



*volunteer
handbook*

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



3 Circles: Turning Everyday Conversations into Conversations

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Outline

Transitional Statement:

___ We live in a broken world, surrounded by broken lives, broken relationships, and a broken system.

_ Brokenness is seen in suffering, violence, poverty, pain, racism, and death all around us. _

Brokenness leads us to search for a way to make life work.

_ *I can understand how you might be feeling right now. May I share with you what has helped me deal with these uncertain times?*

God's Design:

___ While we're surrounded by brokenness, the Bible tells us that God did not intend for things to be this way.

___ God originally planned a world that worked perfectly-a world where all of us would live together, without violence, without sadness, and without death.

___ Draw a circle at the top left of page and write in the center, "God's Design."

_ "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good" {Genesis 1:31}.

_ "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands" (Psalm 19:1).

Sin:

_ So, what happened? Life doesn't work when we ignore God's original plan and design. _ When we selfishly do things our way instead of God's way, the Bible calls this sin. _ Draw an arrow from the circle, left to right across the page. Write the word, "sin" over the arrow.

___ The Bible tells us that we all sin and must pay the wage and suffer the consequence for our sin.

___ "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

___ "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23a) The consequence of sin is brokenness and one day dying without God.

Brokenness:

___ Sin leads us away from God's perfect design to a state of brokenness, as we see all around us today.

___ Draw a circle at the top right of the page and write, "Brokenness," inside the circle.

___ When life isn't working for us we begin to look for a way out. We try different things and different directions. But none lead us back to God's Design.

___ Draw lines from the right side of the "Brokenness" circle and explain the different ways people look to find happiness (IE: money, drugs/alcohol, relationships, religion, etc.).

___ The problem is, "They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served something created instead of the Creator" (Romans 1:25).

___ "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death" (Proverbs 14:12).

Gospel:

- ___ We need some good news...or, what the Bible calls, the "Gospel."
- ___ Because of God's perfect love, He does not want us to remain in brokenness. He has done something amazing for each of us.
- ___ Draw a circle at the bottom of the page, centered between the other two circles. Write, "Gospel," in the circle.
- ___ The Bible tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16a)
- ___ Jesus, God's only Son, came and lived a perfect life. He is the only one to never sin. But, Jesus was God's expression of love to me and you. So, Jesus said, "I'll take ___'s sin and pay the penalty, or the wage." Jesus died on the cross for my sin and yours. He was buried, and three days later God raised Him up from the grave. This is so we can overcome our sin and brokenness and have eternal life.
- ___ "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...He was buried and raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
- ___ So, how can you accept this good news for yourself, and be set free from the consequence of sin, and the pain of brokenness?

Repent and Believe:

- ___ Simply hearing the Good News (the Gospel) is not enough.
- ___ To repent means to have a change of mind that results in a change of action and direction. (As you say this, turn from one direction and face the opposite direction).
- ___ Each of us must admit that we have sinned and trust that Jesus died, was buried, and raised from the dead, so that we will be saved.
- ___ Draw the arrow away from "Brokenness," to the "Gospel" circle. Write, "Repent and Believe," below the arrow.
- ___ "Repent and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15b).
- ___ "For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift-not from works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- ___ "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Recover and Pursue:

- ___ When God recovers us from our brokenness, we find a wonderful purpose for life.
- ___ This new purpose enables us to pursue God's design in all areas of our lives.
- ___ Draw an arrow beginning at the "Gospel" circle, moving up to the "God's Design" circle. Write, "Recover and Pursue," beside the arrow.
- ___ We will never be perfect, even though we are in a relationship with Jesus Christ. But...
- ___ "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).
- ___ "For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose" (Philippians 2:13).

Invite and Inquire:

- ___ Ask, "In this drawing, where do you see yourself?"
- ___ Review, based on their response.
- ___ Lead them in prayer as an expression of their faith.
- ___ Reassure them with, "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13).

What's Next:

- ___ Exchange contact information with them.
- ___ Invite them to church.
- ___ Encourage them to read their Bible, pray, attend church, and share their exciting news.

How to Council a Student Through a Profession of Faith

Important Tips:

- Be sure to ask open ended questions, you want the student to be talking the gospel out to you more than you are explaining it to them
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for discernment as to whether or not the student is making an honest profession of faith
- It is normal to be excited, but don't run ahead; the most important thing is that we do all we can to be sure they are genuine and not about celebrating a "number"
- Be excited! Trust the Lord to guide you, this is between them and the Lord, their profession of faith isn't reliant on your abilities!

CREATION:

- Flip in God's Word to **Genesis**
- Questions you can ask:
 - o Why is it important that we know God created the world and everything in it?
 - o What makes us different than all the rest of creation?
 - o **Read Gen. 1:27** (talk about how we are image bearers)
- God created us because He desires a relationship with us and because He loves us. He doesn't NEED our company, but He desires a relationship with us.

