

Curriculum Available at Mount Hope

Bell, Rob. Nooma. (DVD).

This DVD series is consistently growing, as a new DVD is released about every six months. Each session tackles a different topic or idea. Rob Bell narrates a 10-12 minute video and then there are discussion questions to follow.

Cloud, Henry, Bill Donahue and John Townsend. ReGroup: Training Groups to be Groups. 2007 (DVD and Book).

This DVD series is designed to teach a community group how to be a true community. It is very practical in nature and talks about getting connected, listening, setting ground rules and determining purpose. There are four basic sessions. If this curriculum would not fit your group it might be something you as a leader would want to watch in order to grow.

Crown Financial Ministries. Discovering God's Way of Handling Money. 2001 (VHS).

The Bible has more than 2,500 verses dealing with money and this study will guide the group into not only discovering what the Bible has to say about money, but also how they can apply that knowledge into their daily lives. There are eight sessions and a workbook that each group member (or couple) would need.

Dobson, James. Bringing Up Boys. 2003 (VHS).

Based upon Dobson's best-selling book of the same name this 12 session study focuses on what a man's role should be according to scripture and how the way parents' raise their boys will affect them positively or negatively in the future.

Hayes, Clancy. Truths for Life: The Doctrine Course for Spirit-Filled Adults. 2000 (VHS).

A thirteen-session study that focuses specifically on Pentecostal theology and doctrine. Each session begins with a short film that is a drama of a small group attempting to tackle tough issues such as The Trinity, Jesus' Humanity, and being filled with the Spirit. There are then discussion questions for the group to answer.

Holladay, Tom and Kay Warren. Foundations: 11 Core Truths to Build Your Life Upon. 2003 (CD with PowerPoint Presentations).

This study is the doctrinal course at Saddleback Church where Rick Warren is the pastor. There are 24 sessions that cover 11 foundational truths including Scripture, the Trinity, Salvation, Sanctification, and the Church. This study is designed to be a classroom-type experience, but does include discussion questions for a small group.

Hybels, Bill, Mark Mittelberg, and Lee Strobel. Becoming a Contagious Christian. 1994 (VHS).

Even though this is an older curriculum it is one that is still relevant. Becoming a Contagious Christian is the evangelism course taught at Willow Creek Church. This can either be taught in four or eight sessions and encourages participants to develop a love for Jesus Christ that is so contagious those around them desire that same relationship.

Gumbel, Nicky. The Alpha Course. 1995 (VHS).

The Alpha Course has 15 sessions and covers the basics of the Christian Faith. This course comes out of the Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London and has been used around the world. There is a 20-25 minute video, which is lecture style, and then discussion questions for the group to answer.

Ingram, Chip. *Effective Parenting in a Defective World*. 2003 (DVD).

In this study Chip Ingram shares his experiences in raising 4 children. He describes his own struggles with his children's teenage rebellion, and how God worked to eventually draw all his children to Himself. This is a nine-session study designed to give parents simple keys and principles to help them raise their children in a flawed world.

Moore, Beth. *Daniel: Lives of Integrity Words of Prophecy*. 2006 (DVD).

This 12-session study deals with Daniel's life. Daniel faced the kind of pressures and temptations Christians encounter today as well delivered prophecies that are continuing to be fulfilled today. The discussion revolves around the relevancy of Daniel's life and prophecies in the world. This study can easily be broken into two six-session studies.

Piper, John. *Battling Unbelief: Defeating Sin with Superior Pleasure*. (DVD).

John Piper is surely one of the most effective communicators of our time. This study includes ten 30 minute sessions in which Piper shows how to get rid of the sin that weighs us down. There are talks on anxiety, pride, shame, impatience, covetousness, bitterness, despondency, and lust. It would be easy to pick out six of these sessions to use with your group.

Ortberg, John. *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've got to Get Out of the Boat*. 2003 (DVD or VHS).

What does Jesus' invitation to Peter to get out and walk on water mean for us today? The six sessions in this study define not only what it means to walk on water in the modern world, but helps group members to discern God's call in their life, take risks, manage failure, and trust God.

Ortberg, John. The Life you've always Wanted. 2004 (DVD or VHS).

This study is designed for those to whom Christian Life has become mundane and routine. In this six-session study John Ortberg encourages believers to rearrange their priorities, spend more quality time with the Lord, and ultimately to experience a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ than they ever thought possible.

Ortberg, John and Ruth Haley Barton. An Ordinary Day with Jesus: Experiencing the Reality of God in your Everyday Life. 2001 (VHS and PowerPoint).

The goal of this study is to help Christians recognize the presence of God in the midst of everyday life. There are eight lessons included which cover topics such as inviting Christ to work alongside you, recognizing the Holy Spirit's voice, time alone with God, and experiencing an entire day with Jesus.

Stanley, Andy. Go Fish: Because of What's on the Line. 2005 (DVD).

There are six sessions in this series that focuses on the importance of evangelism as well as the practice of evangelism. Last year, all the small groups at Mount Hope did this study together, but if your group was not involved at that time, this would be an excellent study to do.

Stanley, Andy and Reggie Joiner. Parental Guidance Required. 2004 (DVD).

This six-session study is designed to help parents succeed in the greatest task they have, taking care of the children God has given them. This series is designed to help parents prepare their children emotionally and spiritually for the future. The study is designed to be informative, but also to be very practical.

Stott, John. The Bible & the Christian Life. 2006 (DVD).

John Stott is widely recognized as one of the world's best teachers of scripture. There are six sessions in this course and it centers on the authority, interpretation, and use of Scripture. This is an excellent resource for those wondering how we know the Bible is true and how we should go about interpreting the Word of God.

Yancey, Philip. The Jesus I Never Knew. 1998 (VHS).

Based upon Philip Yancey's book of the same name this study attempts to deepen the group's understanding of and ultimately their relationship with Jesus Christ. There are 14 sessions in this study and the video clips feature not only Yancey, but also images and film clips of various depictions of Jesus Christ from across the centuries.

Yancey, Philip. What's so Amazing about Grace? 2000 (VHS).

The ten sessions in this study are designed to give participants an encounter with the grace of God unlike any they have had before. During these weeks grace is defined and Yancey teaches how to incorporate the grace of God into everyday life.

Some Notes on the Curricula:

Note #1: This is not the entirety of Mt. Hope's library.

There are some other studies available, however, they are not listed here for various reasons. Some are just plain outdated and I'm assuming that you have long gotten rid of your Laserdisc and BETA players. In some cases, the study is not listed because the VHS tapes are damaged, but we still have leader and participant guides. Other studies, are designed to take place in more of a classroom or retreat type setting, but could be adapted to fit a small group format.

Note #2: On the community groups calendar we allow for six sessions, but many of the studies are longer.

Nearly every study could easily be trimmed down to six sessions and I would be happy to help review the material and shape it to what would work for our groups.

Note #3: These studies are not free.

Not only are these studies not free, but also in many cases they are not cheap. Mount Hope will plan to buy the curriculum and study guides for the times all the groups are doing the same material, but if your group chooses to do a study that the church does not own or a study in which every participant needs to purchase a study guide the church would probably only be able to cover a portion of the cost.