



INTRODUCTION

As we lead our small group to connect, grow, serve, pray and give together, our goal for "Grow" is to engage in life-giving discussions that increase our group's understanding of God's endless loving kindness, draw us closer to Him and help us to further understand His purpose for each of us.

In addition to recommending books and DVD series for study, we offer every attendee of Crossroads a free membership to online streaming studies through RightNow Media. To take advantage of this free gift, email us at smallgroups@crossroads.org

Our recommended studies are organized in a way to help you use our "Small Group Spiritual Health Assessment" tool. For a downloadable assessment kit, please visit crossroads.org/smallgroups and click on the "Grow Your Group" link.

CONNECT

Beginner

"The Purpose Driven Life: What On Earth Am I Here For?" - Rick Warren

The Purpose-Driven Life is a manifesto for Christian living in the 21st century...a lifestyle based on eternal purposes, not cultural values. Using biblical stories and letting the Bible speak for itself, Warren clearly explains God's five purposes for each of us. Resources available at purposedriven.com

"Simplify:Unclutter Your Soul" - Bill Hybels

In this four-week study, bestselling author Bill Hybels shares his own story of the wake-up call that changed everything—and the steps he took to simplify his life before it was too late. You'll discover how to stop living at such a frenetic pace and begin charting a new course toward satisfaction, purpose, and significance. Available on Rightnow Media

Intermediate

"All The Places To Go" - John Ortberg

Rarely in the Bible does God tell someone to "stay." He opens a door and invites us to walk through it. In this study John Ortberg opens our eyes to open doors God places before us, and encourages us to step out in faith...Available on Rightnow Media

"When Work and Family Collide" - Andy Stanley

Let's face it. With all the demands of the workplace and all the details of a family it's only a matter of time before one bumps into the other. Andy Stanley will help you establish priorities and boundaries to protect what you value most.

Advanced

"Soul Keeping" - John Ortberg

The health of your soul isn't just a matter of saved or unsaved. It's the hinge on which the rest of your life hangs. It's the difference between deep, satisfied spirituality and a restless, dispassionate faith. Book, study guide and DVD available on Amazon.



GROW

Beginner

“(Un)Qualified: How God Uses Broken People to Do Big Things” - Steven Furtick

Peel back the assumptions you’ve made about yourself and see yourself as God sees you. Because true peace and confidence come not from worldly perfection but from acceptance: God’s acceptance of you, your acceptance of yourself, and your acceptance of God’s process of change.

Order book and sign up for free online Bible Study: <http://iamunqualified.com>

“S.H.A.P.E. - Finding & Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose For Life” - Saddleback Church

This is a great small group “launch” study to help your group members identify their unique design, their contribution to your small group and to the world.”

<http://www.saddlebackresources.com/products/shape-study-guide>

Intermediate

“If - Trading Your ‘If Only’ Regrets for God’s ‘What If’ Possibilities” - Mark Batterson

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With his trademark enthusiasm, Mark Batterson helps us overcome feelings of guilt, fear, and doubt because in Christ there is no condemnation. Unpacking the promises of Romans 8, he shows us that we are more than conquerors—right now and forever. Because of that, the possibilities for our lives are limitless. Curriculum available on Amazon - videos available on Rightnow Media

“BUILT” - Louie Giglio

What does it mean to be built? How do we build a life that, like a wisely built house, stands the test of time? Built dives into what it means to let Jesus build your life like a house, from the foundation to the rooftop. Available on Rightnow Media

Advanced

“Fresh Air” by Chris Hodges

Ever feel like "There's gotta be something more!?" You'll be refreshed with insights on how you can get out of the doldrums, revive your spirit, and experience God's presence in a real, tangible, feel-it-everyday kind of way. It's time to start discovering what God has in store for you!

“Four Cups - God’s Timeless Promise For A Life Of Fulfillment” - Chris Hodges

Pastor Chris Hodges shares an astonishing truth: The key to your spiritual fulfillment is found in four promises that God first spoke to His people in the Old Testament. And those are still at the core of his heart and plans for you today. Full curriculum available at <http://fourcups.net> - Videos also available on Rightnow Media.

SERVE

Beginner

“The Cause Within You” - Matthew Barnett

If you are hungry for a life full of passion instead of apathy; if you are ready to use your specific gifts and abilities to make a mark on the world; if you need to be reminded that God loves you and has a plan for your life—The Cause Within You is the book that can change everything. Resources available at www.thecausewithinyou.com



"Do Something!" - Miles McPherson

Everyone wants their life to count. We all wish we could make a difference in a hurting world. The good news is that we can. Despite our own brokenness (and, in fact, because of it) each of us can be Jesus's hands and feet on Earth, reaching out to others in real and profound ways. This is a book study with videos available on Rightnow Media.

