

RECOMMENDED DVD STUDIES!!!

Groups can purchase the study books, DVDs and/or books through sites like amazon.com and christianbook.com (noted as CBD in columns) and local Christian stores. A baseline cost is listed in the cost column, but you may get it cheaper on-line. At the end of your study, if you wish to donate your leader's guide or DVD, please keep your receipt, or note the cost you paid for it, and bring it in to Jan Neisess. Colonial will then send you an acknowledgement letter that you can use for tax deductible purposes.

If you don't wish to purchase a study, you can see a list of all studies available for check out through Colonial's curriculum library on-line or by e-mailing Jan Neisess for the list at jneisess@colonialkc.org.

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Although not a DVD, you can see the Sermon LIVE! on Sundays – and then click on this link on the Colonial Resources page to get sermon-based questions for your group to discuss! Note, if your group attends two campuses, the messages will be different, so you may want to explore a thematic topic to Colonial's theme of "Externally Focused" or another topic of your choice.
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THE FOLLOWING ARE STUDY SERIES THAT FOCUS ON BEING "EXTERNALLY FOCUSED", WHICH IS COLONIAL'S THEME FOR 2008.

Title / Topic (Length of Study)	Synopsis	Author(s)	Cost
Outflow: Outward-focused Living in a Self-focused World / Evangelism (5 week)	Written for everyday people, this book inspires readers to lead joyful, outward-focused lives, powerfully connected with family and friends...and in those connections, to naturally share God's love. It's a simple, organic strategy - and Biblical. It addressed outreach to others. For most adults, outreach feels...well, uncomfortable. Intrusive. Contrived. That's why-- in spite of Jesus' intent that we share our faith-- we seldom do so.	Steve Sjogren Dave Ping	Kit: \$24.99 (DVD, Music CD, 1 book) More Books: \$14.99 each http:// Store.grouppublishing.com
Surrendering Your Life for God's Pleasure: A Purpose-Driven™ Group resource for you and your group to study! (6 weeks)	What does it mean to surrender to God? These six sessions will help you experience the transforming power of a surrendered life. As you learn to worship Christ throughout your daily life, you will come to trust him with the experiences of your past, the precious things of your present, and your hopes for the future. What are you holding onto? Discover the peace of laying it at God's feet.	Purpose Driven Life Teachers featured are Henry Cloud, Chip Ingram, Judy Hampton, J.P. Jones, John Ortberg, and Dee Eastman	DVD: 22.99 via CBD Book: 5.99 via CBD
Developing Your Shape to Serve Others : A Purpose-Driven™ Group resource for you and your group to study! (6 weeks)	A small group study on the purpose of ministry; God designed your unique mix of gifts, natural abilities, personality, values, and life experiences to play an essential part in his kingdom.	Purpose Driven Life	DVD and 10 Study Guides Bundle for \$69.95 or DVD \$21.95 Study Guide \$5.95

<p>Chasing Daylight: A Study on the Life of Jonathan / Motivation (10 week)</p>	<p>Adventure awaits. Opportunity is all around us. In Chasing Daylight, city pastor Erwin McManus calls us to risk everything for a life of genuine purpose. Video teaching and creative learning materials make this a great Bible study for adults.</p> <p>The biblical character of Jonathan was a man on a mission. In faith and doubt, he stepped out to launch a daring attack that energized his people. With that attitude, we can be movers and shakers rather than moaners and slackers. McManus culls eight characteristics of an adventurer's heart, what he calls "The Jonathan Factor."</p>	<p>Erwin McManus</p>	<p>Kit with DVD, 1 book, 10 workbooks, 1 Leader's Guide and 1 poster is \$149.95 on sale at www.bluefishtv.com</p> <p>Single workbook: \$3 Book: \$10 Add'l Leaders Guide: \$12</p>
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THE FOLLOWING ARE STUDY SERIES THAT COME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AND COVER A VARIETY OF TOPICS.

