

COH's
Resource & Reading List
for Elders, Small Group and Ministry Leaders

FELLOWSHIP GROUP DYNAMICS

*Mahaney, C. J. *Why Small Groups: Together Toward Maturity*. (PDI Communications, 1996). The best book out there on the theology and practice of a small group.

Nyquist, James and Kuhatschek. *Leading Bible Discussions*. (InterVarsity, 1985). An excellent, brief handbook of the basic skills of leading inductive bible studies.

McBride, Neal. *How to Lead Small Groups*. (NavPress, 1990). A brief "how to" book on the role of group leader. Excellent. Basic.

Navigators. *How to Lead Small Group Bible Studies*. (NavPress, 1982). Especially helpful discussion of group interaction, asking questions, and evaluating the study. Also, advice on overcoming common problems. Basic.

Gorman, Julie. *Community that is Christian*. (Victor, 1994). A wonderful new book about the potential for creating caring community through small groups. Moderate.

Icenogle, Gareth. *Biblical Foundations for Small Group Ministry*. (InterVarsity, 1994). Explores the theological basis behind small groups. Moderate-Advanced.

Lohfink, Gerhard. *Jesus and Community*. (Fortress, 1984). Traces how central the formation of a community was to the ministry of Jesus and the influence this had on the early church.

Haurewas, Stanley and Willimon, William. *Resident Aliens*. (Augsburg, 1989). A call for the church to be a community which is distinct from the rest of society.

Clapp, Rodney. *A Peculiar People*. (InterVarsity, 1996). A delightfully written book which urges the church to be the church - a people with values which are at odds with the rest of culture.

Arnold, Jeffrey. *The Big Book on Small Groups*. (InterVarsity, 1992). A small group training book that can supplement your Redeemer training. Nothing new, but thorough. Basic.

Good Things Come in Small Groups (Written by a Small Group). (InterVarsity, 1985). The most important elements in a balanced, dynamic small group. The lists of additional resources, questions, forms, evaluations, etc. in the back third of the book are worth reviewing. Basic.

George, Carl. *Prepare Your Church for the Future*. (Revell, 1991). The foundational book regarding the “Meta-church”, small group model. Explains the biblical and sociological case for adopting the Meta-church model. Moderate-Advanced.

Neighbour, Ralph. *Where Do We Go From Here? (A Guidebook for the Small Group Church)*. (Touch Publications, 1990). A more radically detailed version of the small group model church. Excellent analysis of the dynamics of group life. Advanced.

Jones, Jerry. *201 Great Questions*. (NavPress, 1988). The name says it all. Basic.

Stock, Gregory. *The Book of Questions*. (Workman Publishing, 1987). Ditto. Basic.

Crabb, Larry. *Connecting*. (Word, 1997). An essential book for every leader to read. Crabb challenges the church to adopt an approach that centers around building intimate, healing mini-communities in our lives and churches. Moderate-Advanced.

PASTORAL CARE, DISCIPLESHIP AND EVANGELISM

1. Discipleship

Packer, J.I. *Knowing God*. (InterVarsity, 1994 edition). Practically “required reading” for young believers. Many cite this as the best book that they’ve read on the essentials of relationship with God; read again and again. Written for new and mature Christians; however, Packer is not “light” reading. A classic. Basic-Moderate.

Ferguson, Sinclair. *The Christian Life*. (Banner of Truth, 1989). A wonderful, brief summary of the basic doctrines of the Christian life: grace, salvation, repentance, adoption, perseverance, sanctification, etc. Written for the beginner, although mature believers gain from reading it as well. Basic-Moderate. Also, his work *The Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Life in a Fallen World* – deals with Jesus’ sermon in a crisp, concise and readable way.

Lewis, C.S. *Mere Christianity*. (Collier/MacMillan, 1943). One of the best books to give to new Christians or nonbelievers. A classic. Basic.

Moore, T.M. *Shepherding God’s Flock*. (Chesapeake Publications, 1997). A workbook to help elders in local churches begin to take up the work that God uniquely prepared for them, that of shepherding.

Moore, T.M. *Teaching in the Spirit*. (Chesapeake Publications, 1991). A workbook to help leaders more effectively teach God’s Word.

Pippert, Rebecca Manley. *Hope Has its Reasons*. (InterVarsity, 1991). Give this one to nonbelieving friends and new Christians (of course, read it yourself first). A presentation of the gospel appealing to modern readers. Basic.

White, John. *The Fight*. (InterVarsity, 1976). A discipleship guide, it covers much of the basics of Christian life. Good for beginners. Called “a practical handbook for Christian living.” A classic. Basic.

Stott, John. *Basic Christianity*. (Eerdmans reprint). A comprehensive defense of Christianity for non-Christians who have rejected it because they see it as an affront to logic. Basic. Also, his work on the Sermon on the Mount, *Christian Counter-Culture* practically applies Jesus' message for us today.

Stott, John. *The Contemporary Christian*. Discipleship in the modern world. Basic.

Guest, John. *Beating Mediocrity: Six Habits of the Highly Effective Christian*. (Formerly titled "Go For It", Baker, 1993). A standard discipleship book. Basic.

Lovelace, Richard. *Dynamics of Spiritual Life*. (InterVarsity, 1979). A deep study of spiritual renewal and revival and what dynamics in your life (and the life of the church) cultivate renewal. The chapter in this handbook, *Dynamics of Spiritual Renewal*, is based partly on Lovelace's work. An important book for many. Moderate-Advanced.

Gerstner, John. *Theology for Everyman*. (Moody). A clarified outline of theology written for the non-theologian. Basic-Moderate.

MacDonald, Gordon. *Forging a Real World Faith*. (Oliver-Nelson, 1989). Focused on confronting the world with your Christian faith, written while he was a pastor in New York. Basic.

Stanley and Clinton. *Connecting*. (NavPress, 1992). The dynamics of mentoring relationships; how to find the right kinds of mentors for different needs and how to mentor others. The discussion on the seven different types of mentors is helpful at breaking away from the one-mentor approach. Basic-Moderate.

Fryling, Alice. *The Disciplemaker's Handbook*. (InterVarsity, 1989). How to help others grow in faith by friendship and discipling. How to model and explain the Christian life with another. Basic.

Operation Timothy. CBMC Publications. Appropriate for discipling new believers.

Titus 2:7 Series. NavPress. Appropriate for discipling new believers.

2. Christian Experience

Allendar, Dan & Longman, Tremper. *Bold Love*.

Anders, Max. *30 Days to Understanding the Christian Life*.

Arthur, Randall. *Wisdom Hunter*. This is a novel about legalism and grace.

Anderson, Neil. *Victory Over the Darkness* and *The Bondage Breaker*.

Brandt, Henry. *When You're Tired of Treating the Symptoms*.

Bridges, Jerry. *Transforming Grace* and *Disciplines of Grace*.

Brown, Steve. *Born Free, Living Free, Approaching God* and *When Being Good isn't Good Enough*.

- * Chapell, Bryan. *Holiness by Grace*. Illustrates the principles of grace, the practice of faith, and the motives of love in living a life of holiness. Study questions for each chapter at end of book. *Praying Backwards*. An excellent book on prayer.

Cloud, Henry and Townsend, John. *Boundaries*.

Colson, Chuck. *The Body* and *Loving God*.

Crabb, Larry. *Connecting* and *The Safest Place on Earth*.

Ferguson, Sinclair. *Grow in Grace* and *Children of the Living God*.

Hansel, Tim. *When I Relax I Feel Guilty* and *You Gotta' Keep Dancin'*.

Huntsperger, Larry. *The Grace Exchange*.

- * Lloyd-Jones, D. Martin. *Spiritual Depression: Causes and Cures*. (Eerdmans, 1992 reprint). A series of sermons about growth, struggle and affliction in the Christian life, with an eye toward the work of God in His people. Recommended. Basic-Moderate.
- * Lungaard, Kris. *The Enemy Within, Straight Talk About the Power and Defeat of Sin, and Through the Looking Glass: Reflections on Christ That Changes Us*. Each has study questions at the end of each chapter. Both are based on John Owens' works, a Puritan in the 17th century.

McCallum, Dennis. *Walking in Victory*.

McDermott, Gerald. *Seeing God*.

McGrath, Alister. *Beyond the Quiet Time* and *Spirituality in an Age of Change*.

- * Miller, C. John. *Repentance and 20th Century Man*.

- * Miller, Rose Marie. *From Fear to Freedom*.

Packer, J.I. *Rediscovering Holiness* and *Knowing God*.

Piper, John. *Desiring God, The Pleasures of God* and *Future Grace*.

Robinson, Haddon. *Decision Making by the Book*.

Sanders, J. Oswald (and several others). *Spiritual Leadership*.

Schaeffer, Francis. *True Spirituality*.

Stott, John R.W. (and many others). *Christian Basics* and *Life in Christ*.

Tozer, A.W. *The Pursuit of God*.

VanVonderen, Jeff. *Tired of Trying to Measure Up*.

Webster, Doug. *The Easy Yoke*.

Welch, Edward. *When People are BIG and GOD is Small*.

White, John. *The Fight, The Race, Daring to Draw Near, Changing on the Inside, and The Pathway to Holiness*.

Whitney, Donald. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*.

Willard, Dallas. *The Spirit of the Disciplines*.

3. *Spiritual Disciplines*

Bridges, Jerry. *The Practice of Godliness*. (NavPress, 1983) and *The Pursuit of Holiness*. Classic Guides to submitting every area of your life to Christ's Lordship. Basic.

Bennet, Arthur, ed. *Valley of Vision*. (Banner of Truth, 1975). An excellent collection of Puritan prayers covering a wide range of topics. Helpful to recharge your spiritual walk. Basic.

Quiet Time. (InterVarsity). A short, helpful booklet about devotions.

Whitney, Donald. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. (NavPress, 1991). Putting the means of grace - Bible study, prayer, worship, serving, journaling, meditation on Scripture, etc. - into your life without guilt and legalism. Moderate.

MacDonald, Gordon. *Ordering Your Private World*. (Oliver Nelson, 1984). Basics in the disciplines of the Christian life and how to prioritize your time pressures. Basic.

4. *Finances and Time Management*

Blue, Ron. *Master Your Money, The Debt Squeeze*.

Burkett, Larry. *How to Manage Your Money, Debt-Free Living*.

Hummel, Charles. *Freedom from Tyranny of the Urgent*.

Linder, Ray. *Making the Most of Your Money*.

Sherman & Hendricks. *How to Balance Competing Time Demands*.

Swenson, Richard. *Margin: How to Create the Emotional, Physical, Financial & Time Reserves You Need*.

5. *Family and Marriage*

- * Chapell, Bryan. ***Each for the Other***. The best book on marriage. This book has study questions at the end of each chapter.

Cline, Foster and Fay, Jim. ***Parenting with Love and Logic*** and ***Parenting Teens...***

Harley, Willard. ***His Needs, Her Needs***.

Huggins, Kevin. ***Parenting Adolescents***

Kimmel, Tim. ***Little House on the Freeway***.

Mack, Wayne. ***Your Family/God's Way***

Mason, Mike. ***The Mystery of Marriage***.

McDowell, Josh and Day, Dick. ***How To Be A Hero to Your Kids***.

Meredith, Don. ***Becoming One***.

Miller, C. John and Juliani, Barbara Miller. ***Come Back, Barbara***.

Ortlund, Anne. ***Disciplines of the Home***.

- * Steel, David John, Jr. ***Parenting without Perfection***. The author believes that God has more in mind for parents than striving to produce so-called perfect, well-adjusted children. Parenting is first and foremost a call to embody the life of Jesus in the midst of your family. **Strongly recommended by youth and family ministers**. One has said “this book is not a simple “how-to” book, but a though-provoking composition that cuts to the real issues of raising adolescents in this culture.”

- * Tripp, Paul. ***Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens***.

- * Tripp, Ted. ***Shepherding Your Child's Heart***.

Trumbull, H. Clay. ***Hints on Child Training***.

VanVonderen, Jeff. ***Families Where Grace is in Place***.

Wheat, Ed. ***Love Life for Every Married Couple***.

White, Jerry. ***When Your Kids Aren't Kids Anymore***.

White, Joe. ***Orphans at Home***.

6. *Evangelism and Outreach*

- * Conn, Harvie. ***Evangelism: Doing Justice and Preaching Grace***. (Zondervan, 1982). A thin but brilliant volume which demonstrates the absolute necessity of word and deed being connected in our evangelism.

Frame, John. *Apologetics to the Glory of God*. (P&R Publishing, 1994). How to understand and communicate your faith with a nonbeliever, answer objections, and expose unbelieving preconceptions. Moderate-Advanced.

Hunter, George. *How to Reach Secular People*. (Abingdon, 1992). A penetrating look at the underlying assumptions of modern, secular people toward God and how Christians must expand their evangelism to meet these skeptics. Moderate.

- * Keller, Timothy. *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. “Writing for atheists, agnostics, and skeptics, Keller provides an intelligent platform on which true believers can stand their ground when bombarded by the backlash to religion created by the Age of Skepticism.”
- * Miller, C. John. *Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*. (Zondervan, 1986). Also, *Powerful Evangelism for the Powerless*. Excellent for both leaders and members. Putting Gospel grace center in your life and in the church.

Montgomery, J.W. *History and Christianity*. (Bethany House, 1986). Basic-Moderate.

Packer, J.I. *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*. (InterVarsity, 1961). Grapples with God’s sovereign plan and human responsibility. Moderate.

Pippert, Rebecca Manley. *Out of the Saltshaker and Into the World*. (InterVarsity, 1979). A good beginning book on evangelism as a way of life. Focused on building genuine relationships with nonbelieving friends. Basic-Moderate.

Scazzero, Peter. *Introducing Jesus: Starting an Investigative Bible Study for Seekers*. (InterVarsity, 1991). Also, see: Peace, Richard. *Small Group Evangelism: A Training Program*. (InterVarsity, 1985). Peterson, Jim. *Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally*. (NavPress, 1989). Basic.

7. Service and Mission

Johnstone, Patrick. *Operation World*. (MTW, 1996 Edition). A 650+ page guidebook for praying for the world. Detailed statistics about every nation on earth. Excellent resource to make your group’s prayer time specific and missions-oriented. Basic.

Johnstone, Patrick, ed. *The Unreached Peoples: Praying Through the Windows III*.

Keller, Timothy J. *Ministries of Mercy*. A look at the Biblical call for service, based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. Basic-Moderate. Also by Tim: *Resources for Deacons*, a practical guide to mercy ministries.

Perkins, John. *With Justice for All*. (Regal, 1982). Perkins will plant a fire in you for social compassion and reconciliation ministry. Moderate.

Piper, John. *Let the Nations Be Glad*. One of the best books on missions.

Richardson, Don. *Peace Child or Eternity in Their Hearts*.

Stott, John. *Christian Mission*. (InterVarsity, 1975). The theology of missions. Moderate.

Wagner, C. Peter. *The Prayer Shield*. A book on intercession for missionaries.

8. *Counseling and Nurture:*

Bobick, Michael. *From Slavery to Sonship: A Biblical Psychology for Pastoral Counseling*. (Self Published Thesis, 1989. Available through Westminster Discount Book Services). The best counseling manual (actually a doctoral thesis) based on uncovering and correcting heart idolatries. Helpful for yourself, too. Advanced.

Brooks, Thomas. *Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices*. (Banner of Truth, 1990 reprint of 1652 original). One of the most practical of the Puritan directories for battling temptation, discouragement and doubts. When you get accustomed to the older English, this book can nurture your soul deeply. After you taste the wisdom of this classic, you'll want to try: *The Letters of John Newton*, *The Letters of Samuel Rutherford*, *The Christian in Complete Armour*, or *A Lifting Up for the Downcast*. (All Banner of Truth). Moderate-Advanced.

Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation. Check out their website, www.ccef.org, for many helpful booklooks (on suicide, marriage, addictions, etc.) and books. High Recommended: Ed Welch. *Blame it on the Brain; When People are Big and God is Small; Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave; Running Scared: Fear, Worry and the God of Rest*. David Powlison. *Seeing with New Eyes; Speaking the Truth with Love*. Paul Tripp: *War of Words; Instruments in the Hands of the Redeemer; Quest for More: Living for Something Bigger than You; Lost in the Middle: Mid-Life and the Grace of God*. Paul Tripp and Tim Lane. *How People Change; Relationships: A Mess Worth Making*.

Sande, Ken. *The Peacemaker*. (Baker, 1991). An extremely helpful and practical book on how Christians ought to deal with the conflicts they find themselves and their friends in. Basic-Moderate.

White, John and Blue, Ken. *Healing the Wounded: The Costly Love of Church Discipline*. (InterVarsity, 1985). A Biblical model for reconciliation and discipline within the church. Moderate.

9. *Church Doctrine*

Anders, Max. *30 Days to Understanding What Christians Believe*.

Berkhof, Louis. *Summary of Christian Doctrine*.

Boettner, Loraine. *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination*.

Boice, James Montgomery. *Foundations of Christian Faith* and *Amazing Grace*.

Booth, Robert. *Children of the Promise: The Biblical Case for Infant Baptism*.

Bridges, Jerry. *Trusting God*.

Brown, Steve. *If God is in Charge*.

Ferguson, Sinclair. *The Christian Life: Doctrinal Introduction, A Heart for God and The Holy Spirit*.

Frame, John. *Worship in Spirit and Truth*. (P&R Publishing, 1996). A refreshing study of the principles and practice of worship.

Gerstner, Kelly & Rollinson. *Guide to the Westminster Confession of Faith*.

Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology: Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*.

Hagopian, David, ed. *Back to Basics: Rediscover the Richness of Reformed Theology*.

Hoekema, A. *Saved by Grace, Created in God's Image, The Bible and the Future*. (Eerdmans, 1979).

Horton, Michael. *Putting Amazing Back into Grace: Intro. to Reformed Theology*.

House, Wayne. *Charts of Christian Theology and Doctrine*.

Kennedy, D. James. *Why I Believe and Truths that Transform*.

Lloyd-Jones, David Martyn. *The Cross and God The Holy Spirit*. (Crossway Books, 1997).

Milne, Bruce. *Know the Truth*.

Murray, John. *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*.

Packer, J.I. (and many others). *God's Words; Knowing God; and Concise Theology: Guide to Historic Christian Beliefs*.

Packer, J.I. *Concise Theology: Guide to Historic Christian Beliefs*.

Pink, A.W. *The Attributes of God, The Sovereignty of God and The Holy Spirit*.

Sartelle, John. *Infant Baptism: What Christian Parents Should Know*.

Sproul, R.C. (and many others). *Grace Unknown, Chosen by God, Faith Alone, Willing to Believe, and Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*.

Storms, C. Samuel. *The Grandeur of God*.

Stott, John R.W. *Basic Christianity and The Cross of Christ*.

Tozer, A.W. *The Knowledge of the Holy*.

Wells, David. *The Person of Christ*. (Bible Scholar Books, 1984).

Williamson, G.I. *Study Guide to The Westminster Confession of Faith*.

Williamson, G.I. *Study Guide to the Shorter Catechism* (2 Volumes).

Wilson, Douglas. *Easy Chairs, Hard Words: Conversations on the Liberty of God*.

BIBLE STUDY AND INTERPRETATION

1. Bible Study Helps

The NIV Study Bible. (Zondervan). Based on its translation (New International Version) and copious notes, maps, concordance, and cross-references, this is probably the best single-volume Bible to own. It will help in your preparation. Also, ***New Geneva Study Bible***. The only study Bible with Reformed world and life views. Only comes in NKJV.

McCartney and Clayton. ***Let the Reader Understand: A Guide to Interpreting and Applying the Bible***. (Bridgepoint/Victor, 1994). A refreshingly clear, yet thorough guide to Biblical interpretation. If you want to dig into deeper levels of understanding the Bible and are ready to work, this is the best introduction using Scripturally sound methods. Moderate-Advanced.

Fowl and Jones. ***Reading in Communion***. (Eerdmans, 1991). Makes the case the Scriptures are to be read, interpreted, and embodied by communities, not just individuals, if we are to understand them. Advanced.

Davies, editor. ***New Bible Dictionary***. (InterVarsity, New 1993 Edition). The clearest and best dictionary on the English text. Based on the NIV. Use it for researching a particularly difficult word in your passage. A must for serious study. Moderate and beyond.

Longman, Tremper. ***OT Commentary Survey***. (InterVarsity/Baker, 1991) and Carson, D.A. ***NT Commentary Survey***. (1993). These two commercially available guides will help you choose commentaries. They are recent, but some new commentaries may be missed. You can also ask any pastor for recommendations. Advanced.

The NIV Exhaustive Concordance. (Zondervan). The best modern translation concordance available, whether in book form or CD.

A Bible Dictionary. There are a number of good ones available, such as IVP's ***New Bible Dictionary***.

Berkhof, Louis. ***Systematic Theology*** and ***Summary of Christian Doctrine***. (Eerdmans). The latter is a summary version of the former, perhaps the best modern Reformed systematic theology. G.I. Williamson's commentary on the ***Westminster Confession of Faith*** is an outstanding tool for better understanding our Reformed doctrine.

Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. (Westminster). An incredible compilation, without compare among the books of men! You will be amazed at the depth of love and wonder Calvin has for God, His Word, and His people.

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia. (Eerdmans, revised). A hefty series of volumes (four in all), *ISBE* is an investment that will pay for itself upon its first use.

Archer, Gleason, ed. *Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties*. (Zondervan). A helpful tool for handling “problem passages.” Though not always Reformed in its approach, it provides some good guidance in understanding many texts.

Commentaries. If you are going to invest in a commentary, you might as well get your money’s worth. *The New Testament Commentary* by Hendriksen and Kistemaker is worth getting. I faithfully use *Calvin’s Commentaries*, finding them extremely beneficial, as well as Matthew Henry’s work. I currently use *Keil and Delitzsch* for Old Testament studies. In addition, some commentaries on particular books of the Bible are worth buying (e.g., James M. Boice on *John*, John Murray on *Romans*, Martin Luther on *Galatians*, D. Kinder on *Psalms* and *Proverbs*).

2. *Adult Bible Study Material*

- * Better, Chuck & Sharon. *Treasures of Faith*. Appropriate for small group studies. Book deals with Hebrews 11.
- * Rickett, Jeffrey S. *1 John - Fellowship With God and One Another: Love Has Everything to Do With It* and *Colossians – The Supreme Christ and Christ-Supreme Living*.

See Adult Discipleship Studies by Great Commission Publications. (*in Small Group Minister’s office*)

See CRC Publications. (*in Small Group Minister’s office*)

- * *Gospel Transformation*, World Harvest – An approach to discipling that centers on the transformation of Christians by believing the Good News of the Gospel (36 lessons)
- * *Sonship*. World Harvest – Living as a child of God (A video series).
- * Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York City, Bible Studies – *Mark, Acts, Romans, Galatians, James*. (*copies in Small Group Minister’s office and can be duplicated*)

Navpress Bible Studies. (*some copies in Small Group Minister’s office*)

IVP Bible Studies. (*some copies in Small Group Minister’s office*)

3. *Especially for Men*

Anderson, Neil. *A Way of Escape* (from Sexual Sin)

Doriani, Dan. *The Life of God-Made Man: Becoming a Man After God’s Heart*. (Crossway Books, 2001). Delving into Scriptures, Dr. Doriani explores the nature of God

and the need to be like Him. And his concrete illustrations and discussion questions reinforce the foundational truth that Christian manhood is not about following a how-to-list, but about imitating the Savior's example and being all that He desires you to be because He freely and unconditionally loves you.

Eisenman, Tom. *Temptations Men Face*.

Farrar, Steve. *Point Man, Standing Tall* and *Finishing Strong*.

Getz, Gene. *The Measure of a Man*.

Hardonbrook, Weldon. *Missing From Action: Vanishing Manhood in America*.

Hughes, R. Kent. *Disciplines of a Godly Man*.

Lawson, Steven. *Men Who Win: Pursuing the Ultimate Prize*.

Morley, Patrick. *The Man in the Mirror; I Surrender*; and *The Rest of Your Life*.

Mylander, Charles. *Running the Red Lights: Put the Brakes on Sexual Temptation*.

Oster, Merrill. *Becoming a Man of Honor*.

Schaumburg, Harry. *False Intimacy: The Struggle of Sexual Addiction*.

Sherman & Hendricks. *How to Succeed Where It Really Counts; Keeping Your Ethical Edge Sharp; Keeping Your Head Up When Your Job's Got You Down; Your Work Matters to God*.

4. *Especially for Women*

* Better, Sharon. *Treasures of Encouragement*. Appropriate for women small groups.

Delaney, Rachel and Lorah, E. Ruth. *Timeless Teachings: Studies in the Parables of Christ*.

Heald, Cynthia. *Becoming A Woman of Prayer*. Caution: not necessarily from a covenantal reformed perspective.

Hunt, Susan. *Spiritual Mothering; True Woman*.

Langford, Harris. *Hope in Hard Times: Studies in the Book of Ruth*.

Patterson, Jeanne T. *Today's Woman Looks at Philippians*.

Peace, Martha. *The Excellent Wife*.

Ruvolo, Carol J. *James on Trials; A Book Like No Other: What's So Special About the Bible; Turning on the Light: Discovering the Riches of God's Word*; and *God With Us: Light from the Gospels*.

Spencer, Emalyn. *A Woman That Feareth the Lord: A Study From Proverbs 31 and Too Wonderful for Me: Studies from Job.*

5. *General Bible Knowledge*

Anders, Max. *30 Days to Understanding the Bible.*

*Doriani, Dan. *Getting the Message: A Plan to Interpret and Apply the Bible and Putting the Truth to Work: The Theory and Practice of Biblical Application.*

Eerdman's Handbook to the Bible.

Fee, Gordon and Stuart, Douglas. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth.*

Kohlenberger, John. *Words about The Word.*

McQuilkin, Robertson. *Understanding and Applying the Bible.*

Sproul, R.C. *Knowing Scripture.*

Veerman, Dave. *How to Apply the Bible.*

* denotes most highly recommended