

GROW GROUP STUDIES

The following grow group leader kits are available for check-out through the Fusion Ministries office. For more details about these studies, visit: www.threadsmedia.com.

BASED ON BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

<i>Abide</i>	Jared C. Wilson	Practicing Kingdom Rhythms in a Consumer Culture. Looks at how to pray intentionally, fast with purpose, serve with joy, feel Scripture, and experience genuine community. (Matthew)
<i>Blemised</i>	Jason Hayes	How the Message of Malachi Confronts Empty Religion. A study of what went wrong in the days of Malachi and a call to self-examination in the church.
<i>Chase the Lion</i>	Mark Batterson	Stepping Confidently Into the Unknown. Inspired by a fearless warrior named Benaiah (2 Samuel); a study for those ready to take on life's risks.
<i>Creation Restored</i>	Matt Carter & Halim Suh	The Gospel According to Genesis. Examines Genesis 12 – 50 and the stories of Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph. Second book in a two-part study.
<i>Creation Unraveled</i>	Matt Carter & Halim Suh	The Gospel According to Genesis. Examines Genesis 1 – 11. First book in a two-part study. God's creation, the corruption, our separation, and God's initial steps to reunite us with Him.
<i>The Exchange</i>	Joel Engle	Tired of Living the Christian Life on Your Own? An exploration of Romans 6 – 8. Learn how to overcome sin and personal hang-ups through dependency on Christ.
<i>Feast</i>	Derek Lemen	Finding Your Place at the Table of Tradition. Discover the Jewish roots of Christianity through examining the six major holidays on the Jewish calendar. (Old Testament)
<i>Follow Me</i>	Jason Hayes	Learning about Faith, Obedience, and Being Made Holy. Revisit six life-altering encounters the disciples had with Jesus as they participate in the work of Christ while following in his footsteps. (Romans)
<i>Mentor</i>	Chuck Lawless	How Along-the-Way Discipleship Will Change Your Life. Examine the life-transforming process of a mentoring relationship. (New Testament)

<i>Repurposed</i>	Mike Hurt	The Memoirs of Nehemiah. Chronicles the massive building effort that restored Jerusalem, also details how Nehemiah rebuilt the faith of a people who had been destroyed.
<i>Sent</i>	Ed Stetzer	Living the Missional Nature of the Church. A call to a new kind of living, one that engages culture, enables Christians to live in the world while not of it, and motivates the purposeful sharing of the story of Christ. (Acts)
<i>The Tough Sayings of Jesus</i>	Michael Kelley	A study of the Gospels that presses hard into the difficult words of Christ. (A companion study to <i>Tough Sayings of Jesus II</i> .)
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<i>Samson (*New*)</i>	Chip Henderson	A six-session Bible study that explores the life of Samson in Judges 13-16 and offers six ways we can waste our lives if we're not focused on our God-given purpose.
<i>This Changes Everything (*New*)</i>	Ben Stuart	A eight-session Bible study where Ben unfolds the teaching of James, the half-brother of Jesus. James, who went from skeptic to believer, faced an objective reality he had to come to terms with: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

TOPIC DRIVEN STUDIES

<i>Birds and Bees</i>	Gregg Matte	A Conversation About God, Sex, and Sexuality. A study to explore the values of today's culture and engage the truth contained in God's Word.
<i>Chase the Goose</i>	Mark Batterson	Reclaiming the Adventure of Living a Spirit-Led Life. An invitation to break out of the cages of responsibility, routine, assumptions, guilt, failure, and fear.
<i>Connect the Dots</i>	Mike Hurt	Discovering God's Ongoing Will in Your Life. This study challenges believers to move from simply asking life's big questions into developing a deeper relationship with their Creator.
<i>Get Uncomfortable</i>	Todd Phillips	Serve the Poor. Stop Injustice. Change the

		World...In Jesus' Name. Understanding what God calls us to do, along with ways to impact culture while caring for the least of these.
<i>Holy Vocabulary</i>	Michael Kelley	Rescuing the Language of Faith. Saved. Grace. Sin. Repent. A study of the "classic" words of the church and a look at their meanings.
<i>Interrupted</i>	Jen Hatmaker	An Adventure In Relearning the Essentials of Faith. A very recent, sometimes messy, honest account of what happens in an average life when God interrupts it.
<i>In Transit</i>	Mike Harder	What Do You Do With Your Wait? A study about the truths of waiting as it traces the lives of David, Jesus, and Joseph – all promised great things and all of whom waited.
<i>Jaded</i>	Mike Harder	Rediscovering Hope in Reality. A study addressing past pain while offering healing and hope for those caught in a vicious cycle.
<i>Red Revolution</i>	Adam Thomason	Seeing the World Through the Lens of Christ. A study for Christ followers to imagine how different the world would be if they started seeing themselves, each other, and the world through the lens of Christ.
<i>Relate</i>	Relationship Experts	Knowing, Loving, and Forgiving the People In Your Life. A study to help you understand, develop, strengthen, and restore relationships with friends and family.
<i>Sacred Roads</i>	Heather Zempel	Exploring the Historic Paths of Discipleship. A study about a few faces of discipleship including: relational, experiential, intellectual, personal, and incarnational.
<i>Seven Daily Sins</i>	Jared C. Wilson	How the Gospel Redeems Our Deepest Desires. A study on the seven deadly sins, the condition of our heart, and the redemptive power of the gospel of Jesus.
<i>Engage (*New*)</i>	Threads by LifeWay	A practical guide to evangelism, this book Answers questions like, How do you begin a conversation about Jesus? What if they have question you're not sure how to answer? How do you respond positively or if they reject God's message?