<p>Heroes / Defining Moments (4 weeks)</p>	<p>Heroes - we all have them. There is something in each of us that is drawn to the hero. We admire his clarity of vision in the face of uncertainty. We applaud her quick action while others stand paralyzed on the sidelines. Most of us have dreamed of being a hero. Each of us will have the opportunity, a defining moment in our lives when we will be called upon to act heroically on behalf of someone else. Will you be ready? Will you be a hero? In this four-part series, Andy Stanley explains what it takes to be a hero.</p>	<p>Andy Stanley</p>	<p>\$25 DVD</p>
<p>God is Closer Than You Think / The Presence of God (6 weeks)</p> <p><i>* This is available for check-out in our Colonial library.</i></p>	<p>The story of the Bible is the story of God's desire to be with his people. God is extending himself, stretching out to reach us and to fill our lives with his presence. Every moment of your life is like a page in a Where's Waldo book. God is there, the Scriptures tell us, but the ease with which he may be found varies from one page to the next. God is closer than you think!</p>	<p>John Ortberg</p>	<p>DVD \$22.99 via Amazon.com</p> <p>Workbook \$9.99 via Amazon.com</p>
<p>The Life You've Always Wanted / Balance and Discipline to Your Life (6 weeks)</p>	<p>Think discussing "the spiritual disciplines" would be a dry, intimidating topic for Sunday school? Not when John Ortberg is your teacher! Now the beloved Willow Creek pastor teams up with Stephen and Amanda Sorenson to present six humorous, upbeat teaching sessions that encourage you to mature in Christ. Includes leader's guide, participant's guide, DVD, VHS video, and one hardcover copy of the bestseller.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ It's "Morphing" Time ▣ Slowing Down and Celebrating ▣ Praying and Confessing ▣ Meditating on Scripture and Seeking Guidance ▣ Practicing Servanthood, Finding Freedom ▣ Going the Distance with a Well-Ordered Heart 	<p>John Ortberg Stephen Sorenson Amanda Sorenson</p>	<p>DVD \$74.00 via CBD (otherwise \$99.99)</p> <p>Also via CBD Leaders Guide: \$21.99 Workbook: \$7.99</p>

<p>When God's People Pray / Prayer (6 week)</p>	<p>Pastor Jim Cymbala shows what the Holy Spirit can do when you and your church just ask. You'll be transformed as you explore "God's Heart for Us," "The Amazing Power of Prayer," "Obedience in Prayer," "The Word of God and Prayer," "Why Prayer Matters," and "Creating a Prayer Ministry." Set includes DVD-ROM with six sessions and leader's guide. Participant's guide available separately.</p>	<p>Jim Cymbala</p>	<p>DVD: \$17.99 via CBD Workbook: \$7.99 via CBD</p>
<p>LO\$T / Finances (6 weeks)</p>	<p>When it comes to finances, it is easy to be lost and not even know it. There are many ways we become financially lost - sometimes we start off with a bad map, or perhaps we take a wrong turn accidentally, or maybe we get distracted by something we think we need. Whatever the reason, once we realize we are lost, we wonder how we got lost, and wonder even more how we can find our way back. The task can be daunting, but the good news is that God has given us clear directions to guide the way. Includes 6 sessions, entitled: A Sudden Realization, Moving to Higher Ground, Flashback, You Are Not Alone, Finding Shelter, and Rescued.</p>	<p>Andy Stanley</p>	<p>\$25 DVD</p>
<p>Breakaway / Managing Your Life (6 weeks)</p>	<p>None of us sets out to be like everybody else, but it happens. Life begins to squeeze us into a mold until one day we wake up feeling trapped. Unfortunately many people think the answer is to run away, but they only end up making the same bad decisions over and over again. How do you break the cycle and break out of the crowd? Andy Stanley will renovate your thinking by exposing you to four core beliefs that have the power to change the trajectory of your life.</p>	<p>Andy Stanley</p>	<p>\$25 DVD plus \$10 Study Guide per person</p>
<p>Crown Financial Ministries http://www.crown.org/</p>	<p>This series goal is to equip people worldwide to learn, apply, and teach God's financial principles so they may know Christ more intimately, be free to serve Him & help fund the Great Commission.</p>		<p>Resource materials available at the church by calling 816-501-3035</p>
<p>Elevate² with Erwin McManus An 8-week Bible study for all 20 and 30 somethings</p>	<p>For most 20 and 30 year olds, life seems to be about survival; just make it through ... stay ahead at work ... raise a family ... pay the bills.</p> <p>Each day we battle for a life that seems just out of reach. We want to connect with others. We want to know God cares. We want to make a difference.</p> <p>Through dramatic real-life stories and Biblical teaching, ELEVATE 2 propels us out of our mundane trenches and on to the journey of significance.</p> <p>Downloadable student handouts on-line at: http://www.bluefishtv.com/%5Fhandouts/Elevate/</p>	<p>Erwin McManus</p>	<p>Kit with DVDs and downloadable handouts is \$149.99</p>

