

# **BIBLE STUDIES FOR SMALL GROUPS**

Listed below are details of the latest studies which have been added to our study library for use in small groups.

Please contact the Church Office if you would like to borrow a study for your group.

## **GOD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK**

**SIX SESSION DVD BASED STUDY. INCLUDES LEADER GUIDE AND ONE PARTICIPANTS' GUIDE (FURTHER COPIES CAN BE ORDERED IF STOCKS ARE AVAILABLE).**

God Is Closer Than You Think; Six Sessions on Experiencing the Presence of God. The story of the Bible is the story of God's desire to be with people. God is extending Himself, stretching out to reach us, to fill our lives with His presence. Every moment of your life is like a page in a Where's Wally? book. God is there, the Scriptures tell us - every one of them. But the ease with which He may be found varies from one page to the next. In this six-session study, award-winning author John Ortberg serves as guide and interpretive leader for experiencing the presence of God in everyday life. With his engaging and humorous style, Ortberg transforms our view of God's presence from one that may seem hidden or distant to one that is closer than you think.

## **GOSPEL IN LIFE - GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING**

**EIGHT SESSION DVD BASED STUDY WITH STUDY GUIDE. PARTICIPANTS' GUIDES CAN BE ORDERED IF STOCKS ARE AVAILABLE.**

Join author and pastor Timothy Keller in an eight-week video-based 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. The Gospel in Life Participant's Guide is designed to help you and your group engage with and discuss the topics presented on the Gospel in Life DVD. Gospel in Life session titles: Session 1, City-The World That Is Session 2, Heart-Three Ways to Live Session 3, Idolatry-The Sin Beneath Session 4, Community-The Context for Change Session 5, Witness-An Alternate City Session 6, Work-Cultivating the Garden Session 7, Justice-A People for Others Session 8, Eternity-The World That Is To Come.

## **IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT**

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If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat. John Ortberg serves as guide and interpretive leader of six DVD small group sessions designed to help people learn to trust God more fully. Using testimonial interviews to illustrate his talks, Ortberg teaches participants the skills essential for "water-walking" in faith with God. The DVD and 32-page leader's guide provides ease of facilitation for the small group leader. The participant's guide, available separately, provides a book for small group members to follow along with the teaching and record responses to questions.

## **MAX ON LIFE - ANSWERS AND INSIGHTS TO YOUR MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS**

**FOUR SESSION DVD BASED STUDY. INCLUDES LEADER GUIDE AND ONE PARTICIPANTS' GUIDE (FURTHER COPIES CAN BE ORDERED IF STOCKS ARE AVAILABLE).**

What do you wonder about? We have questions. Real, important, and challenging questions. Big questions about life and faith, heaven and hell. Closer-to-home dilemmas about parenting or difficult relationships. Don't we crave answers to these queries that tug on the deepest parts of our hearts?

Where is God during my suffering?

Any advice for my struggling marriage?

How should I discipline my kids?

What happens after we die?

How can a loving God send people to hell?

In *Max on Life*, one of the most trusted pastors and authors of our time takes on these important questions. With four sessions featuring powerful real-life stories from people who have faced the situations that give birth to some of our biggest questions about life and faith, *Max on Life* is the perfect individual or small group study for both new and mature believers navigating the tumults of everyday life.

## **GROWING TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE'S PREACHER - C H SPURGEON**

**FOUR SESSION DVD BASED STUDY. INCLUDES ONE STUDY GUIDE & PERSONAL JOURNAL (FURTHER COPIES CAN BE ORDER IF STOCKS ARE AVAILABLE).**

C.H. Spurgeon was one of the most influential and charismatic men of God in the Victorian era. Based on the CTA drama documentary C.H. Spurgeon – The People's Preacher, this small-group resource introduces us to his life and career and shows how his example can teach and inspire us today.

This 90-minute DVD includes the drama documentary in its entirety, divided into four 20-minute\* sessions. Rev Dr Peter Morden introduces and closes each session, adding biographical details to the film as he takes us to sites related to Spurgeon's life and career. The DVD session are entitled:

New Beginnings  
Tragedy and Triumph  
Ministry and Mission  
Suffering and Glory

\*Approximate time.

