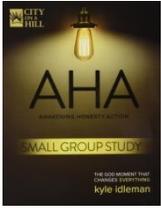
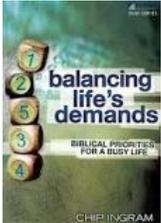


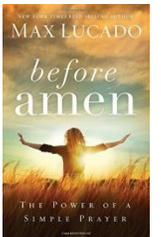
Life Group Curriculum Options (updated 1-3-20)



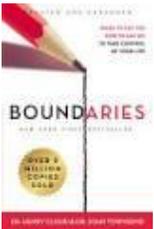
AHA (Awakening, Honesty, Action) is a marriage of straightforward, relevant bible teaching and cinematic storytelling. Kyle Idleman's teaching is reinforced and illustrated by an ensemble drama, as three modern-day prodigals try to find life apart from the Father, find themselves alone and desperate in their own distant country, and are faced with their AHA moment. **[6 Weeks]**



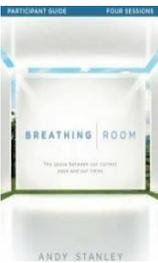
In **Balancing life's demands: Biblical Priorities for a Busy Life**, you'll learn how to put "first things first" and find peace in the midst of pressure and adversity. No clichés or quick fixes, just practical biblical insights to help you order your personal world. **[5 weeks]**



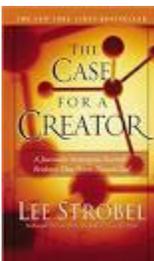
Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer. Best-selling author Max Lucado, joins readers on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer, offering hope for doubts and confidence even for prayer wimps. Distilling prayers in the Bible down to one pocket-sized prayer, Max reminds readers that prayer is not a privilege for the pious nor the art of a chosen few. Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and his child. **[4 Weeks]**



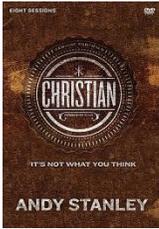
Boundaries:When to say Yes, How to say No, To take control of your Life. Participants learn the secrets, and cultivate the habit, of setting and maintain healthy boundaries that provide the framework for rich, productive relationships. **[9 Weeks]**



Breathing Room: The space between our current pace and our limits. Ever feel like you can't catch your breath? Perhaps you need some ... [inhale]... **breathing room**... We all do. In our attempt to get the most out of life, it's easy to lose control of our lives. For most of us, breathing room feels more like a luxury than necessity. In this series, Andy Stanley shows us how to create breathing room in our schedule, our finances, and our relationships. **[4 Weeks]**



The Case for a Creator. Former atheist Lee Strobel has discovered that science, far from being the enemy of faith, now provides a solid foundation for belief in God. New scientific discoveries point to the incredible complexity of our universe, a complexity best explained by the existence of a Creator. **[6 Weeks]**



Christian. In this study you'll examine the characteristics Jesus used to define those who follow him and the implications they have for believers today. According to Andy Stanley, the words used to describe Christians today often bear no resemblance to what Jesus wanted his followers to be known for. What if believers today embodied these traits? Would the non-believing world put aside its definition of 'Christian' and instead know us by our love? **[8 Weeks]**



Community: Starting Well in Your Small Group. Community. It's a word we often hear, but what does it really mean? And why is it so important to your spiritual life? Because you can't grow spiritually unless you're connected relationally. God designed us that way. He wants to use other people to grow us and he wants to use us to grow other people. **[8 Weeks]**



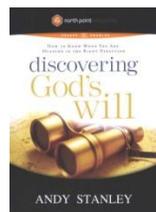
Crazy Love. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss...the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's experiencing the love of God. **[10 Weeks]**