<i>Experiencing God (*New*)</i>	Blackaby	The Young Adult edition of Experiencing God is an interactive Bible study that invites Young Adults to join God in His work.
<i>Gray Areas (*New*)</i>	Mark Glenn	A grow group video kit that will explore and give guidance through 7 different tough issues from addiction to honor code.

Most of these books are available in Corner Books at Houston's First Baptist Church.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

<i>The 4:8 Principle</i>	Tommy Newberry	Embracing the message of Philippians 4:8 - the apostle Paul challenges us to seek out and dwell on the positives in our lives.
<i>Be Joyful (Philippians)</i>	Warren Wiersbe	Discover Paul's secret to finding joy in Christ.
<i>Called and Accountable</i>	Henry T. Blackaby	Exploring the life-transforming, world-changing call that God gives every follower of Christ.
<i>Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know</i>	Wayne Grudem	Church doctrines every Christian should know.
<i>Crazy Love</i>	Francis Chan	God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself.
<i>Don't Waste Your Life</i>	John Piper	A passionate call for this generation to make their lives count for eternity.
<i>Finding God's Will for Your Life</i>	Gregg Matte	Seeing God's will not as an event, but as a process to be lived. God's will is what happens when we seek Him!
<i>The Four Loves</i>	C.S. Lewis	Exploring the possibilities and problems of the four basic kinds of human love – affection, friendship, erotic love, and the love of God.
<i>Mere Christianity</i>	C.S. Lewis	C.S. Lewis's term for the essential Christian message – the theological core on which diverse Christian traditions can stand together.
<i>The Parables of Jesus</i>	William Barclay	Bringing these "best-known stories in the world" new force and significance for the modern reader.

<i>Radical</i>	David Platt	Encountering what Jesus actually said about being his disciple, and then obeying what you have heard.
<i>The Reason for God</i>	Timothy Keller	Using literature, philosophy, real-life conversations, reasoning and pop culture to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief.
<i>Revelation</i>	John MacArthur	A journey through the biblical text of Revelation.
<i>So What's the Difference?</i>	Fritz Ridenour	An explanation of the basic tenets of Roman Catholicism, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Scientology, New Age and Mormonism.
<i>Systematic Theology</i>	Wayne Grudem	An introduction to biblical doctrine organized around categories such as the Word of God, Christ, redemption and more.
<i>Manage(*New*)</i>	Carter & Luter	A Bible study that takes a practical, but scriptural approach to using God's gifts to us: money, time, relationships, and the environment.
<i>Follow Me(*New*)</i>	David Platt	A look at the invitation to follow Jesus. It is a relationship. It is a relationship marked by self-denial, personal intimacy, and ultimate joy.
<i>Recovering Redemption</i>	Matt Chandler	12 Week Video study. Learn to orient yourself around a right understanding and application of the gospel. It's time to start living like we believe in the ongoing power of redemption.

FINANCES

<i>Total Money Makeover</i>	Dave Ramsey	A no-nonsense approach to money matters - how to get out of debt and achieve total financial health.
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MARRIAGE

<i>Communication: Key to Your Marriage</i>	H. Norman Wright	Presenting insightful ways to reduce marital conflict, manage anger, build one another's self-esteem and just plain listen to one another.
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<i>Love and Respect</i>	Dr. Emerson Eggerichs	Exploring Ephesians 5:33 – The love she most desires and the respect he desperately needs.
<i>Making Love Last Forever</i>	Gary Smalley	How to stay in love through all the stages of life.
<i>Sacred Marriage</i>	Gary Thomas	How God can use marriage as a discipline and motivation to love him more and reflect more of the character of his Son.

FOR MEN

<i>Silence of Adam</i>	Larry Crabb	A challenge to men to move beyond their fear of failure that paralyzes them in spiritual matters and relationships to bold risk-taking, action, deep spirituality, and full-hearted living.
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PARENTING

<i>Child-Sensitive Teaching</i>	Karyn Henley	Focuses on the child’s-eye view of the world, equipping parents and educators to teach children with compassion and creativity.
<i>Parenting by the Book</i>	John Rosemond	Raising children according to biblical principles.
<i>The Christian Parenting Handbook</i>	Dr. Scott Turansky Joanne Miller	Learn how to identify character qualities, to Address problems. Build internal motivation. Use creativity to teach your kids spiritual truths.
<i>No Trespassing: I’m God’s Property</i>	Leah Holder	Particularly for parents of daughters

RECOMMENDED BY BRAD HODGES, MINISTER TO MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

<i>Chazown</i>	Craig Groeschel	Define your vision, pursue your passion, live your life on purpose.
<i>Christian Theology</i>	Millard J. Erickson	Most widely used and most generally useful of modern Protestant surveys.
<i>The DNA of Relationships</i>	Dr. Gary Smalley	Discover how you are designed for satisfying relationships.
<i>For Men Only</i>	Jeff and Shaunti Feldhahn	The key to unlocking the mysterious ways of women; reveals what you can do today to improve your relationship.

