

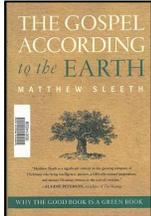


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**Ideas for Adult  
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Group Study**

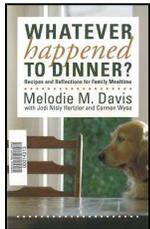
**Check It Out**  
Conference Resource  
Library  
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**The Gospel According to the Earth: why  
the good book is a green book** / Matthew Sleeth, HarperCollins,  
2009. 220.830 Sle

Retells the Bible's most familiar stories in ways that will stimulate  
your imagination and challenge you to think more deeply about  
caring for creation. No discussion questions but lots of ideas for  
group study and inspiration.

We have  
Dozens of  
DVD-based  
studies.



**Whatever Happened to Dinner: Recipes and Reflections for Family Mealtime**

Melodie Davis, Herald Press, 2010 641.5 Dav  
Great stuff for families!

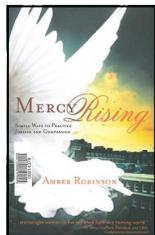
**Nature as Spiritual Practice**

Steven Chase, Eerdmans, 2011. 231.7 Cha

A wonderful mix of insights from classical spiritual teachers and nature writers, woven  
into a series of contemplative and active practices. Highlights the power of nature to  
soothe and heal the soul and encourage Christians to meditate, pray and worship out-  
doors. The accompanying



**Field Guide** includes 14 chapters and a sample retreat.



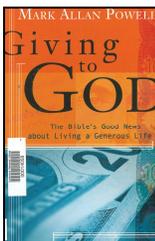
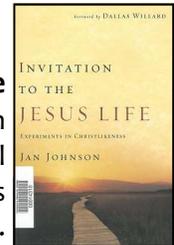
**Mercy Rising** / Amber Robinson, Beacon Hill, 2010. 261.832 Rob

Provides tools women need to make an impact for justice and compassion. Filled with  
helpful hints, insights, biblical wisdom and practical ideas.

**Invitation to the Jesus Life**

Jan Johnson, NavPress, 2008. 232.904 Joh

Offers seventeen characteristics of Jesus that help us experience spiritual  
transformation in fresh ways. Each chapter offers a menu of spiritual disciplines  
to embrace these qualities.



**Giving to God: the Bible's good news about living a generous life.** / Mark

Powell, Eerdmans, 2006. 248.6 Pow

Presents stewardship as an act of worship, an expression of faith and a discipline  
for spiritual growth. Very accessible, with discussion questions for group or  
personal study.

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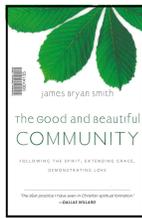
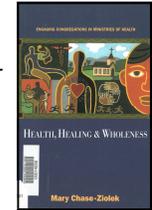
**Swimming Upstream: reflections on consumerism and culture** / Christine Roush, Design Group, 2009. 241.68 Rou

Each reflection includes stories, scripture, discussion questions, action plan, and ideas for how to swim upstream, against the flow of consumer culture.



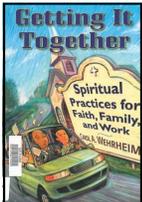
**Health, Healing & Wholeness: engaging congregations in ministries of health** / Mary Chase-Ziolek. Pilgrim Press, 2005. 261.8321 Cha

Assists congregations to engage in health care ministries. Includes a valuable congregational health assessment to discern your level of attention to issues of health, wellness and wholeness. Questions for reflection and ideas for engagement.



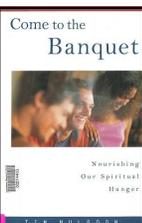
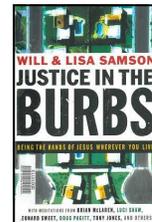
**Good and Beautiful Community: following the spirit, extending grace, demonstrating love** / James Bryan Smith. IVP Press, 2010. 264 Smi

How to live in relationship with others as apprentices of Jesus. How to bring spiritual formation and community engagement together.



**Justice in the Burbs: being the hands of Jesus wherever you are** / Will and Lisa Samson, Baker / Emergent Village, 2007. 261.8 Sam

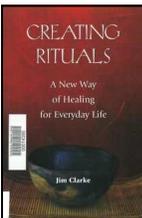
**Getting It Together: spiritual practices for faith, family and work** / Carol Wehrheim. WJK, 2002. 248.4 Weh



Direction is offered on how to use a Christian faith foundation to provide a sense of balance to the daily hurry of our lives. Each chapter includes story, scripture, spiritual discipline and leader's guide. Ideal resource for individual or group study.

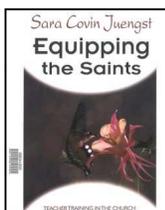
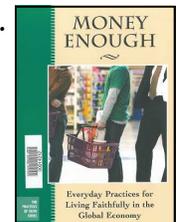
**Come to the Banquet : nourishing our spiritual hunger** / Tim Muldoon, Sheed & Ward, 2002. 248.4 Mul

A warm and welcoming invitation for young adult seekers to identify their hungers and explore how the Christian spiritual tradition might nurture them. Discussion questions for group or individual study.



**Creating Rituals: a new way of healing for everyday life** / Jim Clarke. Paulist Press, 2011 234.13 Cla

**Money enough : everyday practices for living faithfully in the global economy** / Douglas A. Hicks, Jossey-Bass, 2010. 248.6 Hic  
See [practicingourfaith.org](http://practicingourfaith.org) for a study guide.



**Equipping the saints : teacher training in the church** / Sara Covin Juengst., Westminster John Knox Press, 1998. 268.3 Jue

Provides an innovative, nine-month teacher training course that covers biblical background, basic Christian beliefs and good teaching techniques. Includes dozens of lesson plans for interactive study.