

#### THIS GUIDE

In Community Groups our goal is to create a predictable environment where people experience authentic community and spiritual growth. One of the tools that enables us to do this is curriculum.

The selection of the proper curriculum helps integrate the truth of the Bible into daily life and provides structure for group discussion. We have researched the current published curriculum options for small groups and come up with a list of fifteen recommended resources. This is not an exhaustive list and, as always, you are free to choose curriculum other than those listed here.

#### HOW IT IS ORGANIZED

We believe that a person who is growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ is someone who is pursuing intimacy with God, community with insiders and influence with outsiders. Thus the curricula in this guide have been organized around these three vital relationships. It is our desire that your group will use a curriculum that focuses on each of these relationships sometime during the life cycle of the group.

#### WHAT'S MISSING?

You may notice the absence of studies on books of the Bible. Books of the Bible cover all of the three vital relationships and we highly recommend their study. A good curriculum series to guide you through Bible study is the *New Community Series* published by Zondervan.



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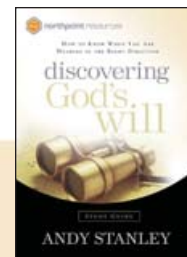
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### Discovering God's Will :: Andy Stanley

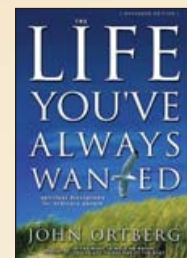
Length: 6 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Guide & DVD

Do you struggle with important decisions? Would you like to make better decisions? Find out how God's will intersects with your life and discover three sources for guidance in navigating the choices that are put before us. In this study you will watch 12-15 minutes of a message from Andy Stanley and then discuss its implications in your life.

### Starting Point :: NPM

Length: 13 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Workbook & Cds

Walk through the Bible in the shoes of some of its main characters to see how God has been about passionately pursuing a prodigal people. Each session has an accompanying CD to listen to in the car during the week.



### The Life You've Always Wanted :: John Ortberg

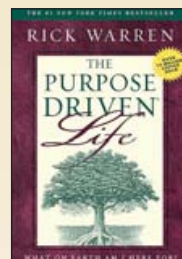
Length: 13 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Book

This book challenges us to experience growth through spiritual disciplines in our regular, everyday lives. You will be encouraged to incorporate the practices of celebration, slowing down, prayer, servanthood, confession, and reflection on scripture in your daily routine. There is a 13-session study guide in the back of the expanded edition.

### The Purpose Driven Life :: Rick Warren

Length: 40 Days :: Prep Work: 2 Hrs. Per Week :: Format: Book

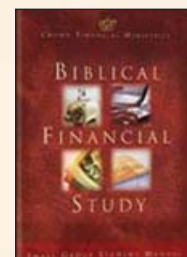
What on earth are you here for? By first understanding God's plan for our lives, we can then see the big picture of what life is all about and begin to live the life God has in mind for us. This book is divided into 40 chapters and you are encouraged to read one per day and then gather with your community group to discuss.



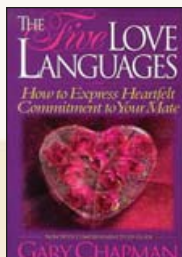
### Crown Small Group Study :: CFM

Length: 40 Days :: Prep Work: 2 Hrs. Per Week :: Format: Workbook

A biblical and practical study of God's perspective on debt, work, honesty, investing, giving and more. There are three pieces to this study: the book Your Money Counts, the group manual which guides you through daily Scripture readings, and a practical application workbook which helps you get your finances in order.



# Community With Insiders



### The Five Love Languages :: Gary Chapman

Length: 14 Chapters :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Book

Learn how different people express and receive love so that you can effectively encourage one another. There are application questions in the back of the book. (This book focuses on marriage but there is also an edition for singles.)

### Creating A New Community :: John Ortberg

Length: 9 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Study Guide

Guiding you through the first five books of the Bible, this small group study reveals God's passionate desire for intimacy with his people and among his people. This is the first study of the Old Testament Challenge. This series is designed to help you discover the power and relevance of the Old Testament.



### Gifts :: John Ortberg

Length: 7 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Study Guide

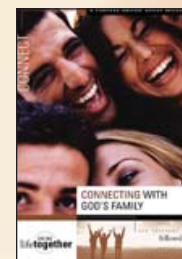
Discover how God has uniquely designed you and your group members to extend his love to others through service. Find the part that you have to play in what God is doing. This study is part of the Pursuing Spiritual Transformation Series.



### Connecting with God's Family :: Life Together

Length: 6 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Guide & DVD

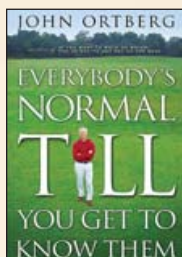
God designed us to live in community. This study explores how to connect more deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with other Christians. For each session the accompanying DVD contains an introductory video (3-4 min.) and a teaching segment (10-15 min.).



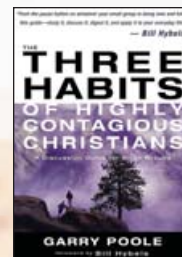
### Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them :: John Ortberg

Length: 12 Chapters :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Study Guide

How do flawed, abnormal people such as ourselves come together in the life-changing relationships God designed us for? This is a book about how imperfect people can pursue community with other imperfect people. Discussion questions follow each chapter.



# Influence With Outsiders



### The Three Habits of Highly Contagious Christians :: Gary Poole

Length: 3 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Study Guide

Looking for a short overview of how to reach out to those around you who don't know God? This guide gives you three simple steps: build relationships, share your story, and extend invitations to outreach events.

### Don't All Religions Lead to God? :: Gary Poole

Length: 6 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Study Guide

Is Jesus really the only way to God? What happens to people who've never heard of Jesus? Examine these and other questions as you wrestle with some of the objections to Christianity posed by our culture. This study is part of the Tough Questions series.



### Go Fish :: Andy Stanley

Length: 6 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: DVD

This study will encourage and equip you to live out Jesus' call to become fishers of men by giving you motivation for evangelism as well as a simple presentation of the gospel. The DVD contains six 12-15 min. teaching segments and discussion questions.



### Sharing Your Life Mission Every Day :: Life Together

Length: 6 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Guide & DVD

God has strategically placed you and given you a circle of influence. This study will help you make the most of your opportunities to speak of the hope and grace that God offers. For each session the accompanying DVD contains an introductory video (3-4 min.) and a teaching segment (10-15 min.).



### Missions: God's Heart for the World :: Paul Borthwick

Length: 9 Sessions :: Prep Work: 1 Hr. Per Week :: Format: Guide

The whole Bible speaks of God's desire for people to come to know him. Travel from Genesis to Revelation and catch a glimpse of God's heart for the world and your part in his plan to reach it.

