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Vital Upper Room Books

Cultivating a Life for God calls upon us to rethink our busy, fast-paced lives. If there is a stirring in your soul for "something more" in your spiritual journey, take a risk on what God might do in and through your life. Discover the compassion that comes from heaven and can be experienced in a Life Transformation Group (LTG). You may never be the same again "The Life Transformation Group system is a grass roots tool for growth. Through this simple system the most essential elements of vital spiritual ministry are released to common Christians without the need for specialized training. It taps the disciple's internal motivation and provides the support needed to grow in the essentials of a spiritual life. The LTG empowers the common Christian to do the uncommon work of reproductive discipling." (page 63) "In my years of ministry, I have not found any method that produces such powerful results in fulfilling the Great Commission. I personally plan on using this system for the rest of my life to make as many disciples of the kingdom as I can before Christ calls me home " - Neil Cole (page 89) - See more at: <http://www.cmaresources.org/cultivating-a-life-for-god>
[ReStart Your Church](#) Zondervan
 By Water and the Spirit, a 6-session study guide for use in small groups, contains the full text of the paper "By Water and the Spirit," which describes the United Methodist understanding of baptism approved by the 1996 General Conference. This booklet serves as a resource for congregational

leaders who are helping members make connections between the baptismal covenant and discipleship in daily life.

[Accountable Discipleship](#) ReadHowYouWant.com

How can we introduce younger lay people to the practical and accessible Wesley? In the Wesley 21-day Challenge small groups or whole churches will spend three weeks working through 21 questions that will engage their physical, spiritual and emotional lives and their relationship with God and others. With fast-paced emphasis on graphics and short content bits, the challenge will inspire us to a new kind of commitment—one that is more authentic, vulnerable and soul shaping resulting in thousands of people who have a renewed passion to discover deeper levels of commitment to God and others. The Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the 21 day challenge including session plans and discussion questions, as well as multiple format options.

[7 Love Letters from Jesus](#) Abingdon Press

A Practical Guide to Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Disciple-Making in Any Church Over the last few decades American churches have produced plenty of converts but not as many mature believers. Studies show the majority of Christians don't even understand the basics of faith. But how do you tackle such a big problem? Replicate shows church leaders how to make disciples who make disciples and get the rest of your church on board as well. This one-on-one relational ministry is how Jesus laid the foundation for His church that is still growing today, and it's how we continue the work in our own local congregations. Learn the five marks of a healthy disciple-making church, how to influence culture, uproot misconceptions of the church and the gospel, and change your church and community. No more focusing on mere numbers, it's time to grow in maturity and through multiplication.

Missional Discipleship After Christendom Victor

Christians have been told again and again that Jesus loves them, yet many have not stepped into the security and intimacy that His love provides. Whether because of poor past relationships or a lack of good examples, many struggle to find intimacy with their Savior. Now, Rebecca Hayford Bauer invites readers to step into the best love story of all. 7 Love Letters from Jesus is an in-depth study of Revelation 2 and 3, a passage of Scripture that paints a metaphorical picture of courtship, engagement and marriage to the Lamb of God. It's also a passage that Christians have sometimes misread or misunderstood—but no longer! Readers will gain a new appreciation for these vivid images for their spiritual life and begin to see how Jesus views each and every person: as worthy of His relentless pursuit.

[John Wesley's Class Meeting](#) Multnomah

Praise for The God of Intimacy and Action "Tony Campolo...and Mary Darling...are like gunpowder and a spark. The result is a dynamite book that many have been waiting a long time for." —Relevant Magazine "In 25 years, when we look back as journalists chronicling this era of religious reawakening—this book likely will turn up as a classic....This book is both a manifesto—and a sturdy guidebook—for the journey of reclaiming much that has been lost." —David Crumm, founder of Read the Spirit "Tony Campolo and Mary Darling...are two first rate minds grappling with classical and contemporary theology, and then adding to that a set of concrete practices...The Network of Spiritual Progressives (including those of us who are not Christian) can draw much wisdom and guidance from this book." —Tikkun Magazine "I know both Tony and Mary personally and can testify to the genuineness of their search for spiritual wholeness. It is a search that always holds in creative tension a profound intimacy with God through Christ with a vigorous engagement in the social realities of our day." —Richard J. Foster, author of Celebration of Discipline "Darling and Campolo sift through the dirt of Christendom and uncover the precious treasures of our faith." —Shane Claiborne, founding member of The Simple Way community; author of The Irresistible Revolution; and recovering sinner

[Crossing the Divide](#) Abingdon Press

"The banal and heart-denying culture of materialism and secularity is having a reverse effect: people are more intentional in their search for spiritual life. David Sherbino has been on the leading edge, providing those from a wide range of spiritual heritages with a new and refreshing means of entering into the life of Christ. RECONNECT, is filled with daily exercises and spiritual disciplines to help you draw close to God. David takes us, day by day into this rich and inviting life, pointing us in directions in sync with the Spirit. David's understanding of biblical theology and historic patterns of spiritual practise come together in providing a wonderfully helpful guide. It covers a period of seven weeks and if you follow it carefully, you will notice a change in your spiritual practice and devotion."