<p>i-Marriage / Marriage (6 weeks)</p>	<p>Imagine what would happen if you and your spouse focused on fulfilling one another's dreams rather than piling on expectations. Possible? Absolutely! In this six-part study, Andy Stanley reveals the secret of removing the big "I" from marriage.</p>	<p>Andy Stanley</p>	<p>\$25 DVD plus \$10 Study Guide per person</p>
<p>Where Facts and Fiction Meet: The Biblical Christ in a <i>DaVinci Code</i> Society / Understanding Christ in Scripture (6 weeks)</p> <p><i>Where Fact Meets Fiction continued</i></p>	<p>Think discussing "the spiritual disciplines" would be a dry, intimidating topic for Sunday Who is the real Jesus? Did the church in the fourth century change the true message of the Gospel? Was Jesus married? What are the Gnostic Gospels? Did Leonardo Da Vinci plant secret messages in his paintings? These and other questions are answered in this fascinating Bible-based video comparing the Christ of Scripture with the Jesus of <i>The Da Vinci Code</i>. Where Facts and Fiction Meet consists of six mini-documentary studies including, <i>The Historical and Biblical Jesus, Ancient and Modern Gnosticism, The Real Words of Christ, Jesus, Mary, and the Role of Women in the Early Church, The Messiah, the Myths, and the Holy Grail</i> and <i>Reaching the Da Vinci Code Society</i>. This series presents the historical and Biblical facts that refute the errors and distortions popularized by The Da Vinci Code.</p> <p>DVD EXTRAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for small groups • Personal Bible study questions • Outlines of each mini-documentary • Photos with music of great religious art 	<p>Tom and Amy Dallis</p>	<p>DVD: 16.99 via CBD (otherwise 29.99)</p>
<p>The Lucy Show Bible Study (Volume 1 or Volume 2) / Bible Topics (4 weeks)</p>	<p>Many stories transcend social, racial and cultural barriers because they contain spiritual truth for which all people have a God-given hunger. Primetime Parable Ministries' Bible studies use popular entertainment to engage a Christian worldview. These studies will provide a time of good fellowship, and equip the church with ways to reach the world beyond. Lessons on four episodes of the Lucy show are included in this workbook. Videos and Leader Guides are sold separately. Kit includes a VHS with four episodes and a Leader Guide with questions and answers.</p>	<p>Stephen Skelton</p>	<p>DVD: 32.99 via CBD (otherwise 39.99) <i>Doublecheck if DVD or VHS</i></p> <p>Workbook: \$6.49 (otherwise 7.99)</p>

<p>Gilligan's Island and the Seven Deadly Sins / 7 Deadly Sins (7 weeks)</p>	<p>Ideal for churches, schools, retreats and family, <i>Gilligan's Island & the Seven Deadly Sins Bible Study DVD Leader Pack</i> will help teach the Word of God to people of all ages! This study features lessons and discussions based on "Rescue from Gilligan's Island" Pack includes 7-section DVD and leader book with answers. Topics included: sloth, anger, pride, lust, envy, greed and gluttony.</p> <p>Sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Rescue from Gilligan's Island - Mark 7:21-23 ▣ Gilligan & the Skipper - Proverbs 6:9; Ephesians 4:26-27 ▣ Ginger - Proverbs 6:25-26 ▣ The Professor - Proverbs 16:18 ▣ Thurston & Lovey Howell - Luke 12:15; Proverbs 23:1-3 ▣ Mary Ann - Proverbs 14:30 ▣ Here on Gilligan's Isle—Again - Colossians 3:12 	<p>Stephen Skelton</p>	<p>DVD: 29.99 via CBD (otherwise 39.99) comes with a Leaders Guide</p> <p>Workbook: \$6.49 (otherwise 7.99)</p>
<p>The Mayberry Study (Volumes 1,2,3,4) / Modern Day Parables (4 weeks)</p> <p><i>The church owns Vol. 1 if you would like to check it out!</i></p>	<p>Ideal for churches, schools, retreats and family, <i>The Mayberry Bible Study DVD Leader Pack</i> will help you to teach the Word of God people of all ages! Featuring 4 classic episodes from <i>The Andy Griffith Show</i> with relevant scripture, this study resource uses them a modern parables on the teaching of Jesus. Pack includes 4-episode DVD and leader book with answers.</p> <p>Volume 1 contains important lessons about service, peace, mercy and commitment. Volume 2 contains important lessons about pride, accountability, trouble and teaching. Volume 3 contains important lessons about courage, folly, gossip and discernment. Volume 4 contains important lessons about values, temptation, encouragement and guidance.</p>	<p>Stephen Skelton</p>	<p>DVD: \$29.99 via CBD and comes with Leader's Guide (otherwise \$39.99)</p>
<p>Brian Matter: 12 Sketch Comedy Parables / Modern Day Parables (length up to group)</p> <p>More teen to college oriented!</p>	<p>This 2 Disc DVD set features HFT's "Sketch Comedy Parables." These sketches illustrate biblical truths in funny, weird, and thought-provoking ways. "Brain Matter" even comes with Bible studies designed for each sketch. Learn about sin as HFT frolics in a sewage pond. See the importance of God's word when HFT gets lost in the woods and refuses to look at a map. Or discover how important content is when a hot young rap star cleverly markets... spoiled milk? For the first time, every HFT discussion-starting sketch is available in one place. "Brain Matter" is a must-have for any youth, college, or small group ministry!</p>	<p>various</p>	<p>DVD: \$19.99 via CBD (otherwise \$24.95)</p>

