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Faith Practices

Age Level: Multi-age & Intergenerational, Adult (35+), Young Adult (18-35), Older Youth (15-19), Youth (11-15), Older Children (7-11), Younger Children (3-7)
Learn More/Download: http://www.ucc.org/faith_practices_download_files

Faith Practices is an online resource that's transforming congregations into communities that worship together, learn together, and serve together. Faith Practices encompass every setting in your congregation (Christian Education, Workshop Rotation, UCC Identity & History, Living Practices in Daily Life).

Update July 2015: Faith Practices is no longer for sale, however, there are still plenty of links/activities accessible in Faith Practices. [Click Here](#) to access the entire Faith Practices resource - 24/7, 365. Plus it will never expire and you can download or print whenever you want.

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A Scripture Index for *Faith Practices* is available at:

http://www.nhcucc.org/Documents/Christian_Education/scripture_index_FP.pdf



Our Whole Lives

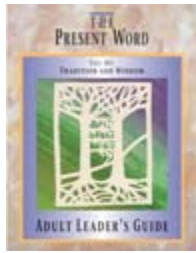
Young Adults
Adults

Learn More/Order: <http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives.html>

Our Whole Lives is a series of programs for Human **Sexuality Education**. Written by professional sexuality educators, the programs provide accurate information for parents, teachers and pastors to use with children and young people to help them learn about sexuality in the affirming and supportive setting of our churches.

A complete (nationwide) training schedule for *Our Whole Lives* is available at:

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/training-schedule.html>



The Present Word

Age Level: Adult

Methodology: Experiential with Discussion & Activities

Publisher: Presbyterian Church (USA)

Learn More/Order: <http://www.uccresources.com/collections/the-present-word-adult-curriculum>

Through the exploration of biblical text, adult study groups are invited into a deepened relationship with God. *The Present Word* engages participants in an experiential style of learning—connecting faith and life. This quarterly resource features an Adult Leader's Guide and an Adult Student's Book.



LISTEN UP!

Age Level: Adult

Methodology: Discussion & Activities

Learn More/Order: <http://www.uccresources.com/collections/listen-up>

What's a *LISTEN UP!* Bible Study, and why is it unique?

God's word is alive. God will always have something new to say to us. That's why the purpose of the *LISTEN UP!* Bible Study series is not simply learning information about the Bible. It is hearing God speak. There is a difference. In these Bible studies, you will be encouraged to listen: listen to the Bible, listen to your own questions and responses, and listen to the honest sharing among participants in your study group. Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, we believe that in that mix of biblical text, personal engagement, and honest speaking and listening, God's word may be heard, speaking words of challenge and words of comfort. A Leader's Guide is included in each workbook.

The *LISTEN UP!* Starter Kit includes one copy of each of the following 16 titles (studies may be purchased individually as well):

- [1 Corinthians by Anthony B. Robinson and Patricia de Jong](#)
- [2 Corinthians by Anthony B. Robinson and Patricia de Jong](#)
- [The Book of Acts - Part 1: Acts 1-6 by Anthony B. Robinson](#)
- [The Book of Acts - Part 2: Acts 7-15 by Lillian Daniel](#)
- [The Book of Acts - Part 3: Acts 16-26 by Martin B. Copenhaver](#)
- [The Book of Exodus - Part 1: Exodus 1-19 by Anthony B. Robinson](#)
- [The Book of Exodus - Part 2: Exodus 20-40 by Anthony B. Robinson](#)
- [Ecclesiastes by Molly Baskette](#)
- [Genesis - Part 1: Chapters 1-11 by Judith Copeland](#)
- [Genesis - Part 2: Chapters 12-32 by Kate Layzer](#)
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- [Job by Daniel Cooperrider](#)
- [Mark - Part 1: Chapters 1-8 by Talitha Arnold](#)
- [Mark - Part 2: Chapters 9-16 by Talitha Arnold](#)
- [Romans - Part 1: Chapters 1-8 by Michael S. Bennett and Richard L. Floyd](#)
- [Romans - Part 2: Chapters 9-16 by Michael S. Bennett and Richard L. Floyd](#)

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Seasons of the Spirit

Seasons ENCORE: Age Level (Sunday school) Resources: Adult

Seasons FUSION: Worship resources for engaging all ages in Faith Formation

Methodology: Lectionary Based, Designed for groups of 12-15 learners

Publisher: Wood Lake Publishing, Inc.

