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Youth Ministry

UP: Artist-Driven Bible Studies (DVD0473-0476): This Bible study is taught by today's favorite Christian music artists. Each volume includes captivating artists discussing relevant issues from a biblical perspective; flexible six-week study; low prep, high-impact lesson plans; cutting-edge video; easy-to-use leader and student materials; multimedia presentations on interactive DVD ROM; and frank, honest discussion questions that promote peer interaction. Each volume includes six sessions (8-10 min./session) and start up guide.

Volume 1: Choices (DVD0473): Featured artists: BarlowGirl, Stellar Kart, The Turning. Life is full of choices. Peer pressure, relationships, family dynamics, friends, self-esteem – they all influence the choices we make. But only with God's power can we recognize what the world would have us do and choose instead to do what please the Lord.



Volume 2: Roadblocks (DVD0474): Featured artists: GRITS, Building 429, Jessie Daniels. Sometimes it is hard to "give it all to God" and to trust God with the outcome. Sometimes we face situations that seem impossible to figure out. Fortunately, God specializes in resolving what seems too much for us to handle. He wants to show us what it really means to have faith that he will "work all things together for the good" for those who have put their trust in him.

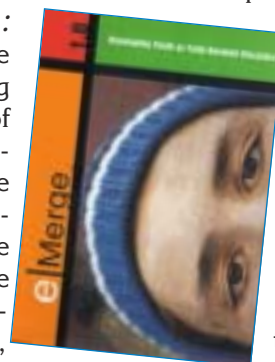
Volume 3: Storms (DVD0475): Featured artists: Sonicflood, Superchick, Anthony Evans. The Bible is full of instructions on how to live out our faith through life's more difficult struggles. These artists share from their experience what it means to "live it" even when storms are full blown.

Volume 4: Remade (DVD0476): Featured artists: Sanctus Real, Krystal Meyers, Todd Agnew. We have all done things that we regret. We have all been separated from God because of those things. But the good news is that we don't have to remain enslaved to the past. God has given us the hope for restoration through Jesus Christ. These artists share what forgiveness means to them and give insight in what it truly means to live the abundant life found only in Christ.

e/Merge (DVD0477-0478): e/Merge was born at The Avenue, the student ministry at Ginghamburg UMC in Ohio. This is combination of dynamic large-group teaching enhanced by digital media and intimate small-group discussion attracted hundreds of students to The Avenue. The purpose of this resource is to make this model of youth ministry programming accessible to all congregations, regardless of facilities or number of youth. Designed for evening youth group program, this study comes in

three 13-program volumes. Each of the 13 programs is enhanced by visual media and divided into two segments: a large group gathering and teaching time, followed by dividing youth into small groups for more intimate discussion. Each volume contains a director's guide with an interactive DVD, and two small group leader's guides—one for leaders working with younger youth and one for leaders working with older youth. Both small group leader's guides come with an interactive CD. The interactive DVD features video segments, PowerPoint games, printable handouts, and a video showing a working model of the program. The interactive CDs provide leader training in MP3 format and printable handouts for use in the small-group setting. (Note: This DVD is not for use on a standard DVD player. It is designed for the DVD drive of a computer. For large group use, you will need to use a computer with DVD drive and a large monitor or projector.)

Volume 1.0 (DVD0477): The 13 sessions are grouped into three units. Unit 1. Glow (3 sessions): focuses on spiritual practices and time with God. This unit encourages students develop habits of prayer,



Scripture reading, and reflection. Unit 2. Room Raiders (5 sessions): is a tour of the rooms in a typical house. Each room is a metaphor for some aspect of the Christian life. Unit 3. The Call (5 sessions): is of how God calls us and how we should respond.

