## **Suggested Studies for Groups | Summer 2022 Version**

Clear Creek Community Church small groups follow a planned approach to life change to ensure that every person who joins a group will have a foundational understanding of what it means to seek to follow Jesus in full devotion. That intentional approach emphasizes a Christian's spiritual growth is always anchored to the person and work of Jesus (i.e., the gospel). The Spiritual Growth Grid (below) is the heart of our spiritual formation process. The grid is composed of three gospel-centered storylines based upon who God is and what he has done for us in the gospel of Jesus and, consequently, who we are and what we do in Christ.

# SPIRITUAL GROWTH GRID



Because growth in the three gospel storylines is critical for full devotion, all CCCC small groups are required to work through a planned approach for growing in the Spiritual Growth Grid. Many utilize CCCC's *Devoted Small Group Studies* to intentionally walk through each gospel storyline of King, Father, and Savior of the Growth Grid. These studies are available on Amazon.

#### Devoted: Discipleship Training Series for Small Groups

- 1 Gospel-Centered Discipleship
- 2 Repent & Believe: Relying On God's Power
- 3 Listen & Obey: Hearing God's Voice
- 4 Love & Serve: Living Independently
- o 5 Go & Multiply: Sharing the Gospel in Word and Deed
- o 6 Repent & Believe: Loving God with All Your Heart

Additionally, to help groups function according to this strategy, CCCC has provided below this list of approved studies. As a group engages in one of these studies, it is the responsibility of the Navigator(s) to help the group understand how it connects to the Spiritual Growth Grid.

# **Understanding Christianity**

- Simply Christian by N.T. Wright
- Basic Christianity by John Stott

#### What's the Gospel?

- What is the Gospel? by Greg Gilbert
- How Good is Good Enough? by Andy Stanley
- Putting Amazing Back into Grace by Michael Horton
- The Cross of Christ by John Stott

# Applying the Gospel to Life

- The Gospel-Centered Life: A Group Study of Galatians by CCCC
- Gospel in Life group study (DVD + book) by Tim Keller
- Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life by Jeff Vandersteldt
- Counterfeit Gods by Tim Keller
- The Gospel-Centered Life by Bob Thune
- The Discipline of Grace by Jerry Bridges
- Saturate by Jeff Vandersteldt
- Gospel Transformation Workbook by World Harvest Mission
- The Gospel for Real Life by Jerry Bridges
- The Prodigal God by Tim Keller (DVD + study guide)

## **Spiritual Disciplines**

- Growing in Christ by J.I. Packer
- Holiness by Grace by Bryan Chapell
- Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald Whitney

#### The Church

- The Church: A Missional Community group study by CCCC
- The Gospel: How the Church Portrays the Beauty of Christ by Ray Ortlund
- Built Upon the Rock: The Church group study by Bobby Jameison
- The Church by Edmund Clowney

# **Church History**

- Church History: The Essential Guide by Justo Gonzalez
- Christian History Made Easy by Timothy Paul Jones
- Church History in Plain Language by Bruce Shelley

#### God

- Knowing God by J.I. Packer
- The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer

- His Love Endures Forever: Reflections on the Immeasurable Love of God by Garry Williams
- The Doctrine of God by John Frame

#### Jesus

- Who is Jesus? by Greg Gilbert
- Jesus: Teacher, Servant, and Savior group study by John Stott Bible Study
- Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ by John Piper
- The Person of Christ by Donald MacLeod

# **Holy Spirit**

- Baptism and Fullness by John Stott
- Forgotten God by Francis Chan
- Keep in Step with the Spirit: Finding Fullness in Our Walk with God by J.I. Packer
- The Holy Spirit by Sinclair Ferguson

## Trinity

- What is the Trinity? by R.C. Sproul
- What is the Trinity? by David F. Wells
- Delighting in the Trinity by Michael Reeves
- The Deep Things of God: How The Trinity Changes Everything by Fred Sanders