Learn More/Order: <http://www.seasonsonline.ca>

Seasons of the Spirit is **one inclusive program for the whole congregation**. *Seasons of the Spirit* supports faith communities and families in their life together by

- exploring meaning and mystery in the Bible
- being grounded in thoughtful theology
- empowering children, youth, and adults to be transformed in Christ
- inspiring and equipping leaders
- nurturing the imaginative spirit
- offering resources for all ages
- integrating worship, learning, and serving ministries

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Other Curricula Resources*:

Animate. Faith.

Age Level: Adult/Young Adult

Methodology: DVD (with live action presentations), Interactive Journal, Discussion

Publisher: SparkHouse

Learn More/Order: <http://wearesparkhouse.org/adults/animate/faith/>

A seven session course based on the work of seven leading Christian voices: Lillian Daniel, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Shane Hipps, Brian McLaren, Bruce Reyes-Chow, Lauren Winner, and Mark Scandrette. Their goal was to create an **accessible, captivating** exploration of **big questions** of the Christian faith – designed to **spark conversation** in faith communities like yours. NH churches using the program, describe it as engaging, Progressive Christianity for those who are comfortable with technology.

Animate. Practices.

Age Level: Adult

Methodology: DVD (with live action presentations), Interactive Journal, Discussion

Publisher: SparkHouse

Learn More/Order: <http://wearesparkhouse.org/adults/animate/practices/>

Animate: Practices is a seven-session adult introduction to the central practices of the Christian faith. The seven topics /practices are: prayer, food, worship, sacraments, money, service and community. In each Animate: Practices session, the group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling, and share ideas with the group. The order of the session is up to you and what works best for your group. Session resources are available as a complete curriculum or a la carte.

Animate: Bible.

Age Level: Adult

Methodology: DVD (with live action presentations), Interactive Journal, Discussion

Publisher: SparkHouse

Learn More/Order: <http://wearesparkhouse.org/adults/animate/bible/>

Animate: Bible is also a seven-session, where adults explore the Bible. The seven topics are: Canon, History, Testaments, Gospels, Genre, Interpretation and Grace. In each session, the group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling, and share ideas with the group. The order of the session is up to you and what works best for your group. Session resources are available as a complete curriculum or a la carte

Not sure which will work best for you? See the Animate Comparison Chart:

<http://wearesparkhouse.org/media/downloads/Animate/AnimateComparisionChart2014.pdf>

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Experience! Faith Formation Curriculum for Adults

Age Level: Adult

Methodology: Series of Readings, Video Clips, leader guided discussions
(currently four books in the series, see below)

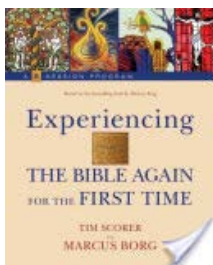
Publisher: Wood Lake Publishing

Learn More/Order:

http://www.woodlakebooks.com/curricula/experience_faith_formation_curriculum_for_adults/

It's a curriculum that...

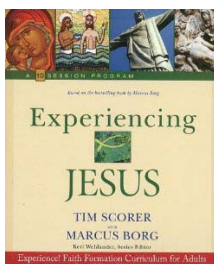
1. Introduces lay people to contemporary theological insight
2. Presents Christianity as a persuasive option for 21st century seekers
3. Opens the Bible in engaging and challenging ways
4. Takes seriously the authentic experience and life concerns of learners
5. Gives tools and confidence to small group leaders of all levels of experience
6. Integrates small group learning and worship into one sacred process
7. Stays open to the movement of Spirit in the interaction of the learners
8. Speaks to the full humanity of each person - body, mind, emotion and spirit
9. Balances the story of tradition with the story of God's unfolding universe
10. Makes real the possibility of transformation in the lives of people today