Intermediate

"In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day" - Mark Batterson

Your greatest regret at the end of your life will be the lions you didn't chase. You will look back longingly on risks not taken, opportunities not seized, and dreams not pursued. Stop running away from what scares you most and start chasing the God-ordained opportunities that cross your path. Book Study

Advanced

"Servolution" - Dino Rizzo

Servolution will make you laugh, make you cry, and above all it will make you ready to serve others like never before. And through the practical ideas and strategies in every chapter, you'll get a jump start on sparking your own servolution where you are. Resources available at www.servolution.org

PRAY

Beginner

"Before Amen" - Max Lucado

Distilling prayers in the Bible down to one pocket-sized prayer, Max reminds readers that prayer is not a privilege for the pious nor the art of a chosen few. Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and his child. Let the conversation begin. Resources available at maxlucado.com/listen/before-amen-challenge

"ASK: Ask-Seek-Knock" - Church of the Highlands

What is Prayer? What does it mean to seek first? How do I pray God's will? Find answers to these questions and more as you unlock the most powerful tool we have as believers: Prayer. This 10-week study will bring you deeper into a relationship with God as you discover His desire to live through you into the world around you. Curriculum available by emailing smallgroups@crossroads.org

Intermediate

"The Circle Maker" - Mark Batterson

Prayer isn't just a mechanism by which we accomplish great things for God. It's a mechanism whereby God accomplishes great things in us. Curriculum and boo available at www.thecirclemaker.com

"Sun Stand Still" - Steven Furtick

Steven Furtick challenges all of us—from the missionary in the third world to the family in the suburbs—to believe God for the impossible and begin living a life of faith beyond the ordinary. - Book Study



Advanced

"Fasting" - Jentezen Franklin

Commit to fasting, prayer and giving throughout the year and watch as God releases His hand of blessing over your entire year. Make fasting a regular part of your life and see how He supernaturally opens doors for you. Resources available at www.jentezenfranklin.org/fasting

GIVE

Beginner

"The Blessed Life" - Robert Morris

A dream home... wonderful kids... the ideal job....and an overwhelming feeling of absolute emptiness...there's so much more! Join Pastor Robert as he shares how to have a blessed life. You'll discover that there's so much more to life! Resources available at www.theblessedlife.com

"You, Me & Money" - Jimmy Evans

In this teaching series Jimmy Evans unpacks Biblical principles for building generational wealth and digs deeper into spiritual laws for financial blessing. You don't have to live with financial bondage. In three powerful sessions, you can learn to combat generational lack, break free from financial curses and take hold of the future God has for your family. Videos available on Rightnow Media.

Intermediate

"Financial Peace University" - Dave Ramsey

We all need a plan for our money. Through videos, discussions and small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed. Learn how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu>

Advanced

"The Legacy Journey" - Dave Ramsey

The Legacy Journey is a seven-week, biblically based class that teaches you how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come. This class will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, purposeful living, safeguarding your legacy, and discovering the keys to generational wealth and true generosity. Resources available at www.daveramsey.com

FAMILIES

"Love & Respect" - Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs

What is Love and Respect? We believe love best motivates a woman and respect most powerfully motivates a man. Research reveals that during marital conflict a husband most often reacts when feeling disrespected and a wife reacts when feeling unloved. Though we all need love and respect equally, the felt need differs during conflict, and this difference is as different as pink is from blue! Resources available at loveandrespect.com and some videos available on Rightnow Media.

"Return To Intimacy" - Jimmy Evans

The latest and most comprehensive teaching series by Jimmy Evans on how to build inner closeness from scratch, recapture passion and romance, and achieve the highest level of fulfillment in your marriage. Videos available on Right Now Media, and other resources at marriagetoday.com



"Your Child - Essentials of Discipline" - Focus on the Family

For more than 60 years, so-called experts have offered permissive and unworkable advice to parents about child rearing. Your Child, through experts such as Dr. James Dobson, offers solid counsel and advice on how to effectively discipline children and lead them with confidence.

"Dealing With Today's Teens" - Mark Gregston

Gregston provides proven answers and practical strategies for parents to prevent their teens from falling prey to the culture in which they live. Mark's teaching is biblical, loving and relational and helps keep open and honest relationships while dealing with behavior, lifestyle and choices in life. Resources available at www.heartlightministries.org

WOMEN

"The Best Yes" - Lysa TerKeurst

Are you living with the stress of an overwhelmed schedule and aching with the sadness of an underwhelmed soul? Lysa TerKeurst is learning that there is a big difference between saying yes to everyone and saying yes to God.