Something along the way separated us from God, so we can't be in perfect fellowship with Him. It keeps us from being with a holy God. Do you know what that is?

SIN:

- Flip in God's Word to **Romans**
- Questions you can ask:
 - o What is sin? (anything we think/say/or do that disobeys God's Word)
 - o What are some examples of sin in the world?
 - o Do you believe that you are a sinner?
 - o What is the punishment for our sin? (eternal separation from God)
 - o **Read Romans 3:23**
- Scripture tells us that for ALL have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. So because we've sinned, our punishment is eternal separation from God. That is the state we are in on our own.

BUT God made a way for us to be with Him in perfect fellowship again. What is that one way?

JESUS:

- Flip in God's Word to **1 Corinthians 15:3-4 and read it together**
- Questions you can ask:

- Why could Jesus die on the cross for you and I couldn't?
- Did Jesus want to do that for you?
- Did Jesus deserve the punishment he was given?

Jesus died willingly for you because He loves you and cares for you that much. God so desires a relationship with you, so that through the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, you can be made right with God and live with Him for eternity. Hebrews 9:22 says that "without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins." Jesus' death was a necessary thing to settle the wrath of God on our behalf.

FORGIVENESS/RECONCILIATION:

- **Flip to John 1:12 and read it together**
- God has given every person who confesses their sin and their need for Him, and believes in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus as their one way to be made right with God, the free gift of salvation
- Questions to ask:
 - Have you ever surrendered your life to Christ before?
 - Why do you desire to do that today?
- If they say they are wanting to do that for the first time today, encourage them to pray, confessing their sin to the Lord and their need for Him, their belief in Jesus, and asking God to help them live a life that's pleasing to Him (reiterate to them that it is not the prayer that saves them, nothing about the prayer is magical, and there isn't a perfect way to pray and ask the Lord- this is all about the heart change they are experiencing)
- You follow up and pray for them
- Tell them how excited you are for them, because this is the most important decision they will ever make in their life! Encourage them to tell their leaders and their small group

Now that they have chosen to surrender to Christ, there are ways they should strive to grow in their relationship with God. We do this through fellowship with other believers at church, by reading the Bible, and through praying to God.

Once you make a friend, you spend time with them to get to know them better and to grow closer to them- this is just how it is with us and Christ. Following Jesus is going to be hard, but knowing Him and eternal life with Him is SO much sweeter than our temporary time on earth. We will all get to be together in Heaven one day!

Finish by reading Romans 12:1-2 and 2 Peter 3:18 together.

Bible Verses by Topic:

Abuse

Leviticus 18:6
Romans 6:13, 19
Romans 13:13
Ephesians 5:11-12
James 1:21

Anger

Psalm 37:8
Proverbs 29:8, 11
Ecclesiastes 7:9
Ephesians 4:26-27
Hebrews 12:14
James 1:19-20

Anxiety

Psalm 55:22
Proverbs 12:25
Matthew 6:34
Luke 12:22-23, 25-26
John 14:1
Philippians 4:6-7
1 Peter 5:7

Depression

Psalm 34:18
Psalm 43:5
Psalm 107:14
Psalm 138:7
Psalm 147:3
Luke 6:21
1 Peter 1:6-7

Drugs and Alcohol

Proverbs 4:25-27
Matthew 26:41
Romans 13:14
1 Corinthians 10:13
Ephesians 5:18
James 1:13-15

Eating Disorders

Genesis 1:27
Deuteronomy 30:19-20
Job 33:4
Isaiah 40:29
Romans 12:2
2 Corinthians 5:10

Forgiveness

Psalm 34:22
Psalm 103:12
John 3:17-18
Acts 10:43
Romans 5:8
Romans 8:1-2
Ephesians 2:10

General Help

Psalm 71:17
Psalm 119:9
Proverbs 3:21-24
Proverbs 4:13
Proverbs 6:20-22
Proverbs 13:20
Proverbs 23:15-16, 19, 26
Proverbs 27:11
Ecclesiastes 11:9
1 Corinthians 15:33
Ephesians 6:2
Colossians 3:20
1 Timothy 4:12

God's Will

Psalm 37:5-6
Psalm 40:8
Psalm 143:10
Proverbs 16:3
Luke 22:42
Romans 8:28
Ephesians 5:17
Philippians 2:12-13
Hebrews 10:36
Hebrews 13:20-21
1 John 2:17

Grief

Psalm 23:4
Psalm 34:18
Psalm 43:5
Psalm 147:3
Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
Isaiah 25:8
Luke 6:21
1 Peter 1:6-7

Guilt

Psalm 32:1, 5
Psalm 51: 1-2
Psalm 65:3
Proverbs 28:13
Isaiah 1:18
1 John 1:9

Homosexuality

Leviticus 18:22
Proverbs 5:21
Romans 1:27
1 Corinthians 6:9-10
1 Thessalonians 4:3-5
1 Timothy 5:1-2

Internet Addiction

Psalm 141:4
Ecclesiastes 12:14
Isaiah 5:20
Mark 9:43
Galatians 6:8
1 Peter 1:14

Loneliness

Psalm 145:18
Matthew 28:20
John 14:18
Acts 17:27
Romans 14:7
James 4:8

Parental Divorce

1 Peter 5:7
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Parents

Proverbs 1:8
Proverbs 6:20-22
Proverbs 15:20, 32
Proverbs 23:25
Ephesians 6:1-2

Peer Pressure

Proverbs 24:21
Isaiah 51:7
Matthew 5:11-12

Pornography

Proverbs 4:25-27
Proverbs 6:25-26
Matthew 5:27-28
Romans 6:13
Colossians 3:5
James 1:21

Premarital Sex

Acts 15:29
Romans 6:13
1 Corinthians 6:13, 16, 18-20
Colossians 3:5

Schoolwork

Psalm 37:5-6
Proverbs 3:13-14
Proverbs 10:14
Proverbs 16:7
Proverbs 18:9
Proverbs 24:14
Ephesians 5:15-16
Colossians 3:23-24

Siblings

Leviticus 19:17
Psalm 133:1
Philippians 2:14-16
James 4:11
2 Timothy 2:23-24
1 John 4:20
1 John 2:11

Spiritual Doubt

Psalm 53:1
John 3:36
John 5:39-40
John 20:27
2 Timothy 2:13
1 John 2:28

Suicide

Job 14:5
Psalm 9:9
Psalm 46:1
Psalm 56:13
Psalm 71:20
Galatians 6:8

SAFETY POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

Mandatory Reporting

As of December 2019, North Carolina identifies mandatory reporters as anyone entrusted with the care of a juvenile. This means that anyone working within the ministry has both a legal and ethical obligation to recognize and report suspicions of mistreatment and abuse. The first level of reporting is to the Department of Social Services in the county where the child resides. In some circumstances, reporting should also be provided to local law enforcement.

As required by mandated reporting laws, staff must report any suspected abuse or neglect of a participant—whether on or off organization property or whether perpetrated by staff, volunteers, or others—to the Department of Social Services in the county the child resides. In some circumstances, a report to law enforcement may also be necessary. Reports may be made confidentially or anonymously. A person who mistakenly reports suspected abuse is immune from civil or criminal liability as long as the report was made in good faith and without malice. 17 In addition to reporting to state authorities, staff and volunteers are required to report any suspected or known abuse of participants perpetrated by staff or volunteers directly to leadership (defined as ministry pastor, Executive Pastor and Human Resources Director) so that immediate and proper steps may be taken to ensure the safety of alleged victims and others who may be at risk.

- If you witness abuse, interrupt the behavior immediately.
- If abuse is disclosed to you, assure the individual disclosing that he or she was correct to tell you.
- Protect the alleged victim from intimidation, retribution, or further abuse.
- Immediately report the allegation or incident to the proper organization authorities (based on mandatory reporting requirements) and the designated authority.
- Be sure to document the incident, disclosure, or any circumstances causing your suspicion of abuse. State only the facts.
- It is not your job to investigate the incident, but it IS your job to report the incident to your supervisor in a timely manner.
- Check back to make sure appropriate steps were taken. If not, report again to your supervisor or the designated organization authority.

Physical Contact

Inappropriate Contact:

- Full-frontal hugs
- Kisses
- Showing affection in isolated area
- Lap sitting

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- Wrestling
- Piggyback rides
- Tickling
- Allowing a participant to cling to an employee's or volunteer's leg
- Any type of massage given by or to a participant
- Any form of affection that is unwanted by the participant or the staff or volunteer
- Compliments relating to physique or body development
- Touching bottom, chest, or genital areas

Appropriate Contact:

Side hugs • Shoulder-to-shoulder or "temple" hugs • Pats on the shoulder or back • Handshakes • High-fives and hand slapping • Verbal praise • Pats on the head when culturally appropriate • Touching hands, shoulders, and arms • Arms around shoulders • Holding hands (with young children in escorting situations)

Rule of Three:

At least: Two leaders and one student, or One leader and two students

- When meeting one-on-one with a participant, always do so in a public place where you are in full view of others.
- Avoid physical affection that can be misinterpreted. Limit affection to pats on the shoulder, high-fives, and handshakes.
- If meeting in a room or office, leave the door open or move to an area that can be easily observed by others passing by (for example, one with a window).
- Inform other staff and volunteers that you are alone with a participant and ask them to randomly drop in.
- Document and immediately report any unusual incidents, including disclosures of abuse or maltreatment, behavior problems and how they were handled, injuries, or any interactions that might be misinterpreted.

Keep our eyes open for situations like - one female student left and one leader left; stay a while - don't leave them

If you see something, say something - cutting, etc. Come to us to confirm, don't confront.