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Volume 2.0 (DVD0478): The 13 sessions are grouped into four units. Unit 1. Contagious Faith (6 sessions): helping students share their faith. Youth will learn that God loves lost people and some practical steps to learn how to show and talk about their faith, invite friends to church, tell their God-story and invite friends to know Christ. Unit 2. Scars (2 sessions): helps teens deal with the hurts they carry around. Your youth group can be a safe place for healing and new life. Unit 3. Bling (3 sessions): helps students think about money and how they use it. Students can start now to develop faithful financial habits. Unit 4. Elevate (2 sessions): a look at the influence we allow our friends to have on us.

Marriage

I Love You More: How Everyday Problems Can Strengthen Your Marriage (DVD0483): The question isn't whether struggles will arise, but how will husbands and wives handle them when they come. In this six-session small group edition DVD curriculum, authors Les and Leslie Parrott show you how the same forces that can chip away at marriage can become a catalyst for new relational depth and richness – provided you make wise choices. Whether the problem is major or mild, you'll learn how to transform nettlesome issues into loving opportunities. Six sessions are: 1. Love is not enough 2. Tackle this problem first ... and all others get easier 3. The six subtle saboteurs of every marriage 4. How to solve any problem in five (not-so-easy) steps 5. Joining your spirits like never before 6. The good that comes from a problem-solving marriage. (1 DVD; 6 sessions; 15 min./session; leader's guide, workbook for men, workbook for women; for adults)

Small Group Ministry

God is Closer than You Think (DVD0440): In this DVD, Ortberg is your teacher in six sessions that will help your group experience the intimacy you long for with God – and that he longs to have with you. In this resource, Ortberg takes your small group on a journey that will help you to: experience His presence in your busy life, hear Him speak in ways you understand, and discover God's desire to be with you in this moment. Six sessions are: 1. God's Great Desire for People; 2. Where Is God in My World?; 3. Partnering with God Today; 4. Listening to the Voice of God; 5. God Wants a Relationship with You; 6. Heaven Breaking Through. (1 DVD; 6 sessions; 15 min./session; leader's & participant's guides; for adults)

Women's Ministry

Stepping UP: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent (DVD0485-0488): Detailed study of Psalms 120-134 engages participants in unique opportunities for personal reflection and worship while exploring the background/writer of each. Just as a song or poem can express feelings of fear, doubt, hope, and joy, these 15 psalms model how study participants can voice their own petitions and praises to our God, who is always available and ready to hear us. This resource explores the background of each psalm and psalmist, the majority of which were written by David. (4 DVDs; Six sessions with separate introduction session; Leader's guide & participant's workbook)



Igniting Ministry

Expression Packages (DVD0479-0482 or VT3261-3264): Expression Packages are collections of themed resources. Each is designed to help churches implement local marketing plans and leverage the impact of the UMC national advertising program. The packages explore specific themes and come with a guide for understanding their biblical foundation. These self-contained kits provides content for understanding and implementing the message, training the congregation, and supplying the files that vendors need to customize and place the media. Kits include worship, teaching and advertising resources and community service ideas. All are reusable, professional-quality graphics designed for the local church. Each kit includes: ·DVD-ROM or VHS tape with the television spot and other video resources. Video elements are available for online viewing through IgnitingMinistry.org and UMTV.org. CD-ROM with radio commercials, other media options, and ideas for using the materials in your church and community. Permission is given to churches to copy the CDs when they borrow this resource from the resource center. View book that shows the advertising resources and indicates where to find the files on the CD-ROM and DVD-ROM.

Vol. 1. The Journey (DVD0479 or VT3261): explores how our individual spiritual paths bring us together as we encounter Christ through one another.

Vol. 2. The Gift (DVD0480 or VT3262): encourages people to share their gifts through the United Methodist Church touching others' lives and getting blessings in return.

Vol. 3. Prayer (DVD0481 or VT3263): encourages people to "believe again" in the power of prayer as they explore that discipline of faith.

Vol. 4. Faith (DVD0482 or VT3264): presents the United Methodist Church as a place for all generations to learn and grow in their relationship with God.

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