

New Resources August 2011

DVD

Digital Disciple: Real Christianity in a Virtual World by Adam Thomas

A six-session study that explores the connection and isolation we experience through the high tech world of the Internet, and how our faith fits into this context in which we are digital disciples. Includes book with reflection and discussion questions.

Embracing Emergence Christianity: Phyllis Tickle on the Church's Next Rummage Sale by Phyllis Tickle with Tim Scorer

A six-session study that examines 2000 years of Western history and the great upheavals in Western history and Christianity every 500 years, ending with the current "Great Emergence." Each session includes a presentation of 10-15 minutes followed by a small group discussion with the presenter. Includes discussion guide.

Sunday Asylum: Being the Church in Occupied Territory by Stanley Hauerwas

This is a five-session study that looks at the role of the church in today's society and what it means to be citizens of God's Kingdom. Includes five video sessions of about five minutes each, commentary, and discussion questions.

VeggieTales: Josh and the Big Wall, Rack, Shack & Benny, It's a Meaningful Life, and Saint Nicholas by Phil Vischer

Classic VeggieTales stories in which the vegetable characters retell biblical stories and reinforce Christian principles.

What's in the Bible? By Phil Vischer

This is a new DVD series by the creator of *VeggieTales*. Each DVD contains two 25-minute segments that engage children in the biblical story from beginning to end. Vol. 1: In the Beginning; Vol. 2: Let My People Go; Vol. 3: Wanderin' in the Desert; Vol. 4: Battle for the Promised Land; Vol. 5: Israel Gets a King!

BOOKS

Five Practices for Children by Rita B. Hayes

Based on *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase, this book provides tools for churches to engage children in learning about the experiencing the Five Practices. Includes a workshop for leaders about each practice, lesson plans with reproducible sheets, and suggestions for families.

Five Practices of Fruitful Youth Ministry: A Youth Leader's Guide by Robert Schnase and Terry B. Carty

This book contains ten sessions that teach the fundamentals of radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity.

***Leadership and Listening: Spiritual Foundations for Church Governance* by Donald E. Zimmer**

The author observes that the contemporary church is rooted in both the kingdom of God and the systems and cultures of government and business, and he believes that church leaders must fundamentally change the way they view leadership, governance, and management in their organizations if they are to take seriously the need to listen to God's desires before acting. Through interviews with more than one hundred church leaders, Zimmer identifies insights and resources that can help church boards shift from a management focus toward their primary task of discerning God's will.

***Let Us Reason Together: Christians and Jews in Conversation* ed. by Joseph D. Small and Gilbert S. Rosenthal**

This book is the result of a series of consultations between the PC(U.S.A.) and the National Council of Synagogues that began in 2005. It addresses a theological understanding of the relationship between Christians and Jews, covenantal partnership, the significance of the land of Israel, and conversion and proselytizing.

***Seeing Red Cars* by Laura Goodrich**

Executive coach Laura Goodrich explores how to develop a positive attitude and motivation to move forward with a sense of purpose. Includes worksheets.

***To Be Reformed: Living the Tradition* by Joseph D. Small**

The author explores the question: what is the value of the Reformed tradition in today's rapidly changing world. He discusses Reformed perspectives on tradition and modernity, theology and culture, and faith and secularity.

***Upside Living in a Downside Economy* by Mike Slaughter**

The author offers insight into seeking God's perspective in the financial aspects of daily life. Topics include financial and spiritual investments, personal motivation and God's will, and determining priorities.