This pack contains one study guide, including personal journal, with discussion starters, additional notes and suggested prayers to help you reflect and act on Spurgeon's example and the lessons he learned as he served the Lord. (One study guide recommended for each group participant.)

## **JEFF LUCAS - JOURNEYS SERIES - A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE**

**FOUR SESSION DVD BASED STUDY. INCLUDES ONE STUDY GUIDE WITH DAILY READING NOTES (FURTHER COPIES CAN BE ORDERED IF STOCKS ARE AVAILABLE).**

A great resource for group and individual Bible study in four inspiring sessions. Join Jeff Lucas for *A Walk on the Wild Side* - a look at the story of Jonah and what it has to teach us today.

We serve a God who is passionate about His people and calls us, as Christians, to partner with Him in mission. Here Jeff helps us to deal with some of the issues which may be preventing us from taking up God's challenge, reveals the God of the second chance and shows us that when we trust and obey God, great things can happen. The four DVD session are entitled:

The Passionate God  
Life After Failure  
Partnering in the Mission of God  
Trusting through Anger and Disappointment

## **JEFF LUCAS - JOURNEYS SERIES - FRIENDS REDISCOVERED**

**FOUR SESSION DVD BASED STUDY. INCLUDES ONE STUDY GUIDE WITH DAILY READING NOTES (FURTHER COPIES CAN BE ORDERED IF STOCKS ARE AVAILABLE).**

A great resource for group and individual Bible study in four inspiring sessions. Join Jeff as he takes a close look at the priceless gift of friendship, through the life and relationships of the apostle Paul.

How do we form authentic, kingdom-centred friendships that will endure and become richer with the years? Examining the power of love and encouragement, hopes and disappointments, and what to do when we fall out, Jeff inspires us all to deeper friendship with others and God. The four DVD sessions are entitled:

The Power of Love  
Hopes and Disappointments  
Falling Out  
Friendship that Builds

## **JEFF LUCAS - JOURNEYS SERIES - STOP LOOKING FOR THE WILL OF GOD**

**FOUR SESSION DVD BASED STUDY. INCLUDES ONE STUDY GUIDE WITH DAILY READING NOTES (FURTHER COPIES CAN BE ORDERED IF STOCKS ARE AVAILABLE).**

A great resource for group and individual Bible study in four inspiring sessions. In *Stop Looking for the Will of God*, Jeff encourages us not to get 'hung up' on finding God's will for our lives, but to start seeking God Himself!

Jeff shows us how we can rest in the knowledge that God has a plan for our lives, be ready and willing to respond to God's calls to specific tasks and be aware of the guidance He has already given us through His Word, the Bible. The four DVD sessions are entitled:

Confusion for Beginners  
Just Do It  
How God Speaks  
Stop Looking for the Will of God

## **JEFF LUCAS - JOURNEYS SERIES - LOST AND FOUND (REACHING TODAY'S PRODIGALS)**

**FOUR SESSION DVD BASED STUDY. INCLUDES ONE STUDY GUIDE WITH DAILY READING NOTES (FURTHER COPIES CAN BE ORDERED IF STOCKS ARE AVAILABLE).**

Many people have stopped attending church, and many of us live with the heartbreak of having a 'prodigal' in our family or friends. Why did they leave? How can we win them back? Are we willing to change in order to welcome home the prodigals and attract the lost? (Description continued on next page.)

## **JEFF LUCAS - LOST AND FOUND (Continued)**

In this great resource for group or individual study, Jeff Lucas takes a fresh look at Jesus' 'Prodigal Son' story to see how we can become a more 'prodigal-friendly' Church. Allow your attitudes to be challenged, and see how the Church could become a more positive, joy-filled place that throws homecoming parties! The four DVD sessions are entitled:

Where did they go?  
The partying Church  
Big brother comes home  
Respond, if you please

## **JEFF LUCAS - THERE ARE NO STRONG PEOPLE**

### **FOUR SESSION DVD BASED STUDY.**

Join Jeff on location in Israel as he walks in the footsteps of Samson, exploring some vital principles for living life well and reflecting on lessons we can learn from the life of the Bible's infamous character. Based on Jeff's popular book by the same name, this great resource, for group and individual use, contains four sessions of approximately fifteen minutes each entitled:

Beginnings  
The Riddler  
The Incredible Hulk  
Why, why, why, Delilah?