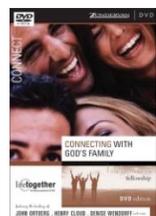
Culture Shock: If there ever was a time for Christians to understand and communicate God's truth about controversial and polarizing issues, it is now. More than ever before, believers must develop convictions based on research, reason and biblical truth. But it doesn't stop there. It's equally important that believers are able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with the love and respect that reflects God's own heart. **[6 weeks]**



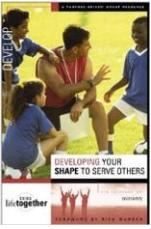
Desiring God: Finding Complete Satisfaction and Joy in God. Drawing upon Scripture after Scripture, Piper shows why pursuing maximum joy is essential to glorifying God and, in what may be surprising to some, how God is ready to pursue with all His might our pleasure in Him! **[10 Weeks]**



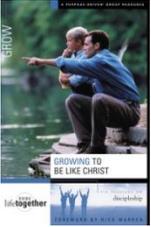
Discovering God's Will. God has a personal vision for our lives, and He wants us to know it even more than we do. In this study, Andy Stanley will take you and your group through the important steps of decision making, pursuing God's will, seeking counsel from others, learning to use discernment, and understanding the mind of God through Scripture as you seek His will. **[8 Weeks]**



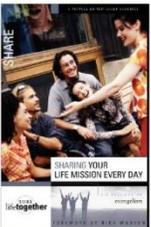
Doing Life Together: Connecting With God's Family. These six sessions will help you connect more deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with Christian friends. Christ's love makes it possible for you to be known and to know others, to be loved and to love, to resolve conflict effectively, and to move outward together in faith. **[6 Weeks]**



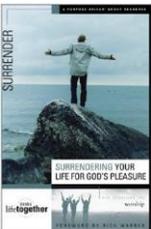
Doing Life Together: Developing Your SHAPE to Serve Others. God designed your unique mix of gifts, natural abilities, personality, values, and life experiences to play an essential part in his kingdom. These six sessions will help you develop your God-given design at home, at work, at church, and in your community in a way that extends God's love to others and enriches your own life. [6 Weeks]



Doing Life Together: Growing To Be Like Christ. Spiritual maturity doesn't happen by accident. The six sessions in this study equip you for the basic habits of spiritual growth: relying on the Holy Spirit, cultivating time in the Bible and prayer, seeing life's obstacles as opportunities for growth, and partnering with Christians who are committed to supporting your growth. [6 Weeks]



Doing Life Together: Sharing Your Life Mission Every Day. Sharing Your Life Mission Every Day just isn't that hard. You need a few skills, a few friends for support, and a glimpse of God's heart for those who don't know him. These six sessions will equip you to extend love to seekers around you and talk about your experience with God in ways that people will understand. God doesn't ask you to do it alone—discover the power that comes from teaming up! [6 Weeks]



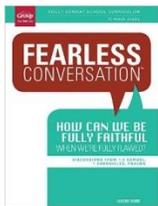
Doing Life Together: Surrendering Your Life for God's Pleasure. What does it mean to surrender to God? These six sessions will help you experience the transforming power of a surrendered life. As you learn to worship Jesus Christ throughout your daily life, you will come to trust him with the experiences of your past, the precious things of your present, and your hopes for the future. What are you holding on to? Discover the peace of laying it at God's feet. [6 Weeks]



Effective Parenting In A Defective World. Raising Children is a challenge in today's world. Peers and pop culture exert never-ending pressure on kids. Every day they are bombarded with the pressures and influences of drugs, sex and violence. Often, parents feel helpless when the corrupt principles of this defective world seem to contradict every godly principle they try to instill in their children, but the good news is that God has a plan for effectively raising children and you can learn it! [4 Weeks]

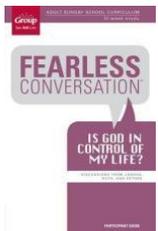


In Essentials of Parenting: Be Prepared, authorities like Dr. Archibald Hart, Dr. Del Tackett, and Glenn Williams present practical plans for dealing with dangers including Internet porn, alcohol, drugs, eating disorders, and premarital sex. You'll see how to resist the impulse to overprotect your child—and gain insights to help you prepare him or her for the world of today and tomorrow. [7 Weeks]