<i>For Women Only</i>	Jeff and Shaunti Feldhahn	A guide to better understand the man in your life and direction on how to better love and support him.
<i>A Grief Observed</i>	C.S. Lewis	An elegant and honest reflection on the fundamental issues of life, death and faith.
<i>How People Grow</i>	Henry Cloud & John Townsend	What the Bible reveals about personal growth.
<i>Life Together</i>	Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups.
<i>Love Your God With All Your Mind</i>	J.P. Moreland	A logical case for the role of the mind in spiritual transformation, challenging us to develop a Christian mind to use our intellect to further God's kingdom.
<i>The Meaning of Marriage</i>	Timothy and Kathy Keller	Shows the vision of what marriage should be according to the bible – for Christians, skeptics, singles, married couples, and engaged couples.
<i>The Next Christians</i>	Gabe Lyons	The good news about the end of Christian America – how a new generation is restoring the faith.
<i>The Normal Christian Life</i>	Watchman Nee	Unfolds the path of faith and presents the eternal purposes of God in simple terms.
<i>Parenting with Love and Logic</i>	Foster Cline & Jim Fay	Raise children who are self-confident, Motivated, and ready for the real world with this win-win approach to parenting.
<i>Parenting Teens with Love and Logic</i>	Foster Cline & Jim Fay	Our changing times require new approaches to parenting teens; this books covers several topics including drugs, sex, alcohol, & peer pressure.
<i>The Parent You Want to Be: Who You Are Matters More Than What You Do</i>	Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott	A proven plan for cultivating the traits you most want your child to have.
<i>The Problem of Pain</i>	C.S. Lewis	If God is both omnipotent and good, how can we explain the pain and suffering that people experience daily?
<i>The Questions Christians Hope No One</i>	Mark Mittleberg	Compelling, easy to grasp answers to ten of the

<i>Will Ask: (With Answers)</i>		most troubling questions facing Christians today.
<i>Soul Provider</i>	Dr. Tim Elmore	Becoming a confident spiritual leader.
<i>Stop Asking Jesus into Your Heart</i>	J.D. Greear	How to Know for sure you are saved
<i>Fun Loving You: Enjoying Your Marriage in the Midst of the Grind</i>	Ted Cunningham	Put fun and spice into your marriage by breaking the routine, not the bank.
<i>Three Huge Mistakes We Make Leading Kids and How to Correct Them</i>	Dr. Tim Elmore	“In our desire to protect their self-esteem and safety, we’ve crippled them from being ready for adulthood.”
<i>Not a Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus</i>	Kyle Idleman	A ‘Define the Relationship’ conversation to determine where you really stand.
<i>If God, Why Evil?</i>	Norman L. Geisler	Discusses one of the most difficult questions Christians face in a concise, systematic and clearly communicated manner.
<i>Let Hope In</i>	Pete Wilson	Show your group members the way to hope regardless of their past.

The online studies can be found at the websites below.

ONLINE STUDIES

<i>Contemporary Christian Issues</i>	Christianity Today International	How to respond biblically to the issues facing our culture today.
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<http://biblestudies.stores.yahoo.net/cochis.html>

<i>Galatians: Living in Line with the Truth of the Gospel</i>	Tim Keller	Living in line with the truth of the <i>Gospel</i> .
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<http://www.redeemer2.com/rstore/category.cfm?Category=78&CFID=5662252&CFTOKEN=29311185>

<i>His Story: From Creation to Glory</i>	Grace Bible Church	Tracing the unifying outline of the Scriptures from God’s purposes in Creation to His climatic establishment of His kingdom in the future.
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http://www.grace-bible.org/files/biblestudies/His_Story_Study_Web.pdf

James: Faith in Action

Grace Bible Church

A challenge to live out faith in perseverance in trials, service to the needy, wisdom in speech and relationships, submission to the Lord, and use of money.

http://www.grace-bible.org/files/biblestudies/James_2010_IBS.pdf

Prayer: Finding the Pulse of God

Grace Bible Church

Examining the teachings of Jesus and Paul on prayer to increase our theological understanding and to help us pray with devotion, passion, and joy.

<http://www.grace-bible.org/files/biblestudies/Prayer.pdf>

Psalms: Music for the Soul

Grace Bible Church

Selected Psalms that touch on the timeless needs and desires and challenge us to worship God.

http://www.grace-bible.org/files/biblestudies/Psalms_Summer_2009.pdf

Romans: A Study Course in the Gospel Tim Keller

A study course in the Gospel.

<http://www.redeemer2.com/rstore/category.cfm?Category=76>