

Canton First Methodist Discipleship Resources

Non-Book Resources

Lectio 365 App. This is a prayer/devotional app that is available for your phone or tablet. It includes both a readable devotion everyday for morning and evening and the option to listen to it read audibly.

The Bible App. This app contains more translations of the Bible than you'll ever need as well as thousands of studies and reading plans. It also allows you to become "friends" with people you know and read through plans together and share comments and notes. This can be a great tool for a group to read a plan alongside one another and engage the material together each day.

Discipleship Bands App. This is an app developed by Seedbed publishing and intended to be used as a platform for facilitating a Wesleyan discipleship band group. There is a guide to banding available to read on the app, a guide to each week's meeting, and the option for groups to participate in studies together and interact with one another. A discipleship band is a same-gender group of 3-5 people who gather weekly to answer a set list of questions which challenge the group members to share intimately, and confidentially, about their personal walk with Christ and confess their sins and shortcomings.

Brick. This is a new device that allows you to limit your smartphone's capabilities to help combat digital addiction while maintaining some of the useful functions of your phone. In the Brick app you select either what apps you want it to block (or allow) while in the Brick mode. You then touch your phone to the Brick which you leave somewhere such as your fridge and your phone remains "Bricked" until you touch it to the device again. My family has created a "Sabbath" setting which we set our devices to on our Sabbath to allow us to listen to worship music, audiobooks, read ebooks, and receive emergency calls but prevents us from the distraction of email, social media, news alerts, etc. This device could also be used during group meetings to allow group members to still receive emergency calls from family but not be otherwise distracted by their devices. You can find more info about the Brick and purchase it here.

Helpful Websites

Seedbed. Many of the resources you'll see on this list come from the good folks at Seedbed which is a publishing house that grew out of Asbury Theological Seminary. The materials that they produce are consistently high quality, orthodox, and Wesleyan and I highly recommend them as a first stop when you're looking for new resources. In addition to regular print and digital resources they also produce a daily devotional called The Wake Up Call which you can receive by email or you can get the audio version wherever you get your podcasts. Visit my.seedbed.com to shop their store.

Invite Resources. This is another good place to look for new materials. In their "about" section Invite describes themselves saying "Invite Resources works come from a Wesleyan/Arminian theological perspective and emphasize the Lordship of Jesus Christ, minimize partisan politics, and are biased toward innovation over institutionalism." You can check them out at www.inviteresources.com

Prayer

How to Pray: a simple guide for normal people, Pete Greig. Accessibly and engagingly, Pete demystifies prayer, helping you see it as attainable and enjoyable, and ultimately life-giving and life-changing. How to Pray really is a simple guide for normal people; for anyone who wants to learn more about prayer, for those just starting out. This study can be done in 8-12 sessions.

How to Hear God, Pete Greig. The follow up to Pete Greig's How To Pray is a practical and encouraging guide to the other side of the prayer conversation: how to hear what God might be saying in response to the prayers we pray. Centered on the story of the disciples who encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus, Pete uses his characteristic accessible and practical style to unpack the many ways that God speaks to us today. There are two parts in Pete's new book, this second simple guide for normal people. The first section of the book explores God's Word, exploring the ways that the Bible can speak to us, and the second half focuses on God's Whisper, what God really sounds like today. How to Hear God is perfect for individuals who want to explore the different ways of learning to hear God's voice, communities who want to grow together, and anyone who is looking for an easy-to-understand guide to this often-confusing area of faith.

God on Mute, Pete Greig. Founder of 24-7 Prayer Pete Greig steps into the dark side of prayer and emerges with a hard-won message of hope, comfort and profound biblical insight for all who suffer in silence. The fully revised edition of God on Mute, released in 2020, includes a forward from the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, and 40-day devotional suitable for Lent. For those struggling with unanswered prayer or feeling like God is distant, God on Mute is a raw, honest and hopeful look at prayer in seasons of pain and doubt.

Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools, Tyler Staton. Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools is your invitation to trade your conceptions and misconceptions about prayer for prayer in its purest form: a vital, sustaining, powerful connection with God that is more real and alive than you could have ever imagined. In these pages, Tyler Staton – author, pastor, and national director of 24-7 Prayer USA – addresses common roadblocks to prayer and gives you the confidence to come to God just as you are. This book is perfect for people who are looking to deepen their devotion and are seeking to catch a fresh excitement about meeting with God in prayer.

Hearing God, Dallas Willard. Being close to God means communicating with him—telling him what is on our hearts in prayer and hearing, and understanding what he is saying to us. But how do we hear God's voice? How can we be sure that what we think we hear is not our own subconscious? What role does the Bible play? What if what God says to us is not clear? The key, says bestselling author Dallas Willard, is to focus not so much on individual actions and decisions as on building our personal relationship with our Creator. In this beloved classic you'll gain rich spiritual insight into how we can hear God's voice clearly and develop an intimate partnership with him in the work of his kingdom.

Prayer, Richard Foster. Best-selling author Richard J. Foster offers a warm, compelling, and sensitive primer on prayer, helping us to understand, experience, and practice it in its many forms—from the simple prayer of beginning again to unceasing prayer. He clarifies the prayer process, answers common misconceptions, and shows the way into prayers of contemplation, healing, blessing, forgiveness, and rest.

Creating a Life With God, Daniel Wolpert. The twelve prayer practices in this book will help you take your relationship with God to a new level by: Inviting you to solitude and silence, Inviting you to use your mind and imagination, Inviting you to use your body and your creativity, Inviting you to connect with nature and community. *Creating a Life with God* invites you to join traveling companions like Julian of Norwich and Ignatius to help illuminate each of these prayer practices. This 20th Anniversary Edition includes two new chapters and two new companions: Saint Brigit, who invites us to take a spiritual look at climate change, and Howard Thurman, noted pastor, author, and contemplative, who invites us to explore how spiritual practices inspire social transformation. These new chapters build on the original twelve prayer practices and ask how we can use the practice of prayer to engage a world in crisis. Alongside these traveling companions, you will discover how classical approaches to God can deepen your prayer life and help prepare you to engage the world as a fearless ambassador for God's goodness.

