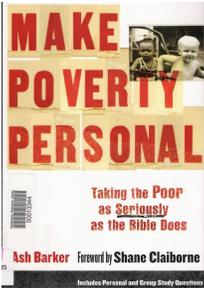


## Adult Electives & Small Group Studies



**Make Poverty Personal:**  
taking the poor as seriously  
as the Bible does.

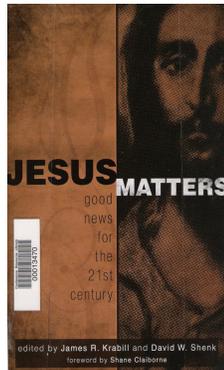
Barker, Ash. BakerBooks. 2009.  
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Includes questions for discussion at the end of each chapter and opportunity for a personal exercise.

**Jesus Matters: Good News for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.**

Edited by James Kraybill and David Shenk. Herald Press, 2009. 232.9

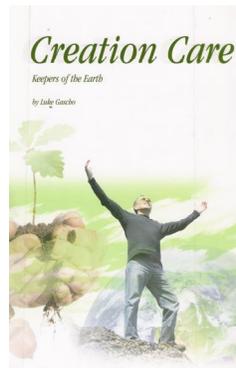
Adults team with young adults to write about and consider the various ways we encounter and experience Jesus. For personal or group study.



**Now Go Forward: Reaching Out to Grow Your Congregation.**

Eshleman, J. David. Herald Press, 2008. 254.5 Esh

Can Mennonite congregations retain their theological identity and flourish? According to the author— of course! He provides a biblical framework, emphasizes the inclusion of new members in decision making and encourages members to pay attention to the dynamics of love, forgiveness, fellowship and prayer.

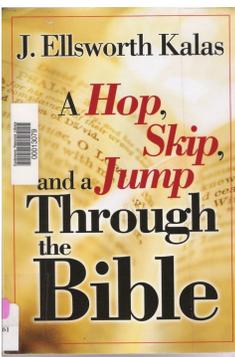


**Creation Care: keepers of the earth.**

Gascho, Luke. MMA, 2008.

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Includes 12 study session and discussion questions on creation care topics such as ethics, economics, ecological footprint, transportation, congregational responsibility.



**Hop, Skip and a Jump through the Bible.**

Kalas, J. Ellsworth. Abingdon Press, 2007. 220.61 Kal

Takes readers through the whole story of the Bible, highlighting the wonders of God's loving relationship with the human race.

**Claiming the Beatitudes: nine stories from a new generation.**

Howard, Anne Sutherland. Alban, 2009. 241.53 How

Hearing the true stories of how the Beatitudes are lived out in the lives of 20 and 30-somethings takes them out of the realm of pietistic platitudes and puts flesh and blood on them. 10 chapters, each with discussion / reflection questions.

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**Our Father's World: mobilizing the church to care for creation.**

Brown, Edward R. IVP, 2008. 261.88 Bro

Offers a biblical framework for creation care as well as practical steps that ordinary Christians can take to exercise good ecological stewardship. Includes discussion questions.

**Stretch Out Your Hand: exploring healing prayer.**

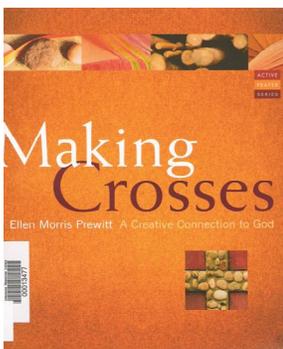
Norberg, Tilda and Robert D. Webber. Upper Room, 1998. 234.13 Nor

Suggests ways for individuals and churches to pray for healing and guidelines on beginning a healing prayer ministry. An additional leader's guide is available with study / discussion options for six weeks.

**Women & Men: gender in the church.**

Penner, Carol, editor. Herald Press, 1998. 261.8343 Wom

Recent shifts in how men and women relate to each other prompt questions for discussion: What does the Bible say about gender? What does it mean to live in a male or female body? How do we raise children in non-sexist ways?



**Making Crosses: a creative Connection to God.**

Prewitt, Ellen Paraclete, 2009. 246.558

Prewitt takes found and abandoned objects and turns them into crosses. She explains her process, her theology: the making of a cross becomes a physical way to

offer our broken selves to the God who loves, redeems and repairs us. Try this as a group!

**Serve God, Save the Planet: a Christian call to action.**

Sleeth, J. Matthew. Zondervan, 2007. 261.88 Ser

Upon discovering how the scriptural lessons of personal responsibility, simplicity, stewardship can be applied to modern life, Sleeth lays out the rationale for environmentally responsible life changes for individuals and churches. Includes discussion questions for each chapter and a whole bunch of practical ideas, actions, prayer ideas.

**Theology: think for yourself about what you believe.**

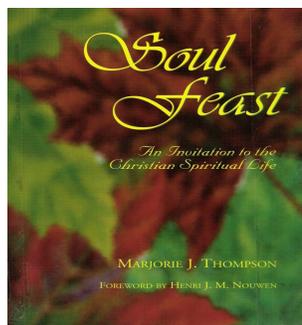
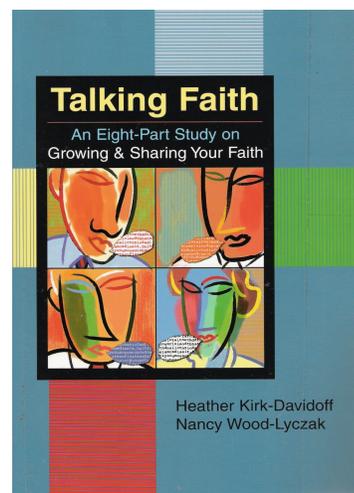
Tabb, Mark. Think, 2006. (NavPress). 230 Tab

When it comes to views on God, people seem to choose one of two perspectives. One group sees the Bible and our beliefs as black and white ideas and other group views everything as gray... What if both groups are somewhat wrong and partially right? This book provides some basic theological thought and would be a good starting point for new believers, young adults and seekers, however no prepared discussion materials.

**Talking Faith: an 8-part study on growing and sharing your faith.**

Kirk-Davidoff, Heather and Nancy Wood-Lyczak. Chalice, 2004. 269.2 Kir

A small group resource that emphasizes that faith is nurtured through conversation with God (prayer) and conversation with others (evangelism). Includes interactive exercises, songs, learning stations, meditation, prayers and more.



**Soul Feast: an invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life.**

Thompson, Marjorie J. Westminster John Knox, 1995. 248 Tho

Offers a framework for understanding spiritual disciplines as well as instruction in developing and nurturing those practices. For individual or group study.