"For The Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards" - Jen Hatmaker

Life can be lovely and fun and courageous and kind. And Jesus' embarrassing grace is the key to dealing with life's biggest challenge: people. In this study, Jen reveals how to break free of guilt and shame by dismantling the unattainable Pinterest life, learn to engage cultural issues with a grace-first approach, be liberated to love and release the burden of always being right.

"Stuck" - Jennie Allen

So many of us live stuck - in so many spaces. God has a plan for these spaces inside of us, the places we feel broken, but we have to go to Him. "Stuck" is a journey to take an honest look at the fight going on inside, leading us to the God who has a plan to restore it, to restore us.

"Uninvited" - Lysa TerKeurst

With biblical depth, gut-honest vulnerability, and refreshing wit, Lysa will help you stop feeling left out, change your tendency to either fall apart or control the actions of others and overcome the two core fears that feed your insecurities by understanding the secret of belonging.

MEN

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"Fight" - Craig Groeschel

Craig Groeschel explores the life of Samson, helping you uncover who you really are—a man created with a warrior's heart in the image of God—and how to stand up and fight for what's right.



"Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of A Man's Soul" - John Eldredge

Every man was once a boy. And every little has dreams...But what happens to those dreams when we grow up? Walk into most churches, have a look around, and ask yourself: What is a Christian man? Without listening to what is said, look at what you find there. Most Christian men are...bored. John Eldredge invites men to recover their masculine heart, defined in the image of a passionate God.

"Your Move" - Andy Stanley

Throughout our lives, we are confronted with decisions we never anticipated having to make. So, what do you do when it's your move and you aren't sure what to do? In this 4-part series, Andy Stanley offers four powerful questions that will help you determine your best move. Resources available at store.northpoint.org

"Extraordinary: the Life You're Meant to Live" - John Bevere

John Bevere reveals how all of us were "meant for more," extraordinarily created and intended for a life that is anything but ordinary. Here is the roadmap for your journey of transformation. You are marked for a life that far surpasses the usual definitions of success or fulfillment.

"Enemies of the Heart" - Andy Stanley

The difficult circumstances you are dealing with today are likely being fed by one of four emotional forces that compels you to act in undesirable ways, sometimes even against your will. Andy offers practical, biblical direction to help you fight back, to take charge of those feelings that mysteriously control you, and to restore your broken relationships.

"Everyman Ministries" - Keny Luck

This is a powerful online curriculum subscription tool for men's groups. For a low monthly fee, your men's group can access over 60 online studies that encourage, empower and equip men of all walks and ages. More informatio at www.everymanministries.com

YOUNG ADULTS

"Killing Lions: A Guide Through The Trials Young Men Face" - John Eldridge

We want to be self-sufficient. Find our own direction as we pursue our dreams. Know it all and never ask for help. Isn't this how most guys approach manhood? On our own, pretending we are doing better than we really are? But sooner or later the thrill of independence gets lost in the fog of isolation. It's time to take the pressure off. We were never meant to figure life out on our own.

"The Best Question Ever" - Andy Stanley

You are about to be introduced to a question that will revolutionize the way you make decisions. Over the past twenty years, speaker and author Andy Stanley has shared the power of this question with thousands of students and adults all over the country. Designed for small group or personal use, this study will take you through the process of making wise decisions.

"Transformed: How God Changes Us" - Rick Warren

The world is shouting for our attention with answers to our relationship struggles, solutions to our financial trouble, and explanations to our search for meaning. But the world's promises leave us empty and searching for more. God's Word is the only answer that promises to transform our lives from the inside out.



STUDENTS

"Greater" - Steven Furtick

We all have honest moments when we're gripped by a desire to feel that what we're doing matters more. That who we are matters more...If you're tired of being ordinary, it's time to dream bigger. If you're feeling overwhelmed about where to begin, it's time to start smaller. It's time to ignite God's greater vision for your life.

"Undaunted-Student Edition" - Christine Caine

Christine Caine uses her dramatic life story to show teens how God rescued her from a life where she was unnamed, unwanted, and unqualified. She tells how she overcame abuse, abandonment, fears, and other challenges to go on a mission of adventure, fueled by faith and filled with love and courage.

"Jesus Is: Find a New Way to be Human" - Judah Smith

The Jesus Is DVD-Based Study will help participants discover how to have a deeper, lasting relationship with Jesus, and to commune with and grow in Him. Judah Smith will show you that Jesus is more than a good teacher, more than an inspiring leader. He is the point of all life.

"The God I Never Knew" - Robert Morris

Most Christians can grasp God as Father and Jesus as his Son, but where does the Holy Spirit fit in? Clarifying the mystery surrounding the Trinity's Third Person, Morris explains the Spirit's role in the believer's life and reveals the qualities that make him such a great friend.