Even the Sparrow, Jill Weber. Jill Weber is on the adventure of saying yes to more of God--accepting His invitation to really live. This honest, warm, and compelling book speaks directly to those who long to deeply encounter Jesus, to know how to tune into the small movements of the heart, and to have trust in every moment of their lives. With wisdom and humor, Jill explores prayer, discernment, vocation, and leadership through her story of building and becoming a house of prayer. She offers encouragement that gives readers the confidence to agree to what God is already doing. Jill's story will build faith in readers and help them to discover the freedom that lies beyond that yes of giving it all for Jesus. *Even the Sparrow* is both an invitation and a challenge. To walk step-by-step as God leads may take us on paths that are messy, complicated, and inconvenient, but as we follow him, the way can also be unexpected and breathtakingly beautiful.

What if Jesus Was Serious About Prayer, Skye Jethani. People like to say, "Prayer works." But what does that mean? Prayer works for what? Getting the answers from God that we want so much? While God certainly cares for your deepest needs, Skye Jethani wants you to know that prayer is so much more than a two-way transaction with a heavenly vending machine. Jesus didn't pray like that. And with a pastor's heart, Skye wants to take you deeper into what Jesus, the lover of your soul, had to say about talking with God. In *What If Jesus Was Serious About Prayer?*, you'll benefit not only from Skye's words of wisdom but his doodles that help the visual learner connect with spiritual truth. Prayer isn't about getting answers, but getting God. We need more prayer in our lives—not because God can give us what we crave, but because He offers himself to us in love.

Spiritual Formation

Practicing the Way, John Mark Comer. We are constantly being formed by the world around us. To be formed by Jesus will require us to become his apprentice. To live by what the first Christian disciples called a Rule of Life—a set of practices and relational rhythms that slow us down and open up space in our daily lives for God to do what only God can do—transforms the deepest parts of us to become like him. This introduction to spiritual formation is full of John Mark Comer's trademark mix of theological substance and cultural insight as well as practical wisdom on developing your own Rule of Life. These ancient practices have much to offer us. By learning

to rearrange our days, we can follow the Way of Jesus. We can be with him. Become like him. And do as he did.

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry, John Mark Comer. “Who am I becoming?” That was the question nagging pastor and author John Mark Comer. Outwardly, he appeared successful. But inwardly, things weren’t pretty. So he turned to a trusted mentor for guidance and heard these words: “Ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life. Hurry is the great enemy of the spiritual life.” It wasn’t the response he expected, but it was—and continues to be—the answer he needs. Too often we treat the symptoms of toxicity in our modern world instead of trying to pinpoint the cause. A growing number of voices are pointing at hurry, or busyness, as a root of much evil.

The Class Meeting, Kevin Watson. The Class Meeting turns decisively to a time tested and proven method presenting a new solution. Though the early Methodists were a people of one book, they utilized the small group structure not to study the bible, but rather to lovingly engage one another in conversations about their souls. They developed a language and vocabulary to talk at deep levels about what the Holy Spirit was doing in their lives. Watson's book unfolds a vision and a practical strategy for developing small groups that are much simpler than the typical group, while being more productive and with greater spiritual depth. The Class Meeting is structured into an eight-week study resource designed for a small group to work through together. Along the way, your group will be progressively equipped with a shared language to talk about the work of the Holy Spirit in the inner person and a structure for holding these kinds of meetings. After eight weeks, the book is laid aside and the class meeting is born.

The Band Meeting, Kevin Watson. The band meeting, a proven discipleship model for growing in love through the accountability of small, same-gender groups, was one of the defining characteristics of the Methodist movement started by John Wesley in the mid-1700s. In reflection on Wesley's class meeting and band meeting structure, George Whitfield once said, "My Brother Wesley acted wisely, the souls that were awakened under his ministry he joined in class, and thus preserved the fruits of his labor. This I neglected, and my people are a rope of sand. In The Band Meeting, Kevin Watson and Scott Kisker give an overview of the richness of this early tradition and introduce a practical approach for growing toward an authentic, transformation-oriented small group experience.

Celebration of Discipline, Richard Foster. The book explores the 'classic disciplines' of Christian faith: the inward disciplines of meditation, prayer, fasting, and study; the outward disciplines of simplicity, solitude, submission and service and the corporate disciplines of confession, worship, guidance and celebration. This is available on Amazon.

The Divine Mentor, Wayne Cordeiro. Many believers settle for a spiritual routine that lacks God's presence. But what they truly want, and truly need, is a dynamic, vital, and intimate relationship with God. Here Wayne Cordeiro gently but directly shows readers how to move from routine to relationship--from mundane actions to fresh encounters--by learning to hear Him speak to them through the Bible. Through stories, lessons, and anecdotes, Cordeiro equips readers to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as they read God's Word, enabling them to transform their daily quiet time with the Lord. This study is available on Amazon.

Invitation to a Journey, Robert Mulholland. In *Invitation to a Journey*, Mulholland helps Christians new and old understand that we become like Christ gradually, not instantly. Not every personality is suited to an early morning quiet time, so Mulholland frees different personality types to express their piety differently. He reviews the classical spiritual disciplines and demonstrates the importance of undertaking our spiritual journey with (and for the sake of) others.

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, Eugene Peterson. Following Jesus requires a deepening life of prayer, and throughout history Christians have learned to pray from the Psalms. Peterson finds particular encouragement for today's pilgrims in the Songs of Ascents (Psalms 120–134). With prophetic and pastoral wisdom, he shows how the psalms teach us to grow in worship, service, joy, work, humility, community, and blessing. This study is available on Amazon.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, Pete Scazzero. In this revised best-selling book, Peter Scazzero outlines a road map for discipleship with Jesus that is powerfully transformative. He unveils what's wrong with our current definition of "spiritual growth" and offers not only a model of spirituality that actually works, but seven steps to change that will help you experience authentic faith and hunger for God. This study is available on Amazon.

You Are What You Love, James K.A. Smith. In this book, award-winning author James K. A. Smith shows that who and what we worship fundamentally shape our hearts. And while we desire to shape culture, we are not often aware of how culture shapes us. We might not realize the ways our hearts are being taught to love rival gods instead of the One for whom we were made. Smith helps readers recognize the formative power of culture and the transformative possibilities of Christian practices. He explains that worship is the "imagination station" that incubates our loves and longings so that our cultural endeavors are indexed toward God and his kingdom. This is why the church and worshipping in a local community of believers should be the hub and heart of Christian formation and discipleship. This resource can be found on Amazon.