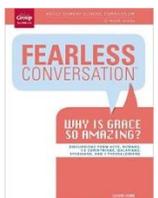
Fearless Conversation: How Can We Be Fully Faithful When We're Fully Flawed? Designed to build relationships through authentic conversation. A fearless conversation is a healthy open dialogue that addresses “wondering” questions about faith and God in a compassionate environment, using the Bible as our source to find the truth.

[Discussions from 1-2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, Psalms; 13 Weeks]



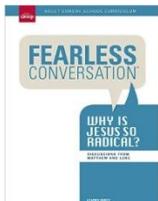
Fearless Conversation: Is God In Control Of My Life? is designed to build relationships through authentic conversation. A fearless conversation is a healthy open dialogue that addresses “wondering” questions about faith and God in a compassionate environment, using the Bible as our source to find the truth. It’s all about sharing experiences openly and embracing doubts and questions.

[Discussions from Joshua, Ruth, Esther; 13 Weeks]



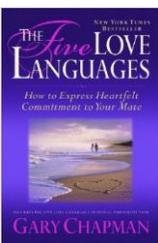
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[Discussions from Acts, Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, 1 Thessalonians; 13 Weeks]



Fearless Conversation: Why Is Jesus So Radical? is designed to build relationships through authentic conversation. A fearless conversation is a healthy open dialogue that addresses “wondering” questions about faith and God in a compassionate environment, using the Bible as our source to find the truth. It’s all about sharing experiences openly and embracing doubts and questions.

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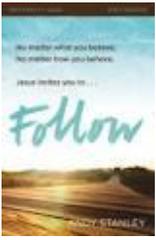


The Five Love Languages. What speaks love to you may be meaningless to your spouse. Apply the right principles, learn the right language, and soon you’ll know the profound satisfaction and joy of being able to express your love—and feel truly loved in return.

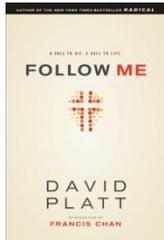
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Five Things God Uses To Grow Your Faith. Andy Stanley establishes the biblical case for five things God uses to grow an unshakable faith in you. Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you. Imagine how differently you would respond to difficulties, temptations, and even good things if you knew with certainty that God was in all of it and was planning to leverage it for good. **[6 Weeks]**



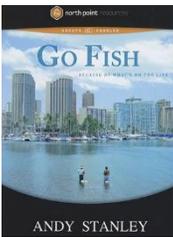
Follow: No matter what you believe, No matter how you behave, Jesus invites you to... Do you ever feel like the Christian life is a long game of “Jesus Says”? Jesus says pray. Jesus says give. Jesus says to go to church. In this eight week-session video-based Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Andy Stanley shows you that Jesus’ invitation to this first-century audience was really an invitation to *relationship*. [8 Weeks]



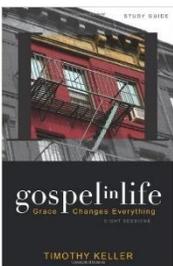
Follow Me. The call to follow Jesus is not simply an invitation to pray a prayer or to believe a set of doctrines; it’s a summons to lose your life—and to find new life in him. To live as a disciple of Christ is to be transformed from the inside out and empowered to make disciples from every tribe, language, and people. There is indescribable joy to be found, satisfaction to be felt, and an eternal purpose to be fulfilled in dying to ourselves and living for Christ. [6 Weeks]



Future Family. Whether you loved your growing up years or you couldn’t wait to move out, we want our *Future Family* to be a step up from our families of origin. We want something better for our children. But what does a *preferred future* look like? What are we aiming for? This message series will provide you with direction and hope. [6 Weeks]