## **Understanding the Old Testament**

- Introducing the Old Testament: A Short Guide to Its History and Message by Tremper Longman
- Introduction to the Old Testament by Tremper Longman and Raymond Dillard
- Old Testament Theology by Bruce Waltke

## **Understanding the New Testament**

- Introduction to the New Testament by D.A. Carson and Douglass Moo
- New Testament Theology by Thomas Schreiner

## Studying the Bible

- How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth by Fee and Stuart
- Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible by Duvall and Hays
- How to Study Your Bible by Kay Arthur and David Arthur
- Women of the Word by Jen Wilkin

#### **Christian Doctrine**

- The Christian Life: A Doctrinal Introduction by Sinclair Ferguson
- Christian Beliefs by Wayne Grudem
- Core Christianity: Finding Yourself in God's Story by Michael Horton

• Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem

# **Biblical Theology**

- God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible by Vaughn Roberts
- Gospel and Kingdom by Graeme Goldsworthy
- God Dwells Among Us: Expanding Eden to the Ends of the Earth by G.K. Beale and Mitchell Kim
- Kingdom Through Covenant by Peter Gentry and Stephen Wellum

# **Apologetics**

- The Reason for God by Tim Keller
- Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis
- Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion by Rebecca McLaughlin
- Making Sense of God by Tim Keller

# Discipleship

- Devoted: Discipleship Training Series for Small Groups by CCCC Elders (see page 1)
- Disciples are Made Not Born by Walter Henrichsen
- The Complete Book of Discipleship by Bill Hull
- The Divine Conspiracy by Dallas Willard
- The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

# Prayer

- When You Pray by Phillip Ryken
- A Praying Life by Paul Miller
- Studies in Prayer: Developing a Strong Prayer Life by Tim Keller
- Prayer and the Knowledge of God by Graeme Goldsworthy

#### Counseling

- Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul David Tripp
- Redemption by Mike Wilkerson
- Seeing with New Eyes by David Powlinson

#### Community

- Relationships: A Mess Worth Making by Lane and Tripp
- Everybody's Normal Till You Get To Know Them by John Ortberg
- Total Church by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis
- Everyday Church by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis
- Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

#### **Conflict Resolution**

- The Peacemaker by Ken Sande
- Resolving Conflict by Lou Priolo
- Boundaries by Cloud and Townsend

## Generosity

- Redeeming Money: How God Reveals and Reorients Our Hearts by Paul Tripp
- Generosity by Gordon MacDonald
- Managing God's Money by Randy Alcorn
- Balanced group study by Andy Stanley
- Fields of God by Andy Stanley
- The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn

#### **Evangelism**

- Reaching the Lost: Evangelism group study by Bobby Jameison
- The Heart of Evangelism by Jerram Barrs
- Learning Evangelism from Jesus by Jerram Barrs
- Gospel 101: Learning, Living, and Sharing the Gospel by Jeff Dodge
- Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God by J.I. Packer
- No Perfect People Allowed by John Burke
- Living a Life on Loan by Rushaw and Swanson
- Get Uncomfortable DVD study by Todd Phillips

#### Marriage

- What Did You Expect? by Paul Tripp
- The Meaning of Marriage (study guide available with DVD) by Tim Keller
- God, Marriage, and Family by Andreas Kostenberger

#### Family

- Choosing to Cheat by Andy Stanley
- Disciplines of a Godly Family by Kent & Barbara Hughes
- God, Marriage, and Family by Andreas Kostenberger

## **Lance Lawson Suggestions on Specific Family Issues**

- The Smart Stepfamily by Ron Deal
- o Finally Free by Heath Lambert
- Expectant Parents by Suzanne Hadley Gosselin
- Sticky Faith by Chap Clark and Kara Powell

#### **Parenting**

- Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family by Paul Tripp
- Raising Great Kids by Cloud & Townsend
- Give Them Grace by Fitzpatrick & Thompson
- Grace-Based Parenting by Tim Kimmel