Be Still: A Simple Guide to Quiet Time, Brian Heasley. From memorizing scripture to noticing beauty everywhere, 24-7 Prayer Director Brian Heasley explains that we don't need to be static for our hearts to be still, and how even in the midst of a full, busy life, we can spend quiet time with God. *Be Still* will change the way you think about prayer and devotion and equip you with all the tools you need to deepen your relationship with God. This study is 5 sessions and is available on Amazon.

The Imitation of Christ, Thomas a Kempis. This classic of Christian devotional literature has brought understanding and comfort to millions for centuries. Both Protestants and Catholics — as well as mystics and historians of religious thought — have studied these meditations on the life and teachings of Jesus, finding in them a path to prayer and spiritual guidance. Written in a candid and conversational style, *The Imitation of Christ* discusses liberation from worldly inclinations, recollection as a preparation for prayer, the consolations of prayer, and the place of eucharistic communion in a devout life.

Live No Lies, John Mark Comer. We are at war. Not with a foreign government or domestic terrorists or a creepy new artificial intelligence hell-bent on taking over the world. No, it's a war we feel deep inside our own chests: we are at war with lies. The problem isn't so much that we tell lies but that we live them. We let them into our bodies, and they sabotage our peace. All around us in

the culture and deep within our own body memories are lies: deceptive ideas that wreak havoc on our emotional health and spiritual well-being, and deceptive ideas about who God is, who we are, and what the good life truly is. The choice is not whether to fight or not fight, but whether we win or surrender. Ancient apprentices of Jesus developed a paradigm for this war; they spoke of the three enemies of the soul: the devil, the flesh, and the world. *Live No Lies* taps into this ancient wisdom from saints of the Way and translates the three enemies for the modern era, with all its secularism and sophistication. As a generation, we chuckle at the devil as a premodern myth, we are confused by Scripture's teaching on the flesh in an age where sensual indulgence is a virtue not a vice, and we have little to no category for the New Testament concept of the world. In this provocative and practical book, bestselling author John Mark Comer combines cultural analysis with spiritual formation. He identifies the role lies play in our spiritual deformation and lays out a strategic plan to overcome them.

The Pilgrim's Progress, John Bunyan. Often rated as important as the Bible as a Christian document, this famous story of man's progress through life in search of salvation remains one of the most entertaining allegories of faith ever written. Set against realistic backdrops of town and country, the powerful drama of the pilgrim's trials and temptations follows him in his harrowing journey to the Celestial City. Along a road filled with monsters and spiritual terrors, Christian confronts such emblematic characters as Worldly Wiseman, Giant Despair, Talkative, Ignorance, and the demons of the Valley of the Shadow of Death. But he is also joined by Hopeful and Faithful. An enormously influential 17th-century classic, universally known for its simplicity, vigor, and beauty of language, *The Pilgrim's Progress* remains one of the most widely read books in the English language.

An Unhurried Life, Alan Fadling. Beginning with this confession, pastor and spiritual director Alan Fadling describes his journey out of the fast lane and into the rhythms of Jesus. Following the framework of Jesus' earthly life, Fadling shows how the work of "unhurrying" ourselves is central to our spiritual development in pivotal areas such as resisting temptation, caring for others, praying, and making disciples. We are all called to do work, Fadling affirms, and productivity is not a sin—it is the attitudes behind our work that can be our undoing. So how do we find balance between our sense of calling and the call to rest? *An Unhurried Life* offers a way.

A Life of Being, Having, and Doing Enough, Wayne Muller. From the moment we are born, we are seekers. Our culture obsessively promotes the pursuit of money, success and self-improvement. At the end of each activity-jammed day, though, we collapse into bed discouraged by everything we have not checked off on our to-do lists, in despair that whatever we have accomplished is never enough. Worse still, when our dreams become derailed by the inherent tragedies of life—job loss, financial peril, sickness, or the death of a loved one—we feel devastated by the pain and injustice of it all. Nationally renowned author, therapist, and minister Wayne Muller offers healing for the perpetually stressed in *A Life of Being, Having, and Doing Enough*. By learning compassion and mercy for ourselves and by recognizing what is most profoundly true about who we are and what we need, we can gain the self-acceptance so that whatever we choose to do, in this moment, it is wholly enough.

Beautiful Resistance, Jon Tyson. In a time of compromise and disillusionment, God is calling his people to a movement of beautiful resistance. We live in a time when our culture is becoming

increasingly shallow, coarse, and empty. Radical shifts in the areas of sexuality, ethics, technology, secular ideologies, and religion have caused the once-familiar landscape of a generation ago to be virtually unrecognizable. Yet rather than shine as a beacon of light, the church often is silent or accommodating. This isn't a new phenomenon. During World War II, pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was deeply troubled by the compromise in the German church. Their capitulation to the Nazi party brought shame and dishonor to the gospel. In response, he helped create an underground movement of churches that trained disciples and ultimately sought to renew the church and culture of the day. In our compromised church, we need new underground movements of discipleship and resistance. Widely respected New York pastor Jon Tyson unveils a revived vision for faithful discipleship—one that dares to renew culture, restore credibility, and replace compromise with conviction. For all who have felt this conflict in the soul between who we are and who God calls us to be, *Beautiful Resistance* is a bold invitation to reclaim what's been lost—regardless of the cost.

The Burden is Light, Jon Tyson. Jon Tyson's exploration of the reverse economy of the kingdom frees his readers from not only having to earn their salvation but also earn their sense of worth. Life is not meant to be a series of competitions or survival of the fittest, yet the dominant voices in our culture scream that we are only as valuable as our popularity, success, status or social recognition. This book offers another way forward. It shows readers the freedom of Jesus light and easy yoke as opposed to the tyrannical yoke of cultural approval or applause. This is a must-read for those exhausted from having to invent or perform their identity or conjure up a sense of destiny.

Liturgy of the Ordinary, Tish Harrison Warren. Discover the Holiness of Your Everyday. In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God's presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred? Framed around one typical day, this book explores life through the lens of liturgy—small practices and habits that form us. In each chapter, Tish Harrison Warren considers a common daily experience—making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, friend, wife, and mother, Warren opens up a practical theology of the everyday.

