



Prayer, Scripture, fellowship and service are central to small group life. A healthy small group includes all of these components. Below is a listing of books and DVDs that may be helpful in creating and sustaining a strong group. For more information regarding any of these resources, an online retailer such as Amazon or Christian Book Distributors would be a good starting point that would have summaries and reviews. This is not an exhaustive list of Cornerstone's resource "library" but are some suggestions for possible consideration. For more comprehensive guidance or information about Cornerstone's resources, please feel free to contact Pastor Curt or Susan Spoelstra.

Marriage

Marriage: Built to Last

Author: Chip Ingram

Description: 6-session DVD set covering a wide range of topics with interviews of 24 different couples.

iMarriage

Author: Andy Stanley

Description: 6-session DVD set.

The Intimate Mystery: Creating Strength and Beauty in Your Marriage

Authors: Dan Allender and Tremper Longman III

Description: Book with discussion questions. There are also video supports for a 6-session study.

Sacred Marriage

Author: Gary Thomas

Description: Book with discussion questions at the end of each of the 13 chapters. This book develops the concept that marriage is designed to deepen your relationship with God.

Parenting

Sacred Parenting

Author: Gary Thomas

Description: Book with discussion questions at the end of each of the 13 chapters. It explores how God uses our kids to change us.

How Children Raise Parents

Author: Dan Allender

Description: A book that focuses on learning how you can let go of the pressure to make sure your children succeed, and instead discover how to grow into spiritual maturity by listening to your children.

Grace-Based Parenting

Author: Tim Kimmel

Description: 10-session DVD set. Kimmel recommends creating a grace-based home environment that allows children to meet their full potential; to parent children in the same way God parents us.

Parenting, continued

Shepherding a Child's Heart

Author: Ted Tripp

Description: Written for parents with children of any age, this insightful book provides perspectives and procedures for shepherding your child's heart into the paths of life. Application discussion questions are made available at the end of each chapter. Also, there is a 15-session DVD resource available with this book.

Age of Opportunity

Author: Paul David Tripp

Description: 13-chapter book with discussion guide at the end of the book. Tripp's purpose is to guide parents into a better understanding of God's design for adolescence: it can be a time of parents seizing countless opportunities to deepen communication, learn, and grow with their teenagers.

General Discipleship

Prodigal God

Author: Tim Keller

Description: Book and 6-session DVD set. Keller delves into Jesus' parable, focusing on the prodigal who spent until he had nothing left, the self-righteous and offended elder son, and the father who forgave with reckless abandon.

The Next Christians

Author: Gabe Lyons

Description: 6-session video curriculum with participant's guide. It takes into account recent efforts at Christian renewal, addressing the significant challenges that could undermine the viability of Christianity if the faithful do not employ a completely new outlook.

Serve God, Save the Planet

Author: J. Matthew Sleeth

Description: Book with discussion guide at the end of each of the 16 chapters. Sleeth shares the joy of adopting a healthier, less materialistic lifestyle, which leads to stronger relationships and a richer spiritual life.

Where Faith and Culture Meet

Author: Andy Crouch

Description: 6-session DVD set. This resource will help your group experience and envision how you can be a counterculture for the common good.

Faith Lessons

Author: Ray Vander Laan

Description: 6-8 session DVD series. Teacher and historian Vander Laan brings together history, culture, and geography to illuminate the Bible.

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices that Transform Us

Author: Adele Ahlberg Calhoun

Description: 7-part book. Instead of just giving information about spiritual disciplines, this handbook is full of practical, accessible guidance that helps you actually do them.

The Hole in Our Gospel

Author: Richard E. Stearns

Description: Book with study guide, or 6-session DVD set. The Hole in Our Gospel challenges Christians to expand their personal and transforming faith into a public and transforming relationship with the poor.

Convergence

Author/Host: Donald Miller

Description: 4-session DVD series. Each session includes a 20 minute conversation between Christian leaders and thinkers that cover various topics. CCC owns the sets on marriage, heaven, personal growth, and spiritual practices. Each DVD set comes with a discussion guide.

Crazy Love

Author: Francis Chan

Description: 10-chapter book and accompanying DVD. In Crazy Love, Chan shares from his own personal experiences and calls for Christians to live a selfless, Christ-like life.

Just Walk Across the Room

Author: Bill Hybels

Description: 11-chapter book and 4-session DVD set. Hybels shows you how to follow Jesus' model of personal evangelism by "living in 3-D"---developing friendships, discovering stories, and discerning appropriate ways to leave your comfort zone.

Radical Together

Author: David Platt

Description: 7-chapter book with group discussion guide. In Radical, David Platt challenged Christians to take a hard look at their faith and ask whether they were truly following Christ or pursuing a life of comfort and material wealth as dictated by the American dream. Radical Together takes the next step and lays out six foundational ideas for faith communities seeking to serve and live a "Radical" lifestyle.

Bible Study

Author: Our Heavenly Father

Description: 66-part book. The definitive guide to life, this is the world's all-time best-seller. There are many books *about* the Bible, but none compare to actually reading and studying it.

The above is not meant to be irreverent. Each year, many CCC groups study books of the Bible. Some use commentaries, some use published Bible Study guides. Some simply use...the Bible! It is worth saying that the ultimate recommended resource for all of CCC's small groups is the original Good Book, God's Word.