[A Disciple's Heart Leader Guide with Downloadable Toolkit](#) William Carey Publishing

As a result of the near-death experiences of many congregations today, denominational leaders are looking for ways to “revitalize” churches. The act of revitalization often starts with the assumption that what was once vital can be vital again, if church leaders simply do the same better. So congregations increase programs, budgets, and formulas. They look back in time, trying to recapture a period when the church’s role in society was vital. A church, seeking revitalization, typically does more of the same, but faster. However, the central story of our faith is the story of both death and resurrection. Followers of Christ like to live out the resurrection part of our faith, but they often aren't very comfortable dealing with what must come before resurrection - death. The church must be willing to live out its entire story, from beginning to end. The church needs to trust that God will bring to life what God wants to. This book suggests shifting away from the language of revitalization toward the story of death and resurrection.

Escobedo-Frank focuses on ten specific “re-” words to outline a strategy for dying and resurrecting again - for restarting the church: Recognize

Realize Restore Review Reform Resensitize Release Reinvigorate Reemphasize Rebirth

[The Wesley Prayer Challenge Participant Book](#) Monarch Books

Renew your passion and discover deeper commitment to God in just 21 days.

iUniverse

Everyday Disciples: Covenant Discipleship with Youth by Chris Wilterdink resources pastors, youth leaders, and youth groups with information and planning materials related to Covenant Discipleship and accountability practices. Covenant Discipleship encourages youth to connect with Christ and one another through mutual accountability. It also encourages a networked support structure for living in the world as Christ followers.

[The Only One:](#) Jess Bousa

For thirty years Randy Alcorn has been encouraging people-young and old-to pursue the rewards of sexual purity. Too often we settle for a compromised Christianity that's just a baptized version of the world's sad existence, rather than the abundant life to which God calls us. This book deals with - raising children to embrace sexual purity - providing an example of purity in the home - protecting purity in dating (at any age) - and maintaining purity in marriage. Biblical, practical, and concise, The Purity Principle is a one-stop handbook for individuals, families and churches. Some people have given up on purity. Some have never tried. Bestselling author Randy Alcorn shows us why, in this culture of impurity, the stakes are so high—and what we can do to experience the freedom of purity. Impurity will always destroy us; purity always leads to higher pleasures! Choose wisely. Let the insights of this amazing book—written for old and young, married and single—help you gain your footing on the path to truly lasting joy.

Reconnect Wesley Challenge

Accountable Discipleship: Living in God's Household is a book about pastoral leadership in the Wesleyan tradition. Pastoral leadership is the ministry of caring for the household of God. Both laity and clergy are called to this ministry. Those who read and study this book will be invited to discover their own ministry as pastoral leaders. All who follow Jesus Christ and seek to obey his teachings to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind," and "love your neighbor as yourself"* have the potential to be pastoral leaders for their congregation. They are pastoral leaders because others see and experience the grace of Jesus Christ through their lives. They are spiritual, servant leaders who follow the example of Jesus. These are ordinary people. They are laity and clergy. They are people like you. A foundational piece for anyone involved in Accountable Discipleship ministries, this resource explores a systematic approach for undertaking and accepting the challenge of personal discipleship for life. It is

designed for leaders of Accountable Discipleship ministries, members of Covenant Discipleship groups, class leaders, and clergy. *Matthew 22:37, 39 (NLT) Click here for the Leader's Guide.

90 Minutes in Heaven Abingdon Press

The Wesley Covenant Prayer has been used in Methodist services around the world on the first Sunday of the year since John Wesley introduced it in 1755. Wesley expected that people would pray this prayer as a way of remembering, renewing, and surrendering themselves in complete trust to God. When we pray it, we are to remember what living like Jesus looks like and what loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind and loving our neighbor as ourselves requires of us. In The Wesley Prayer Challenge, author Chris Folmsbee invites readers to consider words from the Wesley Covenant Prayer each day for three weeks while reflecting on their meaning in the context of the larger piece. Each day's reading will include scripture, prayer, and a challenge for daily life. Additional components for a three-week study include a comprehensive leader guide and a DVD featuring author Chris Folmsbee.

Into Thy Word Baker Books

Do you want to get on the fast track to Christian maturity? Small groups provide the ideal context for working out our salvation together. Whether you attend a small group or lead one, this book will raise your vision and inspire you to excel in the areas of service to which God has called you. And if you don't attend a small group? All the more reason you may want to read Why Small Groups? and let it change your life. The authors are all pastors from various Sovereign Grace Ministries churches.

Reignite Abingdon Press

Normal? Who's normal? Not you, that's for sure! No one you've ever met, either. None of us are normal according to God's definition, and the closer we get to each other, the plainer that becomes. Yet for all our quirks, sins, and jagged edges, we need each other. Community is more than just a word--it is one of our most fundamental requirements. So how do flawed, abnormal people such as ourselves master the forces that can drive us apart and come together in the life-changing relationships God designed us for? In Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them, teacher and bestselling author John Ortberg zooms in on the things that make community tick. You'll get a thought-provoking look at God's heart, at others, and at yourself. Even better, you'll gain wisdom and tools for drawing closer to others in powerful, impactful ways. With humor, insight, and a gift for storytelling, Ortberg shows how community pays tremendous dividends in happiness, health, support, and growth. It's where all of us weird, unwieldy people encounter God's love in tangible ways and discover the transforming power of being loved, accepted, and valued just the way we are.

[The Class Meeting](#) CMA Resources

It is not a changing culture, reduced resources, or a rescinding Christian memory that creates the greatest challenges for the church in the West. It is the lack of a clear commitment to the intentional, authentic, and contextual expressions of missional disciple-making, which will shape current and future generations of followers of Jesus to express the values of the Kingdom today. This book offers stimulating historical, biblical, and theological reflections on discipleship and considers some of the possibilities and opportunities afforded to us by our post-Christian context. Missional discipleship allows the missio Dei to shape us in our engagement our practices and sustain us in the lifelong journey of becoming and developing disciples that follow Jesus today.

[Replicate](#) Abingdon Press

Does your leadership style fit new ways of doing church--leadership that is organic and elastic and that finds ways to seize God-given opportunities?

Looking back and drawing on the ancient Christian tradition, Bob Whitesel describes seven traits for successful leadership, which he characterizes by seven symbols: O (the Greek symbol theta) - the first letter of the Greek word theos stresses that God is the source of the burden for others and provides the power to help them. Rx (the medical prescription symbol) - an emphasis on addressing the spiritual and physical health of leaders. G (a stylized “G” for “graffiti”) - the edgy, colorful, and artful collages that help define contemporary organizations. A (inspired by the recycle symbol) - the idea of recycling places, experiences and people rather than discarding them. N - emerging networks that connect people more quickly, efficiently, precisely and continuously. I - an emphasis on “incarnation”, a going “in the flesh” to serve others rather than sending surrogates. X (the Jerusalem cross with a number in each quadrant) - four types of measurement observed in Jerusalem (Acts 2:42-47), which at their core point to Christ's work on the cross. Taken together, these symbols spell out the word “organix” and represent a fundamentally new way to think about your church and how you can best lead.

[Cultivating a Life for God](#) John Wiley & Sons

Congregations are made up of people with all sorts of theologies. Pastor Mike Slaughter even says that these can stand in the way of the church’s mission of social and personal holiness. But most people do not adopt a theology on purpose, mostly they merely breathe in the prevailing cultural air. The theology “de jour” seems to be Calvinist, with its emphasis on “the elect” and “other worldly salvation.” In fact, there is so much Calvinism saturating the culture, that some do not even know there is an alternative way of thinking about their faith. They don’t know where to go to find a viable option; they don’t even know the key words to search Google. So people are left thinking like Calvinists but living with a desire to change the world, offering grace and hope to hurting people in mission and ministry—loving the least, the last, and the lost. In other words, they are living like Wesleyans. This book shows what Calvinist and Wesleyans actually believe about human responsibility, salvation, the universality of God’s grace, holy living through service, and the benefits of small group accountability--and how that connects to how people can live. Calvinists and Wesleyans are different, and by knowing the difference, people will not only see the other benefits of Wesleyan theology but will be inspired to learn more. By knowing who they are as faithful people of God, they will be motivated to reach out in mission with renewed vigor. And they won’t be obstacles to grace and holiness, but they can be better disciples and advocates for Christ through service in this world.

Living Above the Level of Mediocrity Abingdon Press

Ian Parkinson shares his experience of partnering with God to transform two very different local churches. He weaves stories from his own congregations, and draws on his experience of ministering in an inherited traditional but declining church, revealing what he has done to turn them around. The transformation of such churches is critical: there are relational links to build on within communities; there are resources in place; and

most importantly, God desires to renew his people in their sense of identity, vision, calling and anointing, even when they lose their way. In order for this to happen, there need to be leaders who are enthused and equipped to share in God's vision to be agents of change in the church for the sake of the world. This is transformational leadership. Such leadership comes about when we are gripped by a compelling vision of how God intends His Church to be, and a passion to see it move it forwards. Ian Parkinson begins with a brief overview of the true calling and identity of the Church, before examining the catalytic role of leaders in establishing practices and habits which enable the congregation to see vision become reality.
[God's House Rules Sovereign Grace Ministries](#)

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The Movement Starts with You Do you doubt you can actually make a difference in the world? Do you struggle with knowing how to express your faith in the daily routines of life? The Only One: Living Fully In, By, and For God shares simple approaches to grow as a follower of Jesus. Dive into the concepts and tools to find the connection between "being" and "doing" with God. Designed to be read, processed, shared, and used to equip others, The Only One is a tool to not only grow as a disciple, but also to make and multiply disciples. This is about living into a greater impact on the world and the purpose for which God designed you. It's time to experience life with Him, and others, as a joyful and exciting adventure—read this book and get started!