Experiencing The Bible for the First Time Again

Authors: Tim Scorer, Marcus Borg

Learn More/Order: <http://www.woodlakebooks.com/curricula/inventory/All-Products/Experience/Experiencing-the-Bible-Participant-Handbooks>



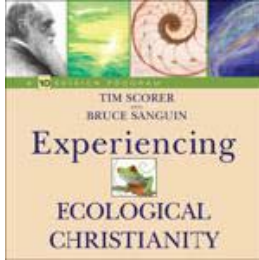
Experiencing Jesus

Authors: Tim Scorer, Marcus Borg

An experiential study to accompany Marcus Borg's book, *Jesus*, in which he leads the reader on a journey to discover who Jesus was, what he taught, and why he still matters today. As participants in the study give themselves to the ten sessions they will experience the masterful way that Borg uncovers a Jesus they may never have known before: a religious revolutionary, a Jewish mystic totally centered in the reality of God, and a movement initiator who opened a path of personal and political

transformation.

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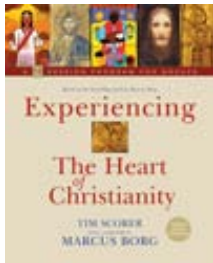


The third in the series Experience!
Experiencing Ecological Christianity

Authors: Tim Scorer, Bruce Sanguin

Based on the bestselling book *Darwin, Divinity, and the Dance of the Cosmos* by Bruce Sanguin, *Experiencing Ecological Christianity* invites participants to engage in a nine-session program with a focus on the ecological crisis.

Learn More/Order: <http://www.woodlakebooks.com/curricula/inventory/All-Products/Experience/Experiencing-Ecological-Christianity>



Experiencing The Heart of Christianity

Authors: Tim Scorer, Marcus Borg

Learn More/Order: <http://www.woodlakebooks.com/curricula/inventory/All-Products/Experience/Experiencing-the-Heart-of-Christianity>

A companion to the bestselling book by Marcus J. Borg, this 12-session experiential program will enable you to engage with the issues that lie at the heart of Christianity today. Delving into such topics as the Bible; God; Jesus; sin; and how to live in a multi-faith, pluralistic society, *Experiencing the Heart of Christianity* will guide you through these complicated issues, leaving you thought-full and inspired. The book includes a DVD with video clips of Marcus Borg and Tim Scorer, and beautiful fine art images of Jesus.



Living the Questions

Age Level: Adult

Methodology: Progressive Theology, Video Segments and Discussion

Learn More/Order: <http://www.livingthequestions.com>

From their website, "*Living the Questions* is a source of curriculum and media for both seekers and "church alumni/ae" convinced that Christianity still has relevance in the 21st Century. Providing a variety of flexible resources, *Living the Questions* can help people explore the future of Christianity and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world."

There program consists of 21 sessions. Each session may be conducted in one hour or expanded to include a meal and personal sharing. The 20-minute video segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. The flexible DVD and resource materials can be used in variety of class, retreat, and other formats.

The Kerygma Program

Age Level: Adult

Methodology: Study Group/Discussion based on individual books or the Bible as a whole.

Learn More/Order: <http://www.kerygma.com>

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The Thoughtful Christian

Age Level: Adult

Methodology: Web based resources for Sunday school classes, Bible study groups, or individual reflection

Learn More/Order: <http://thethoughtfulchristian.com/>

The Embracing Series

Age Level: Adult

Methodology: Small Group DVD Study with Participant Workbook

Publisher: Morehouse Education / Church Publishing Incorporated

Learn More/order: <https://www.churchpublishing.org/>

Small Group Studies that deal with contemporary topics with guided discussions based on the perspective of well known Christian Leaders:

- Embracing Forgiveness, Barbara Cawthorne Crafton
- Embracing Spiritual Awakening, Diana Butler Bass
- Embracing Interfaith Cooperation, Eboo Patel
- Embracing An Alternative Orthodoxy, Richard Rohr
- Embracing Emergence Christianity, Phyllis Tickle
- Embracing a Life of Meaning, Kathleen Norris
- Embracing an Adult Faith, Marcus Borg
- Embracing the Prophets in a Contemporary Culture, Walter Brueggemann

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