The Spirit of the Disciplines, Dallas Willard. Dallas Willard, one of today's most brilliant Christian thinkers and author of *The Divine Conspiracy* (Christianity Today's 1999 Book of the Year), presents a way of living that enables ordinary men and women to enjoy the fruit of the Christian life. He reveals how the key to self-transformation resides in the practice of the spiritual disciplines, and how their practice affirms human life to the fullest. *The Spirit of the Disciplines* is for everyone who strives to be a disciple of Jesus in thought and action as well as intention.

The Great Omission, Dallas Willard. Jesus's Last Command—Ignored! The last command Jesus gave the church before he ascended to heaven was the Great Commission, the call for Christians to "make disciples of all the nations." But Christians have responded by making "Christians," not "disciples." This, according to brilliant scholar and renowned Christian thinker Dallas Willard, has been the church's Great Omission.

The Life You've Always Wanted, John Ortberg. Ignite a deeper, more vibrant relationship with God that impacts not just your spiritual life but every aspect of your daily life. John Ortberg calls readers

back to the dynamic heartbeat of Christianity--God's power to bring change and growth--and reveals how and why transformation takes place. *The Life You've Always Wanted* offers modern perspectives on the ancient path of the spiritual disciplines. But it is more than just a book about things to do to be a good Christian. It's a road map toward true transformation that starts not with the individual but with the person at the journey's end--Jesus Christ. As with a marathon runner, the secret to finishing a race lies not in trying harder, but in training consistently--training with the spiritual disciplines. The disciplines are neither taskmasters nor ends in themselves. Rather they are exercises that build strength and endurance for the road of growth. The fruit of the Spirit--joy, peace, kindness, etc.--are the signposts along the way. Paved with humor and sparkling anecdotes, *The Life You've Always Wanted* is an encouraging and challenging approach to a Christian life that's worth living--a life on the edge that fills an ordinary world with new meaning, hope, change, and joy.

Bible

One Book, Seedbed. These are a series of Bible studies which contain both daily and weekly readings that can be used in small group settings. They are available at www.seedbed.com

The Epic of Eden, Sandra Richter. With this resource there is an initial Epic of Eden book on understanding the Old Testament as well as follow-up volumes that are each about a specific book of the Bible. This is one of the best series I've ever used to study the Old Testament. All of them can be found at www.seedbed.com

Eat This Book, Eugene Peterson. *Eat This Book* challenges us to read the Scriptures on their own terms, as God's revelation, and to live them as we read them. With warmth and wisdom Peterson offers greatly needed, down-to-earth counsel on spiritual reading. In these pages he draws readers into a fascinating conversation on the nature of language, the ancient practice of lectio divina, and the role of Scripture translations; included here is the "inside story" behind Peterson's own popular Bible translation, *The Message*. This study is available on Amazon.

Encounter the Father, Carolyn Moore. *Encounter the Father* offers us the option to experience the Father's blessing and encounter the Father's heart. In this study, you will gain a right understanding of the Father's heart and experience freedom from shame and unholy expectation. You will explore some of the many names of God in Scripture and use them to enhance your understanding of the Father's true nature. Encounter your Father through seven weeks of daily study, journaling and prayer, and through weekly teaching and conversations with others who are on this journey with you. Discover the freedom that comes in the revelation that your heavenly Father calls you His own. You are not a servant, but a child of God. This study is available at www.seedbed.com

Encounter Jesus, Carolyn Moore. *Encounter Jesus* is an eight-week Bible study and video series that teaches and encourages you to walk with THE Jesus of the Bible and not just the Jesus you want him to be. In this study, Moore explores eight passages from across the four gospels, each highlighting a key facet of Jesus's life and work. This study is available at www.seedbed.com

Encounter the Spirit, Carolyn Moore. The Holy Spirit is our inheritance as followers of Jesus. To access the power and fullness of this gift, however, is a choice. What if you could tap into that power? What if you could walk in confidence and pray with authority? Wouldn't you like to know how to hear the voice of God and how to read the Bible so it becomes a Living Word for you? Wouldn't you benefit from a deeper, more intimate connection with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Encounter the Spirit is a seven-week small group guidebook aimed at helping you discover the treasure of a deep relationship with God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. This study is available at www.seedbed.com

Women in the New Testament, Suzanne Nicholson. As a general rule, women had fewer rights, social status, and power than men in the ancient world in which the Bible was written. But Jesus regularly defied these social conventions, fulfilling his mission and purposes through faithful women and giving them dignity and purpose. In this OneBook Daily-Weekly study, Suzanne Nicholson highlights the qualities of several women in the New Testament that Jesus asks all believers to possess: faithfulness, persistence, and a boldness to follow him even at great personal cost to ourselves. These stories help us to better understand not only our own calling, but the very nature of the gospel itself. This study is 8 sessions long and is available at www.seedbed.com

Scripture and the Life of God, David F. Watson. In Scripture and the Life of God, David Watson takes us on a journey through what it means to enter into the life of God through texts that God has inspired and made authoritative for the teaching of the Church. Many of us read the Bible during private devotion time, and this is a very helpful practice, but there are also many other ways to walk down the pathway of Scripture into the divine life. Prayer, meditation, music, corporate worship, and other practices facilitate the work of the Holy Spirit through Scripture in drawing us into the divine life. This 5 week study is available at www.seedbed.com

Jesus the Stranger, Kenneth J. Collins. In this engaging work—Jesus the Stranger: The Man from Galilee and the Light of the World—Ken Collins invites the reader to see Jesus in a new way. One that focuses on his humanity, especially in terms of his suffering, rejection, and ostracism by numerous oppositional characters and groups drawn from the pages of the Gospels. From hometown folk to family members, from religious leaders to those who will ultimately seek his death, what emerges from this new vista is a more humane and approachable Jesus, one who can commiserate with the pain and sorrow of our own lives and one who can offer rich and abundant healing, the healing of holy love. This resource is available at www.seedbed.com

A God Named Josh, Jared Brock. Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" It's a question that still needs an answer today. With deft, insightful, and humorous strokes, award-winning biographer Jared Brock weaves archaeology, philosophy, history, and theology to create a portrait of Jesus we've never seen before. This is a groundbreaking biography about the historical Jesus we don't usually think about: The child refugee. The "carpenter" who most likely worked with stone. The adult who walked at least 21,525 miles in His lifetime and yet never tasted tomatoes or potatoes. The itinerant rabbi whose real name wasn't Jesus. The political revolutionary whose brutal murder was secretly masterminded by a power-hungry mafia family. More than a fascinating biography, A God Named Josh seeks to illuminate Jesus of Nazareth from new perspectives, grounded in history, that will surprise Christians and atheists alike.