## **JEFF LUCAS - ELIJAH - PROPHET AT A LOSS**

### **FOUR SESSION DVD BASED STUDY**

A great resource for group and individual Bible study in four inspiring sessions. In Elijah - Prophet at a Loss, Jeff Lucas takes a look at the challenges Elijah faced in his walk with God and the lessons we can learn from him today.

Elijah lived in a multicultural, multi-faith society - and so do we. At times depressed and discouraged, at times emboldened by God's Spirit, Elijah expresses real emotions - and God meets him just where he is. Jeff helps us to think about our own difficulties and challenges - and to take courage from the example of Elijah.

The resource pack includes:

One booklet and one DVD with four sessions entitled:

Going Public, Being Brave

Living in the Real World

The Clash of Convictions

Prophet at a Loss

## **JESUS - THE WOUNDED HEALER**

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Jesus is a wounded Healer - His ability to heal our wounds stem from the fact that He Himself experienced our wounds. The God we see in Jesus did not study our sufferings from a distance in a cold and detached way, but wrapped Himself in our flesh and felt what we feel. These five insightful fifteen-minute\* sessions will increase your awareness that Jesus is committed to us and can relieve and support us through the pain we experience in life. You will also see afresh that God can turn what is meant for evil into good. Presented by CWR's Chief Executive, Mick Brooks, at Wintershall Estate in Surrey, with footage from their famous Life of Chris open-air production. The five DVD sessions are entitled:

Jesus: His Wounds Answer Our Wounds  
Jesus: 'Why Have You Forsaken Me?'  
Jesus: Misunderstood and Criticised  
Jesus: Living through Loss and Grief  
Jesus: Resurrection Hope

\* Approximate time.

## **THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS (Rick Warren)**

**THREE SESSION DVD BASED STUDY FOR GROUPS & FAMILIES**

Christmas is the most celebrated holiday of the year for billions of people. But what is the purpose of Christmas? What makes Christmas so special? What is God's purpose for Christmas?

Bestselling author and pastor, Rick Warren, leads you through a video-based study on the true purpose of Christmas. Teaching from the Gospel of Luke in three sessions, he helps you see not one but three purposes of Christmas announced by the angel at the birth of Jesus. You will discover why Christmas is God's idea and why Jesus is the greatest gift God gave to the world. Once you understand the purpose of Christmas, your life will never be the same.

Sessions:

Christmas Is a Time for Celebration

Christmas Is a Time for Salvation

Christmas Is a Time for Reconciliation

# **iCHURCH** **INTELLIGENT CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

## **SIX SESSION SMALL-GROUP STUDY**

This six-session course for small groups will take you on a journey to explore what an Intelligent Church, equipped for the 21st Century, looks like.

Each episode will:

- Unpack a theme of Intelligent Church
- Feature renowned speakers such as Steve Chalke, Tony Campallo and Jim Wallis
- Suggest questions and Bible passes for discussion
- Highlight useful resources to equip you as you put Intelligent Church into practice

### DVD Contents:

Episode 1	:	Intelligent Church (21 mins)
Episode 2	:	Inclusive Church (17 mins)
Episode 3	:	Generous Church (17 mins)
Episode 4	:	Political Church (18 mins)
Episode 5	:	Transformational Church (16 mins)
Episode 6	:	A Faith That Works (14 mins)

## **THE STORM BREAKER (Face the storms of life with confidence and hope)** **(Presented by Mick Brooks of CWR) FIVE SESSION DVD BASED STUDY**

Many years ago, a storm raged. During three momentous days, Jesus faced the worst the world could throw at Him, yet overcame. And because He overcame, the cross and resurrection provide 'anchor points' which can hold us fast amidst life's storms.