Suicidal thoughts, say something

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If you hear of suicidal thoughts or notice/ are informed of a dangerous situation, you need to call the police, talk to their parents, and then call your ministry head (Anna/Tony) in that order.

If a parent is causing harm, start with the police, then call your ministry head.

If someone says they're going to commit suicide and you can't call the police for them, or their parents aren't home, get as much info as possible, text ministry head and/or associate so we can call the police. We will need information like their location, if they have a weapon, etc. Saying a phrase like, "We love you enough to take it seriously" is a helpful step if they're bothered at your handling it.

Mentoring/Discipleship

One-on-one situations, such as mentoring individuals, introduce additional risks for false allegations. Staff and volunteers should be aware of our policies regarding these situations:

- a. Staff and volunteers must have supervisor approval & parental consent for any one-on-one mentoring/discipleship meetings
- b. Tutoring and coaching sessions with our organization's participants may not occur outside of the organization unless in a public place and preapproved by parent/guardian.
- c. Supervisors must keep a schedule of private tutoring and coaching sessions, which should include times, participants involved, and location of sessions.

Highlights the importance of contacting parents – establishing that relationship will be very important for both parties' safety.

Offsite Contact

Appropriate Outside Contact

- Taking groups of participants on an outing
- Attending sporting activities with groups of participants
- Attending functions at a participant's home, with parents/guardian's present

Inappropriate Outside Contact

- Taking one participant on an outing without the parents'/guardians' permission
- Visiting one participant in the participant's home, without a parent/guardian present
- Entertaining one participant in the home of staff or volunteers
- A lone participant spending the night with staff or volunteers

Electronic Communication, social media

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We encourage all staff and volunteers to keep electronic communication public or with multiple parties of three or more whenever possible. This includes, but is not limited to Facebook, Instagram, **Snapchat***, instant messaging, texting, etc. All communication between staff and participants must be transparent & follow the request/consent submitted by the parent/guardian.

* **Snapchat - we think it's wise to avoid this platform for your safety due to the fact that photos/videos/messages disappear and there is no way to prove innocence. This is not a recommended practice.**

Social Media - use your brain, cover your bases. Students within your small group is okay, if there's no way to contact them outside of SM, go ahead. We simply ask that you strive to be above reproach and avoid the appearance of evil: this is for your protection more than anything else.

Appropriate Electronic Communication

Sending and replying to emails and text messages from participants when copying in a supervisor or the participant's parent/guardian is preferred. If talking one on one, you are required to keep communication within the scope of parental consent. Appropriate Electronic Communication are as follows:

- Communicating through "organization group pages" on Facebook or other approved public forums
 - Only communicate one on one with a student if you have parental consent, and there is proof of what was talked about.
- We encourage you to maintain a "Private" setting on your profile that participants cannot access aside from your permission

Inappropriate Electronic Communication

- Harsh, coercive, threatening, intimidating, shaming, derogatory, demeaning or humiliating comments
- Sexually oriented conversations
- Private messages between staff and volunteers with participants without consent of parent/guardian.
- Posting pictures of organization participants on social media sites or "friending" participants on social media networking sites without parental consent.
- Posting inappropriate comments on pictures

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Prohibited Participant-Participant Interactions

- Hazing
- Bullying
- Derogatory name-calling
- Games of Truth or Dare
- Singling out one child for different treatment
- Ridicule or humiliation

To adequately respond to and track incidents within the organization, all sexual activity between participants and sexualized behaviors of participants must be consistently documented.

Participant -to- Participant sexual behaviors can include inappropriate touching, exposing body parts, using sexualized language, making threats of sexual activity, engaging in sexual activity, and similar types of interactions. If staff witness participant -to- participant sexual behaviors, they are instructed to follow these guidelines:

- If you observe sexual activity between participants, you should immediately separate them.
- Calmly explain that such interactions are not permitted and separate the participants.
- Notify Anna, Colton, Addie or Tony.
- Complete the necessary paperwork including what you observed and how you responded.
- Follow your supervisor's instructions regarding notifying the authorities and informing the parents/guardians of the participant involved.
- In some cases, if the problem is recurring discipline may be required including not allowing one or both participants to return to the program.

Take out your phones and put in these important phone numbers:

Tony San Nicolas: 619-921-7996

Anna Lilly: 336-508-6148

Addie Larson: 864-580-9677

Colton Causey: 336-676-3717

Ken Ventura (Safety): 336-601-9416

Brad Eavenson (Safety): 828-850-3352

Landline in Impact and Fuse room to call 911

SAMPLE PARENT EMAIL

Hello "Parent Name(s),"

My name is "Your Name," and I wanted to send a quick introduction for myself as "Partner's Name" and I are blessed to be your student's small group leader for the next four years!

"Tell them about yourself"

We are looking forward to partnering with you as we train the next generation for God's glory! My phone number and email address are:

Please feel free to reach out to us if you need anything!