Leap Over a Wall, Eugene Peterson. Leap Over a Wall is Eugene H. Peterson’s vibrant, insightful, and heartfelt exploration of one of the Bible’s most controversial figures: King David. Peterson beautifully elucidates the Old Testament’s rich depictions of David’s failures and victories, recapturing their excitement and immediacy to reveal David himself as a crucially human example of how we relate to God. A vision brought to life by one of the world’s most respected and influential theologians, the author of *The Pastor*, *The Jesus Way*, *Practice Resurrection*, and *The Message*—a bestselling contemporary translation of the Bible—Leap Over a Wall is a unique opportunity to reconnect with David, a man simultaneously admirable, soulful, and dark, and one of the most complex and vital characters of the greatest story ever written.

Meeting God in Scripture, Jan Johnson. Lectio divina is a practice of Scripture reading that treats the Bible not only as a text to be examined, but also as the living Word of God spoken anew to us. Experienced Bible teacher Jan Johnson gives us forty Scripture meditations, organized topically, giving us the tools we need to practice lectio divina on our own. Each meditation can be used both individually and in group settings.

The God Story, Alain Emerson and Adam Cox. The God Story is a compelling and creative retelling of the biblical story. Alain Emerson and Adam Cox - two leaders of the 24-7 Prayer movement - help you find personal meaning and purpose in light of God's unfailing love and awe-inspiring plans for humanity as laid out in Scripture.

Sabbath

24/6, Matthew Sleeth. “Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.” Sounds nice, but how can we possibly have “ears to hear” when we are plugged in 24/7. The solution is simple. And it is endorsed by the Great Physician Himself. It’s called Sabbath rest. Matthew Sleeth, MD, shares how his own family was dramatically transformed when it adopted Sabbath practices and helps readers better understand how their own lives can be transformed — physically, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually— by adopting the 24/6 lifestyle. This study is 4 sessions long and is available on Amazon. Go to www.blessedearth.org for video content and an abundance of free additional resources for this study.

Sabbath, Wayne Muller. In today’s world, with its relentless emphasis on success and productivity, we have lost the necessary rhythm of life, the balance between work and rest. Constantly striving, we feel exhausted and deprived in the midst of great abundance. We long for time with friends and family, we long for a moment to ourselves. Millennia ago, the tradition of Sabbath created an oasis of sacred time within a life of unceasing labor. Now, in a book that can heal our harried lives, Wayne Muller, author of the spiritual classic *How, Then, Shall We Live?*, shows us how to create a special time of rest, delight, and renewal—a refuge for our souls. We need not even schedule an entire day each week. Sabbath time can be a Sabbath afternoon, a Sabbath hour, a Sabbath walk. With wonderful stories, poems, and suggestions for practice, Muller teaches us how we can use this time of sacred rest to refresh our bodies and minds, restore our creativity, and regain our birthright of inner happiness.

Miracles

Miracles Today, Craig Keener. Do miracles still happen today? This book demonstrates that miraculous works of God, which have been part of the experience of the church around the world since Christianity began, continue into the present. Leading New Testament scholar Craig Keener addresses common questions about miracles and provides compelling reasons to believe in them today, including many accounts that offer evidence of verifiable miracles. This book gives an accessible and concise overview of one of Keener's most significant research topics. His earlier two-volume work on miracles stands as the definitive word on the topic, but its size and scope are daunting to many readers. This new book summarizes Keener's basic argument but contains substantial new material, including new accounts of the miraculous. It is suitable as a textbook but also accessible to church leaders and laypeople. This study is available on Amazon.

Creation Care

Reforesting Faith, Matthew Sleeth. In this groundbreaking walk through Scripture, Matthew Sleeth, MD, convincingly makes the case why trees are essential to every Christian's understanding of God. There's a tree on the first page of Genesis and the last page of Revelation. The Bible refers to itself as a Tree of Life (Proverbs 3:18), and every major Biblical character has a tree associated with them. Join Matthew Sleeth as he explores the wonders of life, death, and rebirth through the trail of trees in Scripture. Once you discover the hidden language of trees, your walk through the woods—and through Scripture—will never be the same. This book is 13 chapters broken into 3 parts and is available on Amazon. Go to www.blessedearth.org for video content, discussion guide, and other free additional resources for this study.

The Marvelous Pigness of Pigs, Joel Salatin. From Christian libertarian farmer Joel Salatin, a clarion call to readers to honor the animals and the land, and produce food based on spiritual principles. What on earth is The Marvelous Pigness of Pigs? It's an inspiring call to action for people of faith...a heartfelt plea to heed the Bible's guidance. It's an important and thought-provoking explanation of how by simply appreciating the marvelous pigness of pigs, we are celebrating the Glory of God. As a man of deep faith and student of the Bible, and as a respected and successful ecological family farmer, Joel Salatin knows that God created heaven and earth and meant for all living organisms to be true to their nature and their endowed holy purpose. He intended for us to respect and care for His gift of creation, not to ravage and mistreat it for our own pleasure or wealth. This resource is available on Amazon.

The Gospel According to the Earth, Matthew Sleeth. From Dr. Matthew Sleeth, the leading Christian voice for the green movement, comes a dynamic and surprising primer on all the Bible teaches on caring for the earth.

Serving God Saving the Planet, Matthew Sleeth. Not long ago, J. Matthew Sleeth had a fantastic life and a great job as chief of the medical staff at a large hospital. He was living the American dream—until he saw an increasing number of his patients suffering from cancer, asthma, and other chronic diseases. He began to suspect that the Earth and its inhabitants were in deep trouble. Turning to Jesus for guidance, Sleeth discovered how the scriptural lessons of personal responsibility, simplicity, and stewardship could be applied to modern life. The Sleeths have since

sold their big home and given away more than half of what they once owned. In *Serving God, Saving the Planet*, Sleeth shares the joy of adopting a less materialistic, healthier lifestyle, stronger relationships, and richer spiritual lives. With the storytelling ease of James Herriot and the logical clarity of C. S. Lewis, Sleeth lays out the rationale for environmentally responsible life changes and a how-to guide for making those changes.