These five fifteen-minute\* sessions focus on the Easter story, but are relevant for any time of year, as we meditate on that awe-inspiring moment when eternity broke into time and changed history forever. Jesus endured the cross that we might truly *live*.

Presented by CWR's Mick Brooks, this resource pack includes:

- **One DVD with five sessions entitled:**
  - Secure in God
  - Secure in God's Care
  - Secure in the Face of Failure
  - Secure Against the Fear of Death
  - Secure in the Third Day
- **One booklet** with icebreakers, discussion starters, prayers and five weeks of day Bible-reading notes covering more 'anchor points', based on *Every Day with Jesus—The Stormbreaker* written by Selwyn Hughes. (Additional copies can be bought separately and are recommended for each participant.)

## **WHEN FAITH GETS SHAKEN (By Patrick Regan of CWR)**

### **SIX SESSION DVD BASED STUDY**

Based on Patrick Regan's journey through some particularly difficult - potentially faith-shaking - life experiences (as told in his book of the same name), this DVD brings alive honest reflections on how we can focus on God and keep going when our faith gets shaken.

Filmed on location in London, Patrick uses Scripture, personal testimony and powerful, moving interviews with friends, family members and colleagues to lead us through how we can rethink: trust, peace, courage, surrender, guilt and hope, when facing challenging times.

Ideal for small groups and individuals, the six sessions, of approximately fifteen minutes each, are entitled:

- God, where are You?
- Peace
- Rethinking courage
- Guilt
- Anger
- Dreaming again

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE & WHY IT MAKES SENSE (By Stephen Gaukroger)**

### **SIX SESSION DVD BASED STUDY**

Based on Stephen Gaukroger's best-selling book "It Makes Sense", *Christian Life & Why It Makes Sense* aims to give people the teaching and confidence to tackle some of the most common objections to the Christian faith.

- Understand why they are not listening and why we are not talking about our faith.
- Be more confident in the existence of God and in explaining that fact.
- Tackle one of the main barriers to faith, suffering.
- Understand why Jesus is so special.
- Unpack why the Church really is great.
- Build your faith in a God who is always with us.

Experts include:

**Alistair McGrath, Anna Robbins, Derek Tidball, Mark Greene, Peter Riddell, Steve Walton.**



Each of the six ready-to-use sessions has three DVD film sections followed by discussion, Bible study and prayer. The resource includes a comprehensive leader's guide and additional participants' notes. Supplementary material is available on the CD-ROM.

### **FAITH, HOPE, LOVE & EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN (By Mick Brooks of CWR)**

#### **SEVEN SESSION SMALL-GROUP STUDY**

This seven session DVD resource provides a practical, honest look at the obstacles, opportunities and questions common to us all in our Christian life.

Filmed in a variety of locations including a rally car, a long-boat and an observatory, Mick Brooks helps us to:

- See life as a journey
- Benefit from a biblical world-view
- Learn what holiness really is
- Improve relationships with others
- Gain an eternal perspective
- Live with mystery
- Develop a life of devotion

Discussion starters at the end of each session (of approximately 20 minutes) make this an ideal resource for small-group or personal use.

Mick Brooks heads up the ministry at CWR, having worked closely and travelled with CWR's founder, Selwyn Hughes, for many years. During that time he was deeply involved in CWR's publishing, training and counselling activities before taking overall responsibility for the ministry in 2002.

### **THE REASON FOR GOD (Timothy Keller) SIX SESSION DVD**

Captured live and unscripted, pastor and author Timothy Keller meets with a group of people over six sessions to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, real-life experiences, and the Bible, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity.

## **The Reason for God (Continued)**

This DVD will help you think about and engage others in dialogue on six common objections to Christianity.

Session titles (two questions per session):

*Isn't the Bible a Myth?*  
*Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity?*  
*How Can You Say There Is Only One Way to God?*  
*What About Other Religions?*  
*What Gives You the Right to Tell Me*  
*How to Live My Life?*  
*Why Are There So Many Rules?*  
*Why Does God Allow Suffering?*  
*Why is There So Much Evil in the World?*  
*Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice?*  
*Why Are Christians Such Hypocrites?*  
*How Can God Be Full of Love*  
*and Wrath at the Same Time?*  
*How Can God Send Good People to Hell?*

## **ONE HOPE - A SPRING HARVEST STUDY**

### **SIX SESSION DVD BASED STUDY**

One Hope DVD unpacks the theme of Hope in six interactive sessions, making it ideal for group study. A leader's guide is available on the DVD—just pop it into a computer!