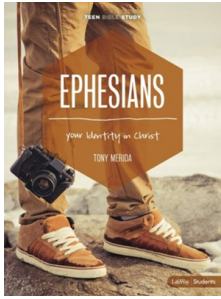
Signed,
"Your Name"

How To Use This Guide:

Below is a list of suggested resources to lead your small group. They are categorized by Bible studies, Gender based studies, and miscellaneous. The first page includes a list of all the suggested books and studies with a page number telling you where a description of them is listed in this guide. Then further on is the guide with the descriptions. There are a ton of great options to choose from, so I wanted to point out a few important things to consider when choosing what might work for you.

1. Length of time: some of these studies are for 10 weeks, some are for only 4 or 5. Now the good news is you can decide how fast you go through it – if you actually do 1 week per week, or if you break it up into more to fit your timetable – but think ahead on that.
2. What your audience needs: while we tried to keep these suggestions relevant to your audience, knowing your specific small group may be helpful to determining what fits them and meets their needs in what season they are going through
3. What you are passionate about: just like a student learns so much more from a teacher who's passionate about what they're teaching, you can teach based off what you're passionate about too! If you love prayer, go through a book on prayer; if you love Proverbs, teach on that. Your passion will speak through your teaching sometimes louder than the specific words you say.
4. Pray: don't be afraid to go to the Lord when you don't have the answers. He will help you; He will sustain you, and He will speak through you as you pour into these kids' lives. Give Him room to work, and He will. Ask Him to be the One changing their hearts and lives, and He will.
5. Ask for help when you need it: we on the Fuse team are here for you! Don't feel like you must walk this alone. The Lord created us as a body to continue to support one another and grow together. Whether one of your students is going through something or you are, whether you need to buy something for your students like their small group materials or a Bible, don't hesitate to ask! We're here for you, to support you and walk with you through this adventure of pouring into high schoolers together!

Bible Studies



Ephesians: Your Identity in Christ, Teen Bible Study, Tony Merida

- Biblically rooted and gospel-centered, Ephesians - Teen Bible Study Student Book is a six-session study by Tony Merida, offering practical answers to basic questions about the Christian life and our identity in

Christ.



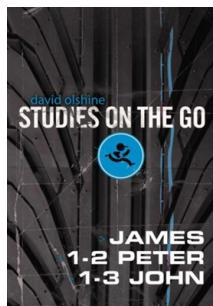
ETB Characters (7 volumes): Teen Study Guide –

The highs and lows of Biblical characters will help students see how God wants to shape them and use them for His glory and the good of the world—no matter who they are!



Grounded: Wisdom for real life from Proverbs and James, Clayton

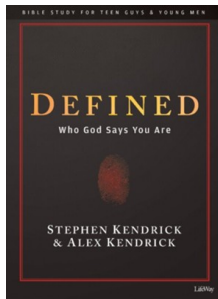
and Sharie King - Over the course of eight sessions (10-12 mins. each), Clayton and Sharie King will guide students to a holistic understanding of biblical wisdom.



Studies on the Go: James, 1-2 Peter, and 1-3 John, David Olshine –

The purpose of this book in the Studies On the Go series is to provide small group leaders with creative and engaging Bible study questions they won't have to rewrite. Students will be pushed, encouraged, and challenged, but the real goal is that they would be changed.

Guys



Defined, Stephen and Alex Kendrick - This 8-session Bible Study for teen guys and young men, *Defined: Who God Says You Are*, examines spiritual truths from the Book of Ephesians in order to lead

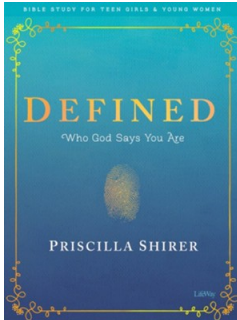
young men into a closer relationship with God and a better understanding and appreciation of their God-given identity



Authentic Love – Bible Study for Guys: Christ, Culture, and the Pursuit of Purity, D.A. Horton - Speaking directly to the hearts of guys, *Authentic Love Bible Study for Guys* exposes culture's distorted messages about purity and love and reveals how God has created us for a lifestyle of personal holiness. Over the course of 8

sessions, students will examine five attributes of holiness that shape their identity

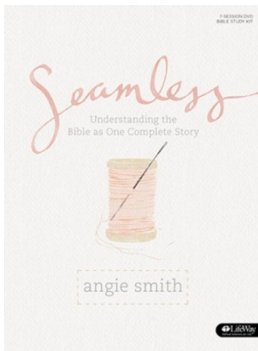
Girls



Defined, Priscilla Shirer - This 8-session Bible Study for teen girls and young women, *Defined: Who God Says You Are*, helps young women understand who God is and what it means to be created in His image so they can start walking in their true identities as a daughter of the most high King.



Authentic Love – Bible Study for Girls: Christ, Culture, and the Pursuit of Purity, Amy-Jo Girardier - Over the course of 8 sessions, students will examine five attributes of holiness that shape their identity. They will be challenged to reject the self-serving influences of culture and embrace what it means to live as godly young women who reflect the



character of Christ.

Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story, Angie Smith - Written for teen girls, the *Seamless Bible Study Leader Kit* covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, showing them how the entire Bible. Each of the seven weeks of study explore the overarching themes of Scripture and how God's love and grace are woven together as one seamless thread.



Finding God Faithful: A study on the life of Joseph, Kelly Minter

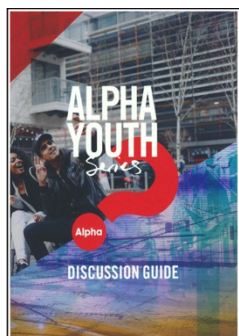
– (girls) No doubt there have been, or will be, times in your life when your circumstances lead you to wonder if God is there, if He cares, and if things are slipping out of His control. Surely similar thoughts ran through Joseph’s mind as he suffered through betrayal, false accusations, and imprisonment. But throughout his story, we are constantly reminded of God’s faithfulness.



Rachel and Leah, Teen Girls' Bible Study, Nicki Koziarz - Over

the course of six sessions, author Nicki Koziarz will help girls take an honest look at themselves and allow God's truth to combat the comparison they struggle against. God calls girls to trust Him to lead their steps so that they might walk in the fullness of who He created them to be.

Various Topics for Guys or Girls



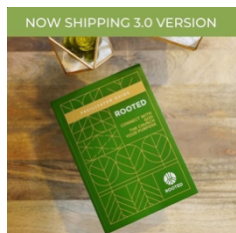
Alpha Youth: The Alpha Youth Film Series is a perfect way to create an environment of acceptability where students can bring their friends to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their point of view.

Alpha makes it easy to invite friends to have spiritual conversations which explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful way. The Alpha

Youth Film Series is created for audiences 13-18 years old. Alpha's approach to hospitality,

faith, and discussion is designed to welcome everyone, especially those who might not describe themselves as Christians or church-goers.

Each session includes time for a large group, short teaching, and small group discussion. The DVD also includes three training sessions for your small group hosts and helpers and the discussion guide.

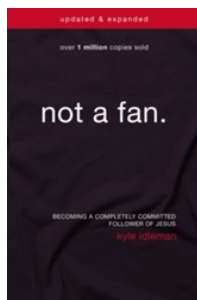


Rooted: *Rooted* is a 10-week, group-discipleship experience that introduces participants to foundational Christian beliefs, stories from the global Church, and spiritual rhythms for daily life. Workbooks include 5 devotional readings for each week and prompts for personal reflection on key experiences.



Milestones: Connecting God's Word to Life - The Milestones Series, designed for teens, is a 6-volume Bible Study series covering the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. Each study consists of eight sessions and can be completed in a variety of settings including a small teen Bible Study group, Sunday School, or Youth Group.

Life Choices - This five-week study will help teens deal with issues like peer pressure, divorce, and self-injury. The weekly sessions encourage interaction and discussion between group members and include weekly discussion questions and daily devotions. Every group member will need a Student Guide.

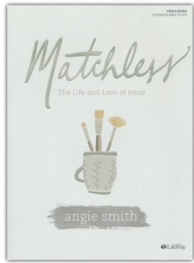


Not a Fan: What does it really mean to follow Jesus?, Kyle Idleman
- How would you define your relationship with Jesus? Are you truly his follower or just a fan? Using humor, personal stories, and biblical truth,

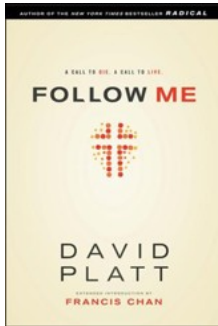
Idleman challenges students to look at what it means to call themselves Christians and follow Jesus' radical call.



Chasing Love, Sean McDowell - In this nine-session Bible study, Sean McDowell takes us through God's Word to answer some of our toughest questions about love, sex, gender, and relationships.

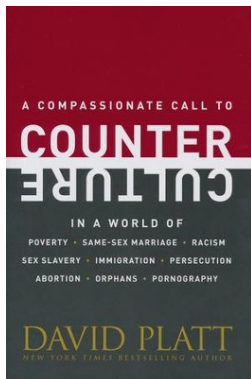


Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus, Angie Smith - Join Seamless author Angie Smith in this 8-session search for truth as she unfolds the story of our matchless Savior—His mission, miracles, and message.

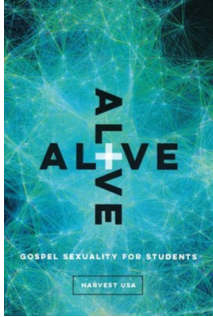


Follow Me, David Platt - The Follow Me Student Bible Study, based on David Platt's book Follow Me, is a short-term, video-enhanced study for all youth, grades 7 to 12. "Follow Me." Christ's command has been examined time and again, but have we lost sight of its meaning? This study will guide students to an understanding of Jesus' call to deny self

and live with an unwavering devotion to Him

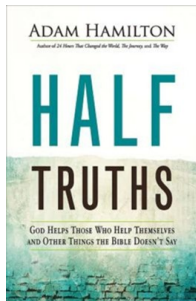


Counter Culture, David Platt - The gospel compels us to stand firm on the truth of God's Word and approach every issue with compassion and grace. This 6-session video-enhanced Bible study will challenge students to fix their eyes on the glory of God and to counter the culture in a way that points people to Jesus.

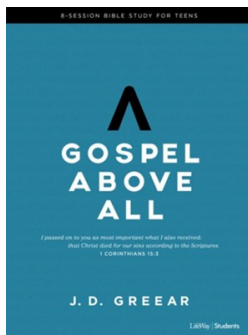


Alive: Gospel Sexuality for Students, Cooper Pinson - In a changing culture where feelings about our identity inform our sexual choices, this ten-week small group resource applies biblical truth in a compassionate way to sexual struggles.

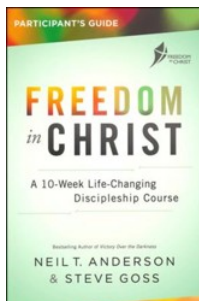
Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible



Doesn't Say, Adam Hamilton - Join Adam Hamilton in exploring popular sayings that miss the point. They are simple phrases: "God helps those who help themselves," "Love the sinner, hate the sin," and others. They sound Christian - like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

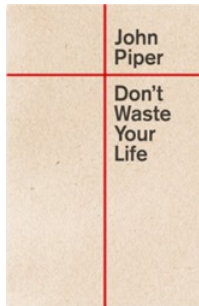


Gospel Above All, J.D. Greear - People may think Christianity is dying, but this pronouncement is a little premature. In this Gospel Above All 8-session Bible Study for teens , J.D. Greear examines what it means for believers to place the gospel above all other priorities in our lives and in our churches.

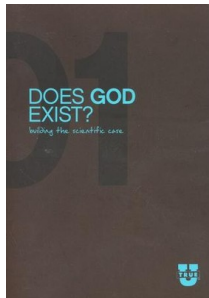


Freedom in Christ, Neil T. Anderson and Steve Goss - The Freedom in Christ Participant's Guide will take you through the 10-session course that can be completed in conjunction with the accompanying video lessons or by a leader using scripts from the Leader's Guide. The

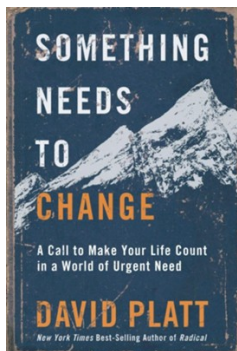
course focuses on how to believe, not how to behave and will help you clear away the spiritual cobwebs and connect with Jesus in a deeper way.



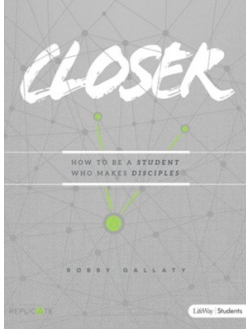
Don't Waste Your Life, John Piper - Piper has a passionate message for today's generation: Life is short---make yours count! Dare to live for the "great and glorious things that matter"---take risks in relationships for the sake of righteousness, in financial decisions for the cause of the gospel, and in witnessing to the truth and beauty of Christ.



TrueU (series of 3: Does God Exist?, Is the Bible Reliable?, and Who Is Jesus?), Focus on the Family – (Example) TrueU: Who is Jesus? is designed to help students and young adults discover the truth about Jesus - for themselves.



Something Needs to Change: Call to make your life count in a world of urgent need, David Platt - Being confronted with suffering causes us to ask questions that, if we are honest, we would rather ignore. However, if we believe the Bible, ignorance of profound human need is not an option for us.



Closer: How to be students who make disciples, Robby Gallaty -

Biblically rooted and gospel-centered, Closer: How to Be a Student Who Makes Disciples is an 8-session Bible study for teens that addresses the what, why, where, and how of discipleship. Personal

study is to be completed between sessions. At the back of the book are Leader helps with questions and discussions for small groups.

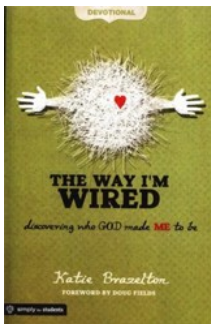


Restored: Finding redemption in our mess, Tom Berlin and Josh

Tinley - Based on Tom Berlin's book Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess, Josh Tinley takes students in grades 6 to 12 on a journey from their own brokenness to redemption and restoration through

Jesus. Everything needed to conduct a six-session study of Restored

is included in this Restored Youth Study Book by Josh Tinley.