Mental Health

***Hope Always*, Matthew Sleeth.** As a physician and minister, Dr. Sleeth shares his personal and professional experiences with depression and suicide, challenging Christians to become part of the solution. With sound medical principles finding their rightful place beside timeless biblical wisdom, *Hope Always* offers the practical and spiritual tools that individuals, families, and churches need to help loved ones who are stressed and struggling. This study is 5 sessions long and available on Amazon. Go to www.blessedearth.org for video content and an abundance of free additional resources for this study.

***Healing for Damaged Emotions*, David A. Seamands.** In this classic work, David Seamands encourages us to live compassionately with ourselves as we allow the Holy Spirit to heal our past. As he helps us name hurdles in our lives—such as guilt, poor self-worth, and perfectionism—he shows us how we can find freedom from our pain and enjoy the abundant life God wants for us. This is available on Amazon.

***How to be (Un)Successful*, Pete Portal.** *How to Be (Un)Successful* explores humanity's elusive search for the wrong sort of success, and how Jesus' life and teachings are the perfect antidote. Success is attainable – not in what we have but in how we live. This book looks at how Jesus invites us to experience a success that truly satisfies our souls. This 6 week study is available on Amazon.

***Deep Peace: Finding Calm in a World of Conflict and Anxiety*, Todd Hunter.** In *Deep Peace*, Todd Hunter analyzes the anxiety and desperation of our current moment and leads readers to receive the peace of Jesus and experience the deep wholeness that comes from the peace of God. He articulates a biblical framework for peace and provides practices to help Christians value and seek peace, becoming people of peace in ordinary life. Hunter reveals the heart issues from which these problems arise and introduces spiritual practices for becoming different sorts of people and different kinds of communities. This resource is available at www.seedbed.com

Stewardship

***When Helping Hurts*, Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert.** Emphasizing the poverty of both heart and society, this book exposes the need that every person has and how it can be filled. The reader is brought to understand that poverty is much more than simply a lack of financial or material resources and that it takes much more than donations and handouts to solve the problem of poverty. While this book exposes past and current development efforts that churches have engaged in which unintentionally undermine the people they're trying to help, its central point is to provide proven strategies that challenge Christians to help the poor empower themselves. Focusing on both North American and Majority World contexts, *When Helping Hurts* catalyzes

the idea that sustainable change for people living in poverty comes not from the outside-in, but from the inside-out. You can find this resource on Amazon.

Good and Faithful, Gary G. Hoag. This is a 10 session study on Biblical financial stewardship covering topics such as budgeting, investing, and debt management. It is available at www.seedbed.com

Workplace

The Great Opportunity, Dave Buehring. The average worker will spend some 90,000 hours “on the clock” throughout their lifetimes, and among working adults, 75% are looking for a way to live a more meaningful life. Without connecting with one’s calling and the Great Co-Mission, their vocation and disciple making, how can they ever disciple people to reveal and reflect the life of Jesus so that His Kingdom is advanced and those around them experience His grace and goodness? Changing the world happens when followers of Jesus connect their vocational calling with the Great Co-Mission of Jesus to make disciples. The Great Opportunity takes Christians beyond knowing that their faith should affect their work by showing them why and how to make disciples among those who share their vocation. The Great Opportunity teaches Christians who to disciple, how to disciple, and what to implement and apply through the model of Teach—Demonstrate—Replicate. This study is available on Amazon.

Out of the Saltshaker and Into the World, Rebecca Manley Pippert. In this bestselling classic, Rebecca Manley Pippert offers a refreshing view of evangelism as a lifestyle. For over forty years, Out of the Saltshaker and Into the World has equipped believers of different backgrounds around the world. Using memorable stories, biblical insight, and practical communication techniques, Pippert points to Jesus as our model and helps us feel relaxed and enthusiastic about sharing the good news. This study is available on Amazon.

Holy Spirit

Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire, Jim Cymbala. A classic must-read for readers looking for hope and transformation in the church today, Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire shows what the Holy Spirit can do when believers get serious about prayer and the gospel. As this compelling book reveals, God moves in life-changing ways - calling us back from spiritual dead ends, apathy, and lukewarm religion - when we set aside our own agendas, take him at his word, and listen for his voice. This resource is available on Amazon.

Wildfire, Rica McRoy. A life in Christ is impossible without the Holy Spirit. Perhaps you know this to be true because you have tried following Christ in your own strength and the flame of your faith has been doused by discouragement. Maybe you want to experience a Spirit-filled live but don’t know how to begin. Ladies, you aren’t alone. We are in this journey together. Whether the Holy Spirit is a complete mystery to you or a familiar friend, there is always more of him to know. Seedbed’s first-ever women’s video study, Wildfire is a practical action guide to stoking the fire of deep intimacy with the Holy Spirit in our every day lives. This 8 session study is available at www.seedbed.com

Theology

Erasing Hell, Francis Chan. With a humble respect for God's Word, Francis Chan and Preston Sprinkle address the deepest questions you have about eternal destiny. They've asked the same questions. Like you, sometimes they just don't want to believe in hell. But as they write, "We cannot afford to be wrong on this issue." This is not a book about who is saying what. It's a book about what God says. It's not a book about impersonal theological issues. It's a book about people who God loves. It's not a book about arguments, doctrine, or being right. It's a book about the character of God. Erasing Hell will immerse you in the truth of Scripture as, together with the authors, you find not only the truth but the courage to live it out. This is available on Amazon.

