5. The Lord is My Shepherd 6. God with Us. Participant guides are \$8 each.



### **Faith Lessons 3: The Life and Ministry of the Messiah** by Ray Vander Laan

Eight lessons will let you walk with Jesus through the days of his ministry on this earth. The insights you gain will transform your reading of the Gospels and inspire a deeper faith commitment. *Faith Lessons on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah* focuses on the birth of Jesus, his life, and his short but powerful ministry—a ministry that has shaped empires and changed the course of history. Participant guides are \$8 each



### **Faith Lessons 4: The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah** by Ray Vander Laan

*Faith Lessons on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah* focuses on the last week of Jesus' life, his death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit's visit on Pentecost. In eight sessions. Participant guides are \$8 each.



### **Faith Lessons 5: The Early Church** by Ray Vander Laan

Learn from first-century disciples what it means to conquer the gates of hell. Visit the Grotto of Pan and the site of pagan worship. Recognize the dangers the disciples faced at Ephesus. Learn the subtle differences between a Christian worldview and humanism and how to make a difference in today's world. In five sessions. Participant guides are \$8 each.



### **Faith Lessons 6: In the Dust of the Rabbi** by Ray Vanderlaan

Five interactive sessions take you on a journey to the land and culture in which the disciples learned to follow Jesus, their Rabbi, so closely that they were covered by the dust kicked up by His feet. In addition to the DVD and small group discussions, there are five in-depth personal studies per session. Participant guides are \$8 each.



### **Faith Lessons 7: Walk as Jesus Walked: Making Disciples** by Ray Vander Laan

In *The Dust of the Rabbi* revealed that following Christ demands a zeal for the text and a complete devotion to Christian community. Now, come and discover the passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters -- a consuming desire to be like the Rabbi, every day. *Walk As Jesus Walked* gives viewers the true historical context of the Bible, notably Paul as he spread news of Jesus and brought new disciples to follow Him. In five sessions. Participant guides are \$8 each.



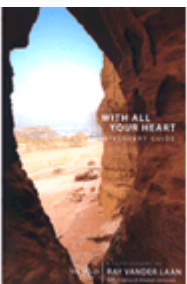
### **Faith Lessons 8: God Heard Their Cry** by Ray Vander Laan

Discover how God answered the cry of the enslaved people of Israel after 400 years in Egypt—and revealed Himself as Lord to them and their oppressors. Follow Ray Vander Laan on location in Egypt as he details a fascinating five-part story. 1. Luxor, Egypt - How Big is Our God? 2. Deir al Medina - Israel in Bondage: God Heard Their Cry 3. Ramesseum - Finger of God: The Plagues 4. Red Sea - Watch With Me: Israel Leaves Egypt 5. Red Sea - The Lord Reigns. Participant guides are \$8 each.



### **Faith Lessons 9: Fire on the Mountain** by Ray Vander Laan

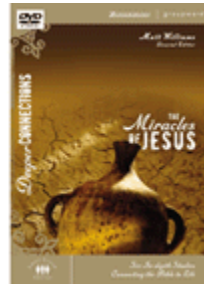
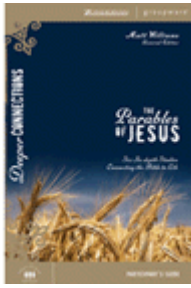
When the Israelites left Egypt, they were finally free. Free from persecution, free from oppression, and free to worship their own God. But with that freedom comes a new challenge — learning how to live together the way God intends. In this ninth volume of *Faith Lessons*, discover how God teaches the Israelites what it means to be part of a community that loves Him and the lessons we can begin to live out in our lives today. In six sessions. Participant guides are \$8 each.



### **Faith Lessons 10: With All Your Heart** by Ray Vander Laan

Ray Vander Laan takes us on a journey through Sinai and Israel, a region that is still largely desert but at times filled with lush, bountiful places. We will discover how Jesus called people to live in the Promised land. What can we learn during times of abundance and in times of desert? God led his people back to the desert often to relearn the lessons they had forgotten. John the Baptist and Jesus had powerful encounters in the desert. We will learn that the desert is where we are closest to God. It is where our relationship with God is at peace. 1. Build Me a Sanctuary 2. Making Space for God

3. He Led Them Like a Shepherd 4. By Every Word - Striking the Rock 5. With All Your Might: The Final Test 6. A Well-Watered Garden. Participant guides are \$8 each.



**Deeper Connections: The Parables of Jesus**

Six sessions, Zondervan Publishing

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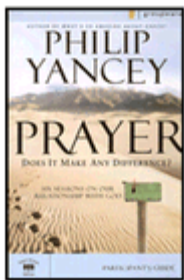
**Deeper Connections: The Prayers of Jesus**

Six sessions, Zondervan Publishing

These engaging and accessible studies are for everyone who wants to deepen their understanding of God's Word with historical and cultural background information, a close look at the biblical text and its meaning with biblical scholars, and accurate, encouraging and challenging applications.

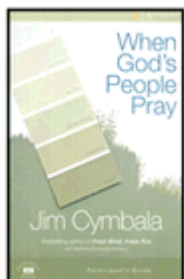
Maps, pictures, outlines, key Scripture verses, discussion questions, and a personal five-day, at-home study for each of the six sessions will help you get the most out of these studies. Participant guides are \$11 each.

**Spirituality**



**Prayer: Does it make any difference?** By Philip Yancey

If God knows everything, why pray? Why do answers seem inconsistent and unpredictable? How can I make prayer more satisfying? Explore the most mysterious aspect of our relationship with God! This six-session study illuminates a sometimes confusing yet infinitely rewarding activity. Participant guides are \$8 each.



