

Connect Group Study Resources

Love Does by Bob Goff (available in the Perimeter Church bookstore)

In *Love Does*, a five-session, video-based small group study, you will discover the whimsy of *New York Times* best-selling author Bob Goff through a sometimes humorous, thought-provoking, meaningful lesson that makes faith in God simple and real.

You will discover the paradigm shifts, musings, and stories from one of the world's most delightfully engaging and winsome people. What fuels his impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action, just like Jesus did. Bob believes *Love Does*.

When *Love Does*, life gets interesting. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude just might inspire you to be secretly incredible too.

This small group study is based on the *New York Times* best-selling book, *Love Does*, and features five 10-12 minute video sessions with Bob Goff and is designed for use with the *Love Does* Study Guide.

Gospel Matters by Tim Keller (available in the Perimeter Church bookstore)

This seven-session study guide by Timothy Keller will excite Christians about the gospel, and apply it to every aspect of their lives.

Gospel Matters takes us to the heart of a dispute of eternal significance. The Galatian church was torn between the view that their efforts saved them, and the gospel, which told them that it was Christ's work, not theirs, that mattered. The choice still confronts us today making this a hugely relevant and exciting book to study.

The Reason for God by Tim Keller (available in the Perimeter Church bookstore)

This six-session small group Bible study, *The Reason for God*, captures live and unscripted conversations with a group of people to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, and Scripture, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity.

In his New York Times bestselling book *The Reason for God*, Timothy Keller established himself as a modern-day C. S. Lewis who brings together faith and intellect, theology and popular culture, modern-day objections and historic Christian beliefs.

Now fans of the book will find resources to help them engage with those same objections, drawing on recent scholarship and debates. *The Reason for God* small group Bible study can be used individually, with groups, or by any believer who is engaging with friends who don't share his or her beliefs.

Christians will be challenged to wrestle with their friends and neighbors' hardest questions, and to engage those questions in ways that will spark an honest, enriching, and humbling dialogue, as is modeled during the sessions.

The Reason for God DVD and Discussion Guide (both included in this pack) are designed to help small groups and individuals dig deeper into objections of the Christian faith and to learn about both sides of the issues.

Gospel in Life by Tim Keller (available in the Perimeter Church bookstore)

Join author and pastor Timothy Keller in this eight-session small group Bible study, *Gospel in Life*, to explore how the gospel can change your heart, community, and how you live out the Gospel in our world.

In week one you and your group will study the city, your home now, the world that is. Week eight closes with the theme of the eternal city, your heavenly home, the world that is to come. In between you'll learn how the gospel can change your heart, your community, and how you live in this world.

This Participant Guide is filled with helpful discussion starters, video overviews, thought-provoking narrative from Keller, a helpful Leader's Guide and 230 pages of content designed to help you learn and process. The *Gospel in Life* DVD,

features eight 10-15 minute teaching sessions from Timothy Keller. Both are included in this pack.

Portrait of a Struggle by Paul David Tripp (available in the Perimeter Church bookstore)

In Portrait of a Struggle, Paul Tripp masterfully shows us how God's Grace and Love play out on the stage of life's difficulties.

Why are the normal things of everyday life such a struggle? Why is communication so difficult? Why do relationships end up disappointing us? Why do all of us struggle with anger? God has chosen to keep his children in relationships with flawed people in situations in a broken world. But we do not need to be discouraged; God is using all of this to do wonderful things in us and through us. Don't give way to ugly anger. Don't be paralyzed by discouragement. Come and watch a portrait be painted of a much better way. Ten 25 minute sessions on 3 DVDs - Includes a downloadable Leader's Guide and Discussion Guide great for small group use. (Great supplemental reading for this DVD small group resource is Paul Tripp's book Broken Down House)

Philippians by Matt Chandler (DVD set available for check out in Connect Groups' resource library)

Join Matt Chandler, teaching pastor of The Village Church in Dallas, TX, as he walks us through this most intimate of all Paul's letters and paints a beautiful picture of what it is to be a mature Christian.

Using Paul's radical letter to the Philippians as his road map, Matt Chandler forsakes the trendy to invite readers into authentic Christian maturity.

The short book of Philippians is one of the most quoted in the Bible, yet Paul wrote it not for the popular sound bites, but to paint a picture of a mature Christian faith. While many give their lives to Jesus, few then go on to live a life of truly vibrant faith.

In this disruptively inspiring study, Chandler offers tangible ways to develop a faith of pursuing, chasing, knowing, and loving Jesus. Because if we clean up our lives but don't get Jesus, we've lost! So let the goal be Him. To live is Christ, to die

is gain—this is the message of the letter. Therefore, our lives should be lived to Him, through Him, for Him, with Him, about Him—*everything* should be about Jesus.

Mingling of Souls by Matt Chandler (DVD set will be available for check out after January 29th in the Connect Groups' resource library)

In a culture where the foundations of attraction, love, marriage, and sex are rapidly eroding, Matt Chandler offers an eternal, counter-intuitive perspective from the biblical book Song of Solomon. Scripture says we're to nurture our hearts above all else – yet we are inundated with songs, movies, and advice that contradicts and cheapens God's design for love and intimacy.

Matt Chandler, one of today's top Christian voices, helps navigate these issues for both singles and marrieds. In *The Mingling of Souls*, he reveals the process Solomon himself followed – Attraction, Courtship, Marriage...even Arguing. Topics such as "Conflict will Define Your Marriage", and "Sex is Romantic, Gentle, Sensuous, Godly" will radically change how participants view – and approach – love.

Balancing Life's Demands: Biblical Priorities for a Busy Life by Chip Ingram (DVD set available for check out in the Connect Groups' resource library)

Do you need help prioritizing your life? If so, you're not alone. The frantic pace of life is wearing many of us out. Our biggest struggle is balancing all of the stuff we have and do. Every week we juggle a long list of "to do's." Go to work... church... school... gym...grocery store... spend time with kids, friends, family, etc. Repeat.

But have we ever slowed down long enough to evaluate our priorities or even find out what *God's* priorities are for our lives? God knows that when the stuff of our life gets out of balance, devastating things happen. That's why He wants to help get us get our lives back in balance!

This series (including 10 30-minute sessions) will provide you with some tools to help you get a handle on your busy life and help you to bring your priorities under the submission of God for His glory and your good.

Community Bible Experience (DVD preview available in the Connect Groups' resource library)

Nothing is more important to spiritual growth than regular, meaningful engagement in God's Word. Yet we all know it's not happening. Nine out of ten churchgoers say they need help understanding the Bible in depth; but 4 out of 5 say this need isn't being met.

Community Bible Experience reconnects people with Scripture as it was meant to be read—not just a verse here or there, but whole books. Understood in context. Engaged in community.

Please email Christi at christia@perimeter.org with any questions or for further support.