Supernatural: Experiencing the Power of God's Kingdom, Carolyn Moore. There's no substitute for the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit in your life. Maybe you've grown dissatisfied with the weak distractions offered both by our culture and, oftentimes, our churches. When it all sinks in, spirituality and ministry without the Holy Spirit is hollow. Join Carolyn Moore in rediscovering the supernatural! With a biblical basis and practical application, you'll learn how to work alongside the Spirit, and you'll become watchful for the powerful in-breakings of God's kingdom all around you. This 8 session study is available at www.seedbed.com

Follow the Healer, Stephen Seamands. This is a study that looks at the Biblical and theological foundations of healing ministry from a Wesleyan perspective. It is available at www.seedbed.com

The Unseen Real: Life in the Light of the Ascension of Jesus, Stephen Seamands. This book explore the theological implications that the ascension of Jesus holds for us in the here and now. It is 7 sessions long and is available at www.seedbed.com

Revival Rising: Preparing for the Next Great Wave of Awakening, Mark Nysewander. This study explores the dynamics of historical revivals and awakenings while equipping us to tune our hearts to the stirring of the Spirit now. It is 12 sessions long and available at www.seedbed.com

For the Body, Timothy Tennent. An in-depth look at what it means to be created in the image of God and how our bodies serve as icons that illuminate God's purposes instead of ours. The human body is an amazing gift, yet today, many people downplay its importance and fail to understand what Christianity teaches about our bodies and their God-given purposes. Many people misunderstand how the body was designed, its role in relating to others; and we lack awareness of the dangers of objectifying the body, divorcing it from its intended purpose. Timothy Tennent covers topics like marriage, family, singleness, and friendship, and he looks at how the human body has been objectified in art and media today. For the Body offers a biblical framework for discipling people today in a Christian theology of the body. Tennent—theologian and president of Asbury Theological Seminary—explores the contours of a robust Christian vision of the body, human sexuality, and the variety of different ways we are called into relationships with others.

Why I Am Still Surprised by the Voice of God, Jack Deere. Not only does God still speak to us apart from the Scriptures—we should expect Him to. This is the story of how Jack Deere learned to hear the voice of God in his life and how you can too. Now a modern classic, Jack wrote Surprised by the Voice of God over twenty-five years ago. Based on that first book, Why I Am Still Surprised by the

Voice of God has been entirely rewritten and includes additional thoughts and insights from a lifetime of hearing God speak. Deere will guide you through the Bible to discover the variety of creative, deeply personal ways God still communicates with us today.

How Jesus Saves, Joshua McNall. "How does Jesus save us by dying on the cross?" One night, as Josh McNall was talking with his young daughter before bedtime, she asked him this seemingly simple question. How would you answer? The fact that "Jesus saves" is perhaps the most basic claim of Christianity. Theologians and scholars refer to the way Jesus saves us as the atonement. The follow-up question—How does he save?—demands the attention not just of theologians but of every Christ follower. How exactly does a brutal and shameful crucifixion bring salvation? Why does the Bible call it good news, and why should we? In *How Jesus Saves*, McNall—professor and host of the podcast *Outpost Theology*—answers common questions and resolves misunderstandings that many people have about the atonement.

What if Jesus Was Serious, Skye Jethani. Let's face it. A lot of Christian resources can feel cheesy, out-of-touch, and a little boring. But when Skye Jethani started doodling and writing up some of his thoughts about God, his Twitter and email list blew up. *What If Jesus Was Serious?* is a compilation of all-new reflections (and hand-drawn doodles) from Skye. He takes a look at some of Jesus' most demanding teachings in the Sermon on the Mount and pushes us to ask whether we're really hearing what Christ is saying. The visual component of the book makes it memorable and enjoyable to read, and Skye's incisive reflections make it worthwhile for any Christian. If you've traditionally been dissatisfied with Christian devotional resources but love to learn about Jesus and think deeply, this book was written for you.

The Real Mary, Scot McKnight. Would you like to meet the real Mary of Nazareth? The real Mary was an unmarried, pregnant teenage girl in first-century Palestine. She was a woman of courage, humility, spirit and resolve, and her response to the angel Gabriel shifted the tectonic plates of history. Popular biblical scholar Scot McKnight explores the contours of Mary's life from the moment she learned of God's plan for the Messiah to the culmination of Christ's ministry on earth. Dismantling the myths and challenging our prejudices, the author introduces us to a woman who is a model for faith and who points us to her son.

Topical

Unfailing, Rob Renfro. What will you build your life upon? In a world that Jesus promises will be full of trouble, where will you turn for the strength to overcome? Some people build their lives upon their successes and their accomplishments. Others trust their own wisdom. Some people's lives rise and fall, depending on their circumstances. Some people are no more stable than their ever-changing emotions. And some people live defeated, their lives founded upon their failures and their losses. But there is a foundation that is greater than our successes, more dependable than our circumstances, and powerful enough to redeem our failures. The unfailing promises of a faithful God provide the strength we need to overcome the world and its trouble. Build your life upon these promises and though the rains come and the storms rage, you will never fall. This is an 8 session study.

The Life of Servanthood, Timothy C. Tennant. This study explores a Biblical view of servanthood patterned after the life of Jesus himself. It is 10 sessions long.

Mens

Wild at Heart, John Eldredge. God designed men to seek out adventure. But, somewhere between childhood and the struggles of yesterday, most men lose sight of those dreams. Fear not: bestselling author and counselor John Eldredge is here to teach men that there's a better way to live. In this updated and expanded edition of the timeless bestseller *Wild at Heart*, Eldredge unpacks man's search for validation, the need for the development of courage in his soul, and the call to live a life of adventure. Using discoveries from his own life and backing them with scripture, Eldredge reminds men that although their childhood passions, dreams, and desires may start getting buried under deadlines, pressures, and disappointments, it doesn't have to be this way. In fact, God made men to embrace a life of courage, adventure, and freedom. He created men to take risks and find true purpose and belonging.

Fathered by God, John Eldredge. In an age when fathers are more important than ever, how do you embark on your journey to manhood and know how to steer clear of the dangers along the way? In *Fathered by God*, New York Times bestselling author John Eldredge reminds us that there's a path to masculinity and, best of all, there's a loving Father ready to help us follow it. In *Fathered by God*, Eldredge calls men back to a simple and reassuring truth: God is our Father, and he wants to show us what masculinity really means. Eldredge teaches us that there's a path leading to authentic manhood, cut by generation after generation of men. There are perils along the trail, even disasters--all the more reason to rely on the guidance of a Father who has gone before us. A boy has a lot to learn in his journey to becoming a man, and it takes the active intervention of father figures and the fellowship of other men to guide us along the way. Eldredge shares that in all of life's trials and triumphs, God is initiating boys and men through the stages of manhood.