The six themes are:

Death - Hope on a Hill  
Resurrection - Hope Ever After  
Creation - Hope in the Garden  
Exodus - Hope out of Town  
Revelation - Hope in Church  
Church - Hope in the City

Each of the six sections includes:

Intro - an overview of each theme  
Vox Pops - camera on the streets  
Creative Bible reading - by actor Abby Guinness  
Helen Sloane - Jeff Lucas-penned comedy monologue  
Panel discussion - experts discuss and reflect  
Talking Heads - panellists share thoughts & opinions  
Wrap up - concluding final thought & application

## **7 LAWS FOR LIFE**

### **DISCOVER THE BASIC LAWS THAT GOVERN ALL SPIRITUAL SUCCESS**

#### **EIGHT SESSION DVD-BASED STUDY**

This resource consists of eight 20-minute sessions covering an introduction and seven key principles for living the Christian life. These principles have such inevitable consequences that they deserve to be classed as laws - as reliable as the laws of nature:

- **Put first things first**
- **Count your blessings**
- **Keep on keeping on**
- **Remember to forget**
- **Give yourselves to others**
- **Stay close to God**
- **Cultivate your soul**

Selwyn Hughes regarded this key teaching to be his legacy to future generations, and it is presented by CWR's Mick Brooks in various locations.

Ideal for individual or small group use, with questions/discussion starters included at the end of each session.

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### **DRAW STRENGTH & HOPE FROM THE SON OF GOD**

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## **THE HUMAN JOURNEY (Thinking biblically about health - By Dr Peter Saunders)**

### **AN INTRODUCTION AND EIGHT DVD-BASED STUDIES, PLUS LEADER'S GUIDE, STUDY GUIDE AND BOOK**

We all have questions about health: Will my child be healthy? What if I get cancer? Why do I sometimes feel so down? What about dementia in my later years?

Today we see the health needs of different countries in more detail than ever before. How are we to be good neighbours in the global community? Almost every day brings reports of new advances in medical technology. But how can we decide whether it's right to use them?

The Human Journey sets out a framework for thinking about these issues biblically. In an ever-changing world, the Bible's timeless truths offer a firm foundation to engage with health-related questions. Above all, our questions about health and wellbeing need to be seen in the greater context of God's design for humanity, the universe and everything - his plan to unite all things under Jesus Christ. The eight-part course aims to equip Christians to think biblically about health and to encourage better incorporation of healthcare expertise into church life and ministry.

## **FROM SINNER TO SAINT**

### **FIVE-SESSION DVD-BASED STUDY WITH ACCOMPANYING WORKBOOK**

God has a plan. He is transforming every Christian from being a sinner into a saint. That is, God's plan is to make Christians holy, just as he is holy. Over these five studies you will explore what holiness is, how it is possible and how God is going to bring it about in your life. You will be challenged to persevere on the path to holiness and warned of the distractions you may encounter along the way. Finally, you'll be encouraged by the grandeur of God's plan for you in his new creation.

This DVD gives you input from well-known Bible teacher John Chapman and will help you tie together the various strands of the Bible's teaching. The workbook which accompanies this DVD gives you the road map for each study, with Bible passages to investigate and questions to think through.

## **BOOK BY BOOK SERIES**

**DVD BASED STUDIES COVERING VARIOUS BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. EACH STUDY DVD INCLUDES A STUDY GUIDE. MOST OF THE DVDs COVER SIX SESSIONS, WHILST A FEW (ISAIAH, ACTS AND REVELATION) ARE ALL TEN SESSION STUDIES.**

These are the studies that are available:

**Daniel  
Amos  
Joshua  
Nahum  
Isaiah  
Acts  
Philippians  
James  
2 Timothy  
Revelation**