Go Fish: Because of what’s On the Line. And Stanley explores the motivation behind sharing your faith. Discover God’s heart for those who don’t know Him and the role that we can play in introducing others to Him. Along the way you will be equipped with tools that will help you make sharing your faith a natural part of your life. [6 Weeks]



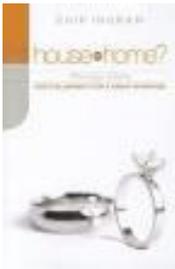
Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything. Join author and pastor Timothy Keller in a study of the gospel and how to live it out in everyday life. In week one you and your group will study the city, your home now, the world that is. Week eight closes with the theme of the eternal city, your heavenly home, the world that is to come. In between you’ll learn how the gospel can change your heart, your community, and how you live in this world. [8 Weeks]



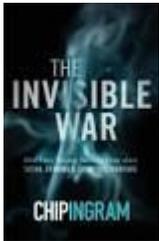
Growing a Strong Marriage: Volume 1, Starting Strong. Your favorite marriage experts (John & Staci Eldridge, Chip & Theresa Ingram, Gordon & Gail MacDonald, Les & Leslie Parrott, Art & Lysa Terkeurst, and Gary & Lisa Thomas) will help you explore what it means to have shared vision, unity, and belief in your spouse, as well as how to find your true identity in Jesus. [4 Weeks]



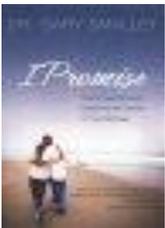
Growing a Strong Marriage: Volume 2, Working Together. Your favorite marriage experts (John & Staci Eldridge, Chip & Theresa Ingram, Gordon & Gail MacDonald, Les & Leslie Parrott, Art & Lysa Terkeurst, and Gary & Lisa Thomas) will help you develop tangible practices to confront unspoken expectations and conflict. You'll also learn how vital active listening, repentance, and forgiveness are in your relationship. **[3 Weeks]**



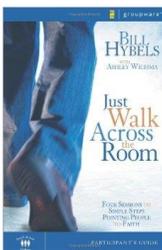
House or Home: Marriage Edition, God's Blueprint For a Great Marriage. It's no secret that marriage is in trouble in America. This foundational building block of society is crumbling before our eyes. And Christians aren't exempt from this trend... the percentage of divorce is increasing at the same rate among Christians and non-Christians alike. **[6 Weeks]**



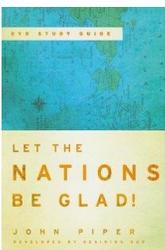
The Invisible War: What Every Believer Needs to know About Satan, Demons & Spiritual Warfare. Beneath our tangible landscape lurks an invisible spiritual realm where unseen battles rage. It's real. And it's dangerous. If you're prepared to remove the blinders and gaze into the is unseen world, Chip Ingram is ready to take you there. **[8 Weeks]**



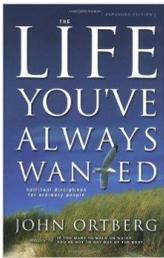
I Promise, In this video-based small group study, Dr. Gary Smalley uses humor, practical insights, years of research, and biblical principles to reveal 5 key commitments that will determine the destiny of your marriage. **[6 Weeks]**



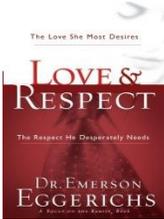
Just Walk Across The Room. Today, the goal for every Christian is to reflect Christ's love and follow his example by taking simple walks across rooms—leaving our circles of comfort and extending hands of care, compassion, and inclusiveness to people living far from God. Pastor Bill Hybels encourages Christ-followers to “live in 3-D”—developing friendships, discovering stories, and discerning appropriate next steps. **[4 Weeks]**