The Way I'm Wired: Discovering who God made me to be, Katie

Brazelton - This book is packed with 200 Scripture verses that will fuel your teenagers' hunger for pursuing God's unique plan. They'll explore God's purpose for men and women in the Bible, discovering how God

used them powerfully to impact families, communities, and entire nations. Each devotional also features Reflection Questions and Life Purpose.



Feeling the Wind, Jim Davey and Rick Winford - The Christian life will bring a lot of changes-changes in your life goals, your values, and your attitudes toward other people. The Holy Spirit provides the power and guidance you need to keep on changing and moving ahead. Jesus promises that his Spirit will carry you along, no matter how rough life may get.

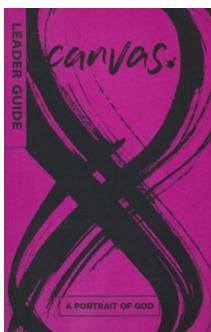


Taking it to the Streets, Andy Stephenson and Rick Winford - The Ultimate Adventure Remix series has led you through several stages of spiritual growth as a Christian. We call this process discipleship.

Discipleship isn't just a matter of absorbing the right "head knowledge" about your relationship with Christ. You also need "street smarts"-the knowledge and skills to live your Christian faith every day in your school, your community, and beyond. "Taking It to the Streets" shows you how to do that.

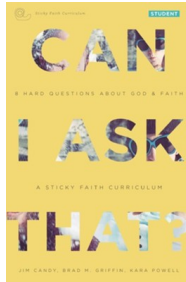


Affirm: God's Call/The World's Need/Your Purpose - *Affirm* is a 6-week discipleship refresh from confirmation. With an emphasis on following Jesus and spiritual practices *Affirm* is great for a youth group series, a small group study, or for a weekend retreat.



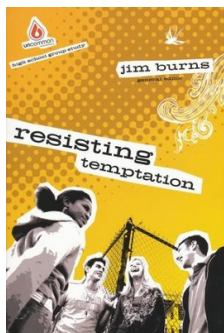
Canvas: A portrait of God - In *Canvas: A Portrait of God*, students will learn that the Bible is, from beginning to end, the story of God. It's about God's character and his relationship to the world he created. God is with us, suffers alongside of us, is all-powerful, and our closest ally

and friend. The four-session study consists of an Immerse Lesson the first week, followed by three more traditional lessons.



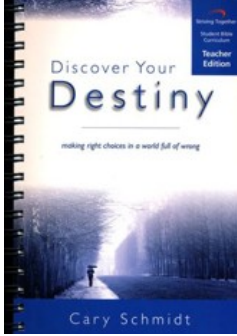
Can I ask that?: 8 Hard questions about God and faith, Jim Candy and Brad M. Griffin and Kara Powell - Ever had a question about God that you were scared to ask? Ever felt like your hard questions get squashed, silenced, or brushed aside? We get that. We wrote this guide

for people like you. And we have good news. First, other teenagers and adults ask these kinds of questions all the time. Second, it's not only okay to ask hard questions, but it's actually important-some say essential-for your faith journey. And finally, God can handle it. God isn't anxious about your questions, struggles, or doubts. We don't think you should be either.



Resisting Temptation, Jim Burns - Between the internet, satellite tv, a sexed-up culture and easy access to drugs and alcohol, many teenagers find it almost impossible to walk the straight and narrow-even though most students in your group want to! Twelve sessions of

youth-friendly Bible study will get your teens thinking and talking about avoiding sexually tempting situations, rejecting the false promises of drugs and alcohol and discerning the media's mixed messages.

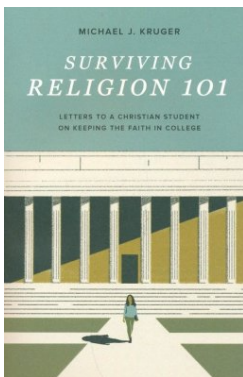


Discover Your Destiny: Making Right Choices in a World Full of Wrong, Cary Schmidt - The ten years between ages seventeen and

twenty-seven are when most people make their worst

decisions...often irreversible. This 17-lesson study is for Senior High teens and College students making transitions into adulthood. It's

designed to guide you step by step through the biblical principles that will help you discover God's plan for your life and to equip you with the tools you need to make the right choices.



Surviving Religion 101: Letters to a Christian Student on Keeping Faith in College,

Michael J. Kruger This is a great apologetic book – it's a letter from a professor at Reformed Theological Seminary to his daughter who is attending UNC Chapel Hill (The author's Alma Mater) on how to retain her faith in college. It's a fantastic book, that will likely be integrated into Fuse program in the future.

All books/study series accessed from <https://www.christianbook.com/>