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Divorce Care for Adults

MAKING DIVORCE CARE WORK (VTs 1354-1367)

Divorce Ministry is never easy. This video series is designed to encourage and assist you in the challenging task of ministering to people experiencing divorce or separation. All church staff and lay leaders who are involved in divorce ministry can benefit from this program.

Topics include:

- What's Happening to Me?
- The Road top Finding Healing/Hope
- Facing Your Anger
- Facing Your Depression
- Facing Your Loneliness
- What Does the Owner's Manual Say?
- New Relationships
- Financial Survival
- Kidcare – Parts 1 and 2
- Forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- Moving on, Growing Closer to God

Duration of series is 13 weeks. Tapes must be requested in order.

...And Children!

DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS (KT 0040)

Divorce Care for Kids is an exciting new program that helps your church start and sustain a divorce ministry for children ages 5-12. DC4K is designed to be used in conjunction with the adult Divorce Care Series program, VTs 1354-1367, creating an environment to foster healthier families. Includes leader's guide, participant's workbook, stories for kids, Bible flip chart, music CDs, and several other resources. This resource will help children who are hurting as they are introduced to a Christ-centered, biblical approach to healing!

Hunger/Poverty/ Homlessness

SERVANT OR SUCKER? (DVD 0602)

We've all been there. Someone who is obviously poor or homeless approaches you and asks for money. What do you do? Do you give money knowing there's a good chance it will be used on drugs or alcohol or do you say "no" or even ignore the person as you walk by? No one wants to be a sucker in these situations, but at the same time Jesus' call to help the poor echoes in our hearts and minds. *Servant or Sucker?* will help viewers discern appropriate, Christ-centered actions when it comes to addressing poverty on a personal or organizational level. It includes the realities of poverty such as the concepts of time, relationships, money and values; a "poverty tour"; interviews with those who are homeless or poor; interviews with those who have helped and/or have been suckered; and steps you can take to be an effective servant without getting suckered. Leader's guide included on the DVD. Offered by UM Communications. For ages senior high and up.



5 sessions include: (10-15 minutes each)

1. The Dilemma
2. Why Do People Beg?
3. An Individual's Response
4. Making Compassionate Decisions
5. Church Response

Bible Study

MAYBERRY MOMENTS - VOLUMES 1 and 2 (DVDs 0556 and 0598)

The Mayberry Moments Bible Study utilizes classic scenes along with short lessons from one of the most beloved television shows of all time - The Andy Griffith Show! Using these short clips (1 to 2 minutes) and short lessons (1 page), jumpstart discussion with the famous faces of a few cherished friends. Join Andy, Opie, Barney and Aunt Bee for the parables of Mayberry! Offered by Primetime Parable Ministries. For ages senior high and up.

PRIMETIME MOMENTS - VOLUME 1 (DVD 0599)

The Primetime Moments Bible Study utilizes classic scenes along with short lessons from some of the most beloved television shows of all time - The Andy Griffith Show, The Beverly Hillbillies, The Lucy Show, The Dick Van Dyke Show and Gilligan's Island! Using these short clips (1 to 2 minutes) and short lessons (1 page), jumpstart discussion with the famous faces of a few cherished friends (like Andy & Opie, Granny & Jed, or Gilligan & Skipper). Tune into this class for a time of fun fellowship! Offered by Primetime Parable Ministries. For ages senior high and up.



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New books in the Resource Center...

SEX GOD – EXPLORING THE ENDLESS CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SEXUALITY AND SPIRITUALITY (BK 0098)

God and sex go together. “You can’t separate the two,” says Rob Bell, pastor of Mars Hills Church in Grand Rapids, MI. This physical world is intimately linked to deeper spiritual realities. And so, in order to make sense of sexuality, at some point you have to talk about God. With beauty and unusual insight, *Sex God* explores this connection.

Perfect for ages high school and up! Zondervan Publishing. Hard cover – 9 chapters, 201 pages

THE SHACK (BK 0099)

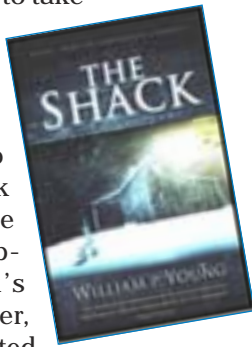
“Mack” Philips took his three children on a family camping trip while his wife visited her sister. Just as they were about to leave the campsite, the two older kids decided to take

a last canoe ride before heading home. As their canoe overturned, and Mack went to help them, his back was turned and the unspeakable happened. Mack’s youngest daughter, Missy, was abducted

by a known child predator. After a massive search, evidence of Missy showed up at an abandoned cabin. Although they never found her body, everyone knew the worst had happened. For the next four years “a great sadness” fell over Mack and his family, until a note from God showed up in his mailbox. What happens next will move you to a greater understanding of God’s unfailing love for us all.

Another great book for ages high school and up!

Authored by William Paul Young, Hard cover, 264 pages



THE CALL (BK 0100)

The Call continues to stand as a classic, reflective work on life’s purpose. Best-selling author Os Guinness goes beyond our surface understanding of God’s call and addresses the fact that God has a specific calling for our individual lives. “Why am I here? What is God’s call in my life? How do I fit God’s call with my own individuality? How should God’s calling affect my career, my plans for the future, my concepts of success?” Guinness now helps the reader discover answers to these questions.

According to Guinness, “No idea short of God’s call can ground and fulfill the truest human desire for purpose and fulfillment.” With tens of thousands of readers to date, *The Call* is for all who desire a purposeful, intentional life of faith.

Includes study guide relevant to each chapter. Perfect for individual or group study. Soft cover – 292 pages, 26 chapters

Christian Living/ Loving Others

THREE SIMPLE RULES – A Wesleyan Way of Living (DVD 0555)

Based on the best-selling book by the same title, *Three Simple Rules*, now hear the author, Rueben Job, teaching and explaining his ideas on this thought-provoking book. These five sessions are perfect for individual or group study. Includes leader’s guide, *Three Simple Rules* book, and 24/7 study for youth. Abingdon Press. Appropriate for senior high and up!

Sessions include:

1. Introduction (8 minutes)
2. Do No Harm (10 minutes)
3. Do Good (11 minutes)
4. Stay in Love with God (8 minutes)
5. A Daily Practice (12 minutes)

Social/Ethical Issues

JUSTFAITH (KT 0039)

New to MARC, JustFaith is a thirty-week adult educational and formational process, offering an opportunity for people of faith to embark upon a spiritual journey into compassion. Most of us long to be a generous and compassionate people. However, occasions to explore this tradi-



tion in a deliberate and engaging way have largely not been available.

JustFaith provides a lively and challenging format to

read, view, discuss, pray, experience and be formed by the justice tradition that changes lives, inspires faithful witness, and transforms the world through love and service. JustFaith is an extensive, conversion-based process that provides a context in which participants can grow in their commitment to care for the vulnerable and to become advocates for justice, and serves to strengthen the growing commitment of churches to be agents of social transformation, mercy and compassion. The JustFaith program has been offered in over nine hundred churches from a variety of denominations in thirty-seven states throughout the country.

This kit contains all the resources needed for teaching the JustFaith class. Participants will need to purchase individual copies of each book, available through Sowers Books. DVD’s included in kit for in class viewing. Optimum class size is 10-12 adults.

To find out more about the JustFaith program, visit www.justfaith.org, or info@justfaith.org.



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