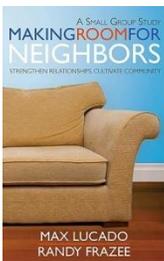
Let The Nations Be Glad. This study offers a biblical defense of God's supremacy in all things, providing readers with a sound theological foundation for missions. Topics include defining missions and defining peoples, the urgency of missions, the goal and the fuel of missions, prayer, and suffering. **[8 Weeks]**



The Life You've Always Wanted guides you and your group through spiritual disciplines and teaches you how they can transform your spiritual life. What does true spiritual life really look like? What keeps you from living it? What can you do to pursue it? If you're tired of the status quo – if you suspect there's more to Christianity than what you've experienced – John Ortberg invites you to join him on a road to transformation and spiritual vigor that anyone can take. **[6 Weeks]**



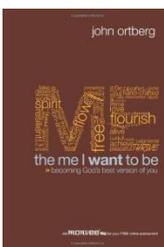
Love and Respect. Psychological studies affirm it, and the Bible has been saying it for ages. Cracking the communication code between husband and wife involves understanding that unconditional respect is as powerful for him as unconditional love is for her. Learn how to: stop the Crazy Cycle of conflict, initiate the Energizing Cycle of change, and enjoy the Rewarded Cycle of new passion. **[14 Weeks]**



Making Room for Neighbors. Life in America is fast approaching warp speed; there's so much to do and so little time! This study is designed to help Christians get back to the things that really count, like the importance of sitting around the dinner table together! By mindfully engaging with family, friends and neighbors—and ourselves—we live more deeply, minister more effectively and help to grow the body of Christ. **[5 Weeks]**



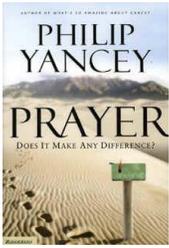
Managing Our Finances God's Way is a 7-week, video-based small group study that will inspire your members to live debt-free and/or manage their finances in a way that enables them to respond to God's calling on their lives in a way that will honor Him. Lesson topics include The Big Picture, Dedicate It All To God, Plan Your Spending, Giving As An Act of Worship, Saving and Investing, God's Solution to Debt, Enjoy What God Has Given You. **[7 Weeks]**



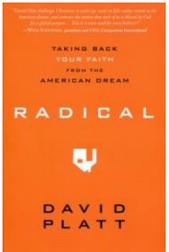
The Me I Want To Be. There is a me each of one of us wants to be...someone who's more kind and generous, patient, and loving. But there is a gap between the me I am and the me I want to be. Becoming God's best version of you is both God's desire and the greatest task of your life. And here's the good news...he's already working on it. Your life is God's project, not yours. **[5 Weeks]**



Not a Fan. If Jesus were to sit down with you right now and have a DTR (Define the Relationship) conversation, how would you respond? Are you truly his follower or just a fan-or perhaps someone who doesn't even care about the difference? Not a Fan invites you to make Jesus not merely the object of your admiration, but the very center of your life. **[6 Weeks]**



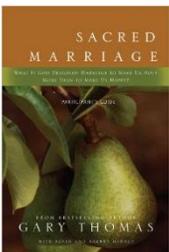
Prayer. Award-winning author Philip Yancey probes the very heartbeat—the most fundamental, challenging, perplexing, and deeply rewarding aspect—of our relationship with God: prayer. What is prayer? How does it work? And more importantly, does it work? *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* is an exploration of the mysterious intersection where God and humans meet and relate. [6 Weeks]



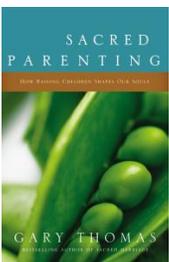
Radical. Take a transforming journey in authentic discipleship. As the pastor of a large and wealthy congregation, David Platt began to see a discrepancy between the reality of his Church and the way Jesus said His followers lived. In *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*, Platt examines how American Christianity has manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences and challenges readers to rediscover the path. [6 Weeks]