**When God's People Pray** by Jim Cymbala

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? In this study, Jim Cymbala, pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, shows your small group and you truths about prayer that God has used to turn His own church from a tiny, struggling inner-city congregation into a vital, thriving community of believers who pray with passion, focus, and faith. This is a wonderful teaching on the transforming power of prayer. In six sessions. Participant guides are \$9 each.



## **r12: True Spirituality** by Chip Ingram

Being a genuine disciple of Christ flows out of a relationship with Him. It's about experiencing God's grace, not earning His love through performance. A real relationship with Jesus Christ will produce a follower whose life looks progressively more like His life. Romans 12 provides a relational profile of an authentic disciple: someone who is surrendered to God, separate from the world's values, sober in self-assessment, serving in love and supernaturally responds to evil with good. Christians who live out this kind of lifestyle are what we call r12 Christians. God is willing to go deeper and grow you into a real disciple... are you

ready? In five sessions. Participant guides are \$11 each.



## **God Is Closer Than You Think** by John Ortberg

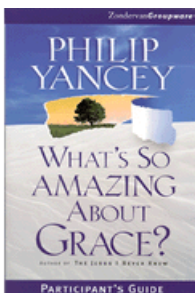
Intimacy with God can happen right now if you want it. A closeness you can feel, a goodness you can taste, a reality you can experience for yourself. That's what the Bible promises, so why settle for less? God is closer than you think, and connecting with him isn't for monks and ascetics. It's for business people, high school students, busy moms, single men, single women ... and most important, it's for YOU. This study shows how you can enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with your heavenly Father. Ortberg reveals the face of God waiting to be discovered in the complex mosaic of your life. He shows you God's hand

stretching toward you. And, with his gift for storytelling, Ortberg illustrates the ways you can reach toward God and complete the connection---to your joy and his. In six sessions. Study guides are \$10 each.



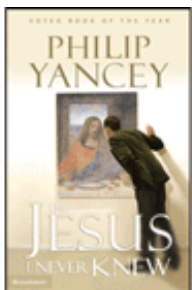
## **Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith** by Andy Stanley

What would it be like to have perfect faith? Find out in this dynamic group study! This study will spark discussion about approaching 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. In six sessions. Participant guides are \$9 each.



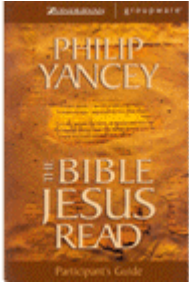
## **What's So Amazing About Grace?** by Philip Yancey

It's one thing to talk about grace; it's another to taste its power. This book takes you and your study group for interactive, gut-level encounters with radical, life-changing grace. Through candid video interviews, Philip Yancey integrates true-life faces and experiences with 10 powerful sessions that will rock your pre-conceptions, get you thinking and talking, and help you discover why grace is more amazing than you ever dreamed. Participant guides are \$8 each.



## **The Jesus I Never Knew** by Philip Yancey

Take another look at the Lord you thought you knew so well! This rich visual study leads you through an examination of Christ in the Gospels. Led by Yancey and featuring film clips of cinematic portrayals, it's certain to get you thinking and growing! This curriculum features six DVD sessions in which Yancey provides insightful biblical teaching that challenges our understanding of Jesus and calls us to a deeper life of discipleship. Participant guides are \$8 each.



## **The Bible Jesus Read** by Philip Yancey

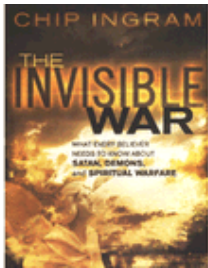
Does the Old Testament read like a murky mystery to you? Let this illuminating video exploration help you understand those sometimes shocking and cryptic writings---and get to know God better! Wielding scholarship, insight, and in-depth interviews, Philip Yancey leads eight small-group sessions that explore five crucial segments of the Old Testament: Job, Deuteronomy, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, and the prophets. Closed-captioned. In eight sessions. Participant guides are \$8 each.

## **Spiritual Warfare Studies**



## **Foundations: Good & Evil** by Kay Warren and Tom Holladay

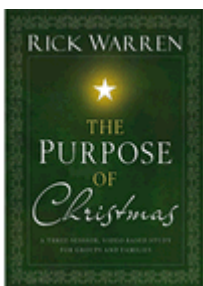
*Foundations: Good & Evil* is one of the 11 core truths to build your life on in the *Foundations Curriculum* and focuses on helping you to develop confidence that God's Word can be trusted, and how to discover life-changing truth on your own. The four sessions include: Why Evil Exists; Satan's Influence-Man's Choice; Victory Over Evil-Our Part; and Victory Over Evil-God's Part. Participant guides are \$7 each.



## **The Invisible War** by Chip Ingram

In a culture where witches are no fairy tale, Chip Ingram reminds Christians of the battle being waged against them! Using Ephesians 6 as his foundation for these eight sessions, he reveals what believers need to know to prayerfully defend themselves—and their families—against Satan's daily spiritual warfare. Participant guides are \$8 each.

## **Christmas Studies**



## **The Purpose of Christmas** by Rick Warren

Join Pastor Rick Warren as he explains the three purposes of Christmas. Pastor Warren shows that Christmas is a time for celebration, salvation and reconciliation. *The Purpose of Christmas* shows why Christmas is God's idea and why Jesus is the greatest gift God gave to the world. In three sessions. Study guides are \$5.