Fighting Shadows, Jon Tyson & Jefferson Bethke. Discover the satisfaction of becoming the man God created you to be. In a world that's grown increasingly confused about--and hostile toward--the very notion of masculinity, authors Jefferson Bethke and Jon Tyson send a powerful call to men everywhere: it's time to step into the light of Jesus' vision for you as a man. There's a shadow that's settled over the hearts of men today. Masculinity is in crisis. Critiques about the dangers of toxic masculinity and the abuses of patriarchal systems have grown louder than ever. The very notions of masculinity and manhood are under attack. In response to cultural shifts, some have doubled down on old stereotypes in ways that just add to the conflict and confusion. The result? Many men simply feel paralyzed--worried about saying the wrong thing, unsure what to do with their ambitions or strengths, simultaneously tempted and shamed by a hypersexualized and pornified culture. Our models and mentors have failed us. Based on their years of working in men's ministry, Bethke and Tyson have good news for men looking for clarity and courage in this age of quiet desperation.

Methodism

The Means of Grace, Andrew C. Thompson. In *The Means of Grace*, Andrew C. Thompson presents a clear and accessible explanation of the core tenets John Wesley instilled in the early Methodist movement—baptism, searching the scriptures, prayer, The Lord’s Supper, fasting, fellowship, accountability, works of mercy, and exercising the presence of God. Each means of grace is drawn from biblical examples and paired with a framework to offer a real, practical model for a life marked by holy love and holy transformation. Wesley had a phrase for what it means to live faithfully as a disciple of Jesus: walking in the ways of God. Together, the means of grace demonstrate a Wesleyan pattern of discipleship and help us understand what these ways of God are.

The Sermons of John Wesley, Collins/Vickers. A new and engaging collection of sermons that embraces the historic 44 sermons that John Wesley approved, plus the 8 more of the North American collection (52 sermons) and to this is added 8 sermons, carefully chosen, to fill things out for contemporary interests resulting in a grand total of sixty sermons. Each sermon (which employs the text from the Bicentennial edition of Wesley’s works) is preceded by a brief introduction and an outline. The sermons are arranged in accordance with the order of salvation displayed in the key sermon, “The Scripture Way of Salvation,” from creation to the fall through justification and every step along the way culminating in the new creation. The purpose of this collection is to foster vital Christian formation for all of its readers.

American Saint, John Wigger. English-born Francis Asbury was one of the most important religious leaders in American history. Asbury single-handedly guided the creation of the American Methodist church, which became the largest Protestant denomination in nineteenth-century America, and laid the foundation of the Holiness and Pentecostal movements that flourish today. In *American Saint*, John Wigger has written the definitive biography of Asbury and, by extension, a revealing interpretation of the early years of the Methodist movement in America. Asbury emerges here as not merely an influential religious leader, but a fascinating character, who lived an extraordinary life. His cultural sensitivity was matched only by his ability to organize. His life of prayer and voluntary poverty were legendary, as was his generosity to the poor. He had a remarkable ability to connect with ordinary people, and he met with thousands of them as he crisscrossed the nation, riding more than one hundred and thirty thousand miles between his arrival in America in 1771 and his death in 1816. Indeed Wigger notes that Asbury was more recognized face-to-face than any other American of his day, including Thomas Jefferson and George Washington.

The Theology of John Wesley, Ken Collins. A rich articulation of John Wesley’s theology that is appreciative of the old and mindful of the new, faithful to the past and attentive to the present. This work carefully displays John Wesley’s eighteenth century theology in its own distinct historical and social location, but then transitions to the twenty-first century through the introduction of contemporary issues. So conceived, the book is both historical and constructive demonstrating that the theology of Wesley represents a vibrant tradition. Cognizant of Wesley’s own preferred vocabulary, Collins introduces Wesley’s theological method beginning with a discussion of the doctrine of God.

John Wesley: A Theological Journey, Ken Collins. John Wesley remains a seminal figure, not only for "the people called Methodist, " but also within the larger Protestant tradition. Understanding his theology is a requirement for understanding the development of the Western Christian tradition in the modern period. In recent years much work has been done to grasp the intricacies of Wesley's theology. However, most of this work has been thematic in organization, studying Wesley's thought according to a topical or systematic outline. The weakness of this approach, argues Kenneth J. Collins, is that it fails to demonstrate the evolution and changes of Wesley's theology. What is called for is a historical presentation--one that examines the development of Wesley's theology across the span of his long and eventful theological career. Collins thus provides a chronological presentation of the development of Wesley's theology. Drawing on an extensive examination of the primary sources, and demonstrating an intimate knowledge of the different contexts and social locations in which Wesley's theology took place, *John Wesley: A Theological Journey* will be necessary reading for anyone wishing to understand the broad scope of the Methodist leader's theological development and contribution.

Perfect Love, Kevin Watson. *Perfect Love: Recovering Entire Sanctification—The Lost Power of the Methodist Movement* is a wake-up call to the people called Methodists. According to John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, God raised up Methodism in order to spread the central teaching of entire sanctification. The church has offered an unbalanced understanding of the gospel for too long. The promise of forgiveness and pardon through faith in Jesus Christ has been emphasized in many parts of the body of Christ. Initial conversion and new birth are good news indeed! But they are also just the beginning of the life that is promised to us in the Bible. Jesus came not only so that we could be forgiven, but so that we could have life abundantly. This book calls all Methodists—the spiritual descendants of the Wesleyan revival, regardless of contemporary denominational expression—back to who we have been at our best, in times when we have been a growing, vibrant, and Spirit-filled movement. It is time to retrieve Methodism's lost treasure, the doctrine of entire sanctification. This doctrine speaks to the radical optimism that through the work of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, we can move from struggling to survive as Christians to thriving! *Perfect Love* provides an in-depth explanation of entire sanctification and helps readers pursue all that God has for us.

The Faith Once Delivered, Ryan Danker. This resource is offered as a guide to help clarify the theological trajectory of Methodism for the next century and beyond. It is nothing less than a robust affirmation of the historic Christian faith and the particular gifts of the Wesleyan movement within the larger Church. This text emerged from the Next Methodism Summit where more than fifty Wesleyan scholars gathered in Alexandria, Virginia, in January of 2022. The event was a time of worship, fellowship, and deep theological work. The end to which they gathered was to describe essential Methodist teachings that can face the challenges posed by cultural, social, and political forces that attempt to subvert the Christian witness and reroute the focus of the Wesleyan community. This resulting work resources a vital and growing Methodism that is founded on the truth of the Christian faith as it has been received (Jude 3). It is our hope that this message of God's self-revelation in the story of Israel and the person of Jesus of Nazareth, of wholeness, of love, and true freedom will be proclaimed by Wesleyan believers for centuries to come.