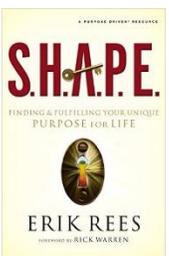
Renovate: To Make New. Have you ever attempted a renovation? You start motivated and often end the first day with a massive mess on your hands. We've all been there. So, here's the question: If renovation is so difficult, why do we attempt it? This study will introduce you to the possibility of a personal renovation, exploring the foundation and blueprints of God's original design for us. [8 Weeks]



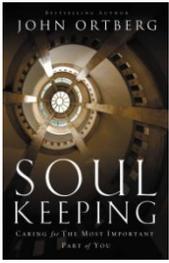
Sacred Marriage. Your marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. *Sacred Marriage* shifts the focus from marital enrichment to spiritual enrichment in ways that can help you love your mate more. Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God. [6 Weeks]



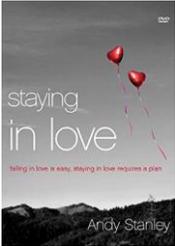
Sacred Parenting. What if one of God's primary intentions for you as a parent isn't about successfully raising perfect children, but about you becoming more holy? In *Sacred Parenting* Gary Thomas illustrates how God can transform dirty diapers, toddler tantrums, and a teenager's silence into occasions for becoming more like Christ. [6 Weeks]



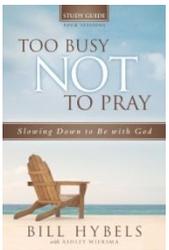
S.H.A.P.E.: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life. Erik Rees helps you discover God's unique purpose for your life based on the way God has shaped you. Discover your individual mix of Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences, and use what God has built into you to serve His Kingdom purposes. [6 Weeks]



Soul Keeping. Jesus asked, “**And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?**” You’d be a fool not to prize it above all else. Shouldn’t you get pretty clear on exactly what it is? Shouldn’t you know what it runs on? Wouldn’t it be worth knowing how to care for it? Two things are for sure. One is: you have a soul. The other is: if you don’t look after this one you won’t be issued a replacement. **[6 Weeks]**



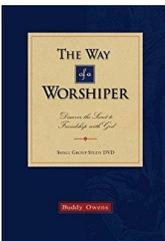
Staying in Love. We all know what’s required to fall in love... a pulse. Falling in love is easy. But staying in love requires a plan. Pastor Andy Stanley explores what the Bible has to say about building the right foundation for love relationships that endure. **[4 Weeks]**



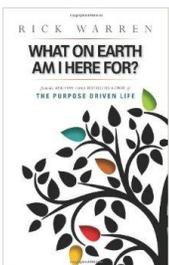
Too Busy Not to Pray. For the past twenty years Too Busy Not to Pray has stood as a classic on prayer, helping Christians slow down to draw near to God. The urgent need for prayer is clear, but busyness still keeps many of us from finding time to pray. Two truths haven’t changed in twenty years: God is the same powerful, just, holy God he’s always been; and true prayer—prayer that changes us and allows us to participate in God’s work in the world—can’t happen on the fly. **[4 Weeks]**



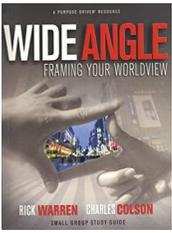
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The Way of a Worshiper: Discover the Secret to Friendship with God. Buddy Owens helps you unpack the meaning of worship. It’s not about music or going to church, but about living your life as an offering of worship to God. It’s tapping into the source of power to live the Christian life. And it’s about discovering the secret to friendship with God. **[4 Weeks]**



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Wide Angle: Framing Your Worldview. Your worldview consists of the beliefs you build your life on. It determines how you view God, yourself, and other people. It includes your thoughts about life and death, good and evil, pain and suffering, the past, the present and the future. Join Rick Warren and Chuck Colson as they examine worldviews as they relate to the most important questions of our day. **[6 Weeks]**