DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

Individual or Group Studies

Essential Christianity **(6 lessons) – Bill Hybels –Excellent study of the basics including how to know and follow Christ, grow in confidence, handle failures and receive guidance. Leaders' notes included.**
MasterLife Book 1, The Disciples' Cross**(6 lessons) – Avery Willis – Deepen your walk with Christ as you practice the 6 disciplines of a disciple; each week has 5 days of homework including scripture memory.**
MasterLife Book 2, The Disciples' Personality **(6 lessons) – Avery Willis – Develop Christlikeness in character as you learn to live in the Spirit; homework, scripture memory.**
The Call to Follow Christ **(7 lessons) – Claude King – a "lite" version of MasterLife Book 1 but very good**
Abide in Christ **(6 lessons) – Andrew Murray & Bo Stevens – a "lite" version of MasterLife Book 2.**
Experiencing God **(13 lessons) – Henry Blackaby & Claude King – Helps believers know and do God's will and wait upon God's timing; is a workbook; DVDs available as well.**
Twelve Ordinary Men; Twelve Extraordinary Women **(12 lessons) – John MacArthur – Book & workbook; explores the lives of the 12 disciples and 12 women of the Bible. Theme: God uses ordinary men & women to fulfill His extraordinary purposes.**
Disciple's PrayerLife **(13 lessons) – T.W. Hunt and Catherine Walker – Learn how to pray based on the prayers of the Bible; is a workbook with daily study.**
The Mind of Christ **(12 lessons) – T.W. Hunt & Claude King – a challenging study examining Christ's mind and character; is a workbook.**
The Bible in 90 Days **(13 weeks) – NIV Zondervan Publishers – Read through the entire Bible in 90 days as part of a unique group experience; participants guide and DVD lessons.**
Kay Arthur Studies **– any of the Kay Arthur studies are excellent; topical or books of the Bible – Precept Ministries International.**

Books for Personal or Group Study

Classics

Confessions **– Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, early church father (A.D. 354-430).**
Pilgrim's Progress **– John Bunyan – 17th Century allegory of the life of the Christian.**
Religious Affections **– Jonathan Edwards, brilliant theologian of the 18th century and first President of Princeton University.**
Mere Christianity **– C.S. Lewis, brilliant Christian thinker of 20th Century, author of Chronicles of Narnia; this book is an absolute must for anyone seeking the Lord.**
Screwtape Letters **– C.S. Lewis; letters between demons who seek to tempt Christians.**
Weight of Glory **– C.S. Lewis; a collection of topical studies based on his lectures.**
Lectures to My Students **- Charles Spurgeon, great English Baptist preacher of 19th Century.**
Morning and Evening **– Charles Spurgeon; daily devotional readings.**

Cost of Discipleship **– Deitrich Bonhoeffer, godly Lutheran Pastor who was executed by the Nazis in Germany in 1945; study guide for groups called Costly Grace by Dale & Sandy Larson (6 lessons).**
The Pursuit of God **– A.W. Tozer – In each of the 10 chapters, he explains an aspect of waiting on God**
Spiritual Maturity **– J. Oswald Sanders**
Spiritual Leadership **– J. Oswald Sanders**
Knowing God **– J.I. Packer**
My Utmost for His Highest **- Oswald Chambers; daily devotional**
The Imitation of Christ **– Thomas a Kempis, Augustinian monk; his dates: 1380-1471.**
Kingdom of the Cults **– Walter Martin; explores in detail the major cults (Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, etc.)**

How to Study/Teach the Bible

Living By The Book **– Howard Hendricks; plus a workbook; an extensive but excellent book on how to study the Bible for yourself.**
How to Study Your Bible **– Kay Arthur**
Teaching to Change Lives **– Howard Hendricks**
Teaching for Results **– Findley Edge**

Apologetics (knowing what/why you believe and defending the faith)

The Case for the Real Jesus **– Lee Strobel**
The Case for Christ –**Lee Strobel**
The Case for a Creator **– Lee Strobel**
The Case for Faith **– Lee Strobel**
Books by Paul Little: ***Know Why You Believe; Know What You Believe; Know Who You Believe***
A Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism **– Tim Keller**
Evidence That Demands A Verdict **– Josh McDowell**

Evangelism (sharing your faith)

Master Plan of Evangelism **– Robert E. Coleman**
Becoming a Contagious Christian **– Bill Hybels**
More Than a Carpenter **– Josh McDowell**
Why Bert's Not a Christian **– Ben Young**
Share Jesus Without Fear **– William Fay**

Other Current/Recent Resources

Renovation of the Heart **– Dallas Willard**
How Should We Then Live? **– Francis Shaeffer**

True Sprituality **– Francis Shaeffer**
Celebration of Discipline **– Richard Foster**
The Call **– Os Guinness**
A Mary Heart in a Martha World **– Joanna Weaver; very good women's study**
Desiring God **– John Piper**
The Pleasures of God **– John Piper**
What Jesus Demands From the World **– John Piper**
The Prodigal God **– Tim Keller**
Counterfeit Gods **– Tim Keller**
Basic Christianity **– John Stott**
The Purpose Driven Life **– Rick Warren**
Seeking the Face of God **– Gary Thomas**
The Beautiful Fight **– Gary Thomas**
Holy Available **– Gary Thomas**
Sacred Marriage **– Gary Thomas**
The Way of the Heart **– Henri Nouwen**
Hard to Believe **– John MacArthur**
The Truth War **– John MacArthur**
[Note: any of the studies on Books of the Bible by John MacArthur are excellent]

Classes Available

Bible in 90 Days – call 713-465-3408, ext. 1716 for days and times.
Perspectives – call 713-465-3408, ext. 1716 for details.
College of Biblical Studies call 713-465-3408, ext. 1716 for information.
FAQ – call New member Ministry at 713-365-2334 for details; for new believers & new members.
Pastor's Corner – every Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Fellowship Hall; for new believers & new members.
Men's Studies – call Men's Ministry at 713-365-2334.
Women's Studies – call Women's Ministry at 713-365-2338.
Precept Upon Precept – call 713-365-2334 for days/times.
PrayerLife – Call the Discipleship office at 713.465.3408 x1716.

Not Recommended

Any of the John or Staci Eldredge materials are not recommended. The Eldreges take liberties with and misuse the Scriptures. They seem to apply Scripture only when it fits with their experience. Their approach to the Christian life is ruled by experiences, emotion and impressions rather than faith and obedience to God's word.
The Nooma Series by Rob Bell is not recommended. These are creative video discussion starters which raise many more questions than they answer. Rob Bell is weak on Scripture.