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SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY/PARABLES

Three timely additions to MARC's popular **36 Parables** collection.....

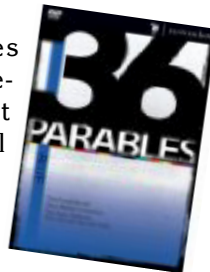
For nearly 2,000 years, the parables of Christ have instructed and inspired. Now, these powerful stories are re-told in a way that will immediately grab viewers' attention. Each DVD in the series contains short films depicting three beloved parables in modern settings and situations. Use them as introductions, illustrations, or discussion starters, and your students will see God's Word in a whole new way. Each approximately 30-40 minutes in length; includes discussion guide. Great for high school, youth and young adult ministry, college, and up.

BLUE (DVD0683)

Blue Includes:

The Music Box

- A man stumbles upon a box of superior value that played a crucial role in his childhood and will pay whatever it takes to get that box.
- Based on the Parable of the Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13:44)



Gnobody's Gnome

- A middle-aged yuppie is in deep water and hopes the judge will see his situation in a merciful light, but he can't see his neighbor's need in the same light of mercy.
- Based on the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:15-35)

Like Father Like Son

- A father blind to his own condition cannot see the similarities between his issues and his son's issues.
- Based on the Parable of the Two Debtors (Luke 7:36-48)

AMBER (DVD0685)

Amber portrays modern-day retellings of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the Parable of the Leafing Fig Tree, and the Parable of the Good Shepherd.

LIME (DVD0684)

Lime Includes:

Charlie

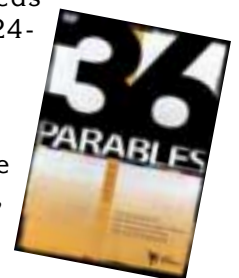
- A young jazz saxophonist struggles to make a living as an artist.
- Based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed (Luke 13:18-19, Mark 4:30-32, Matthew 13:31-32)

Wise/Foolish

- A college girl who procrastinated all semester is forced to choose between cheating on her final paper or going on a date with her new boyfriend.
- Based on the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-29, Luke 6:46-49)

Together

- Gary, a middle-aged alcoholic, must choose to stay sober or live his old life when his attempt to keep his relationship with his daughter backfires.
- Based on the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30)



Looking for some fresh study ideas this fall?

Off to a racing start with all your fall church programs? Still looking for that perfect study to take you through to Christmas?

Check out these all new MARC resources, and hop on board! **Join for HALF PRICE for the remainder of 2010!**

Anyone in your congregation can reserve materials from the media lending library. It's easy, affordable, and green!

Ask your Church Secretary today if you're a MARC member!



YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY/CHRISTIAN LIVING/SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A new resource to help parents and teens discern wisely about technology....

DOWNLOAD – Teaching Teenagers to Filter Their Media Choices (DVD0686)

Your teenagers are inundated with media every day—video games, TV, movies, YouTube, texting, Facebook, iPods. In fact, studies show that the average teenager consumes more than 7 hours of media a day. That doesn't even count any media related to homework assignments or class projects!



With so many media options out there, it's critical for teenagers to be equipped with tools that help them make wise choices. That's where Download comes in. This 3-week video curriculum from youth culture expert Walt Mueller will teach your teenagers how to filter their media choices.

In a culture where the traditional institutions like families, schools, and churches don't nurture teenagers like they once did, students are turning more and more to the media for the nurture and guidance they need. Give your students—and their families—tools for walking wisely in this media-saturated world.

Lessons include:

Lesson 1 – Discover (10:22)

Lesson 2 – Discern (9:47)

Lesson 3 – Decide (10:49)

Resource includes CD with downloadable discussion guide, promotional materials, poster, etc. Appropriate for junior high and up. Offered by Group Publishing.



SOCIAL ETHICAL ISSUES/PEACE MAKING//HUMAN RIGHTS/SOCIAL JUSTICE

PEACE WITH JUSTICE LIBRARY (S-0001)

Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to “strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations” throughout the world. The *Peace with Justice* Program aims to make shalom visible and active in people's lives and communities by setting people free from bondage. We will celebrate peace with justice when all people have access to adequate jobs, housing, education, food, health care, income support and clean water. We will further celebrate when structures and systems that reflect economic exploitation, war, political oppression and cultural domination no longer exist.

The Old Testament speaks of God's sovereignty in terms of covenant, more particularly the “covenant of peace” with Israel, which binds that people of God's shalom (Isaiah 54:10; Ezekiel 37:20). In the covenant of shalom, there is no contradiction between justice and peace or between peace and security or between love and justice (Jeremiah 29:7). In Isaiah's prophecy, when “the spirit is poured upon us from on high,” we will know that these laws of God are one and indivisible: “Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places” (Isaiah 32:16-18, NRSV).

New to the MARC resource collection...the MARC office now houses the Peace with Justice Library (formerly located at GR Trinity UMC), a collection of 63 books and videos. For a complete listing of the individual resources, contact Betsy in MARC.

For additional information regarding *Peace With Justice*, visit the *Peace with Justice Ministries* web page on the West Michigan Conference website at www.westmichiganconference.org, or Ellen Brubaker, West Michigan Conference Peace with Justice Coordinator, at johnellen5@comcast.net.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS/UMC HISTORY/CONFIRMATION

A powerful and moving historical account of John Wesley and Methodism....

WESLEY – THE MOVIE (DVD0682)

What happens when a smart, talented young man desires to serve God...but is mostly driven by his fear of death and Hell? How is a conflicted heart torn by love and desire? And what happens when that heart finally discovers grace?



A Heart Transformed Can Change the World!

In this powerful true story, based directly on the private journals of John and Charles Wesley, we glimpse the private struggles of one man who would go on to found the Methodist movement – and another who would become one of the most prolific and beloved hymn writers of history. Together, they would transform the face of England with revolutionary ministries to the poor and downtrodden, creating a movement that laid the groundwork for the eventual abolition of slavery. This movie makes one proud to be a Methodist!

This DVD is licensed for HOME USE ONLY and may not be exhibited at a church or other public venue without purchase of a special church license.

117 minutes in length. Perfect for junior high and up!

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