<p>You Matter More Than You Think / Women's Study (6 week)</p>	<p>Whether you are married or single, restless or content, wounded or strong, the You Matter More Than You Think study is designed for every woman who longs to be more than part of the mainstream.</p> <p>In this poignant and vulnerable women's study, Leslie Parrott shows you how each hodgepodge piece of your life, no matter how haphazard, represents a part of what you do and who you are. While on the surface, none of these pieces may seem to make a terribly dramatic impact, Leslie will show you how they are your life and how when they are collected into a loving human heart, they become a treasure.</p>	<p>Dr. Leslie Parrott</p>	<p>Kit with DVDs, Leaders Guide, 8 workbooks, 8 books is \$199.99</p> <p>Workbook: \$20 Add'l Leaders Guide \$12.95 Books: \$16.99</p>
<p>Help Your Teenager Overcome Hurts, Become Less Rebellious, and Discover their True Identity (6 week)</p>	<p>Identity questions. Emotional turmoil. Rebellion. Welcome to the teenager's world. And if you're their parent, you're already in that mix. It's a tough job, you know, and you've got to do it. Nowadays, you have to play counselor, cop, and crisis manager all rolled into one. Good parenting means using your head, your heart, and your faith.</p> <p>Parenting Your Teenager equips moms and dads to recognize common patterns, plan effective strategies, and build character. Perfect for a church class or seminar, the 4-DVD set (with six lesson plans) features relationship experts Les and Leslie Parrott. And, in 24 gut-level interviews, parents and teens talk openly about rebellion, conflict, pain, and identity. Plus, there's a candid chat with singer Steven Curtis Chapman about faith and family.</p>	<p>Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott</p>	<p>Kit with 4 DVDs, Leaders Guide and 10 workbooks \$159.95 through www.bluefishtv.com</p> <p>Workbook: \$20 Add'l Leaders Guide \$9.99</p>
<p>Making Marriage Work: Overcoming the Struggles, Conflicts and Misconceptions about Marriage (6 week)</p>	<p>On <i>Making Marriage Work</i>, twenty couples share their deepest struggles, conflicts and misconceptions about marriage. This four part video series includes Biblical and practical tips to cultivate a healthy and happy marriage.</p>	<p>Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott</p>	<p>Kit with 4 DVDs, Leaders Guide and 10 workbooks \$159.95 through www.bluefishtv.com</p> <p>Workbook: \$20 Add'l Leaders Guide \$9.99</p>
<p>Parenting: The Early Years (6 weeks)</p>	<p>Bluefish TV is excited to be working with Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott on a brand new 6 Session video Bible study curriculum. This series will help parents by giving them practical tips as well as a Biblical perspective on parenting. All parents feel overwhelmed at times. Raising a child is one of life's most daunting tasks. From everyday behavior issues, to life-changing spiritual themes, Les and Leslie will show parents how to become the best parent for their children.</p>	<p>Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott</p>	<p>Kit with DVDs, Leaders Guide, 8 workbooks, 1 book is \$199.99</p>

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