#### **Gender Roles**

- What's the Difference? by John Piper
- Jesus, Justice, and Gender Roles: A Case for Gender Roles in Ministry by Kathy Keller
- Worthy: Celebrating the Value of Women by Elyse Fitzpatrick and Eric Schumacher
- Biblical Foundations for Manhood and Womanhood by Wayne Grudem

#### Work

- Every Good Endeavor by Tim Keller
- About My Father's Business by Regi Campbell
- Business for the Glory of God by Wayne Grudem

#### Men

- The Man in the Mirror by Patrick Morley
- Disciplines of a Godly Man by Kent Hughes
- Tender Warrior by Stu Weber

## Women (see p. 9 for list of Women's Authors/Teachers and Bible Studies)

- Because He Loves Me by Elyse Fitzpatrick
- Worthy: Celebrating the Value of Women by Fitzpatrick & Schumacher
- Feminine Appeal by Carolyn Mahaney
- The Legacy of Biblical Womanhood by Hunt & Thompson
- Missional Motherhood by Gloria Furman
- Risen Motherhood: Gospel Hope for Everyday Moments by Jensen & Wifler

# **End Times/Eschatology**

- Surprised by Hope by N.T. Wright
- The Bible and the Future by Anthony Hoekema
- Kingdom Come: The Amillennial Alternative by Sam Storms
- The Meaning of the Millennium: Four Views by George Ladd

## **Corporate Worship**

- Worship Matters by Bob Kauflin
- Rhythms of Grace by Mike Cosper
- Engaging with God by David Peterson

# Mercy / Ministry to the Hurting

- Hole in Our Gospel by Richard Stearns
- When Helping Hurts by Corbett & Fikkert
- Ministries of Mercy by Tim Keller

# **Missional Living**

- A Field Guide for Everyday Mission by Connelly & Roberts
- Saturate: Being Disciples of Jesus in the Everyday Stuff by Jeff Vandersteldt

- Saturate Field Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible by Jeff Vandersteldt and Ben Connelly
- The Gospel Comes with a House Key by Rosaria Butterfield

# Justice

- Generous Justice by Tim Keller
- When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself by Brian Fikkert
- Good News to the Poor: Social Involvement and the Gospel by Tim Chester

#### **Bible Book Studies**

Crossway Bible Studies

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- Colossians
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- John Stott Bible Studies (www.ivpress.com/john-stott-bible-studies)
  - Jesus Christ
     The Beatitudes
     1 & 2 Thessalonians
     1 Timothy and Titus
  - ActsRomansThe Letters of John
  - Galatians
     Revelation
  - Ephesians
- N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Studies. (<a href="https://www.ivpress.com/n-t-wright-for-everyone-bible-study-guides">https://www.ivpress.com/n-t-wright-for-everyone-bible-study-guides</a>)
  - Matthew
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     Luke
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     1 Corinthians
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     Galatians
     Ephesians
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  - Romans
- Intervarsity Press LifeGuide Bible Studies (<a href="https://www.ivpress.com/lifeguide-bible-studies?source=nav">https://www.ivpress.com/lifeguide-bible-studies?source=nav</a>
- Living Word Bible Studies (https://www.prpbooks.com/series/living-word-bible-studies)
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     Proverbs
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    o Isaiah o Psalms, Vol. 2
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## **Special: Revelation Bible Study**

- Revelation: A 12-Week Study by Stephen Witmer
- Discipleship On The Edge: An Expository Journey Through the Book of Revelation by Darrell Johnson
- Revelation: N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides by N.T. Wright
- Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation by Nancy Guthrie

# Women's Teachers/Bible Studies

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https://www.courtneydoctor.org
https://www.trillianewbell.com
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Gloria Furman

Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

https://www.reviveourhearts.com

Lauren Chandler <a href="https://laurenchandler.com">https://laurenchandler.com</a>

Elisabeth Elliot

#### Women's Bible Book Studies

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She Reads Truth https://shereadstruth.com

The Good Portion https://thegoodportionbooks.com/category/bible-study/

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# Some books staff love that would be good for group

- Liturgy of the Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren
- Disruptive Witness by Alan Noble
- The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer