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Outlive Your Life Nov 16 2022 Dear Friend, May I share a story that is very dear to my heart? It's a story of hillbillies and simple folk, net casters and tax collectors. A story of a movement that exploded like a just-opened fire hydrant out of Jerusalem and spilled into the ends of the earth: into the streets of Paris, the districts of Rome, and the ports of Athens, Istanbul, Shanghai, and Buenos Aires. A story so mighty, controversial, head spinning, and life changing that two millennia later we wonder: Might it happen again? Heaven knows we hope so. These are devastating times: 1.75 billions people are desperately poor; one billion are hungry. Lonely hearts indwell our neighborhoods and attend our schools. In the midst of it all, here we stand: you, me, and our one-of-a-kind lives. We are given a choice ... an opportunity to make a big difference during a difficult time. What if we did? What if we rocked the world with hope? Worth a try, don't you think? - Max Lucado One hundred percent of the author's royalties from Outlive Your Life products

will benefit children and families through World Vision and other ministries of faith-based compassion.

Writing a Small Group Study May 23 2023 A practical guide to creating a Bible study for your small group.

Being a Small Group Leader May 03 2024 A short, practical book that encourages leaders of small groups to grow in 5 key areas: knowledge of God, character, teaching ability, encouragement of others, and team leadership.

Leading Life-Changing Small Groups Apr 02 2024 Like nothing else, small groups have the power to change lives. They are the ideal route to discipleship—a place where the rubber of biblical truth meets the road of human relationships. However, church leaders often feel at a loss when it comes to assessing the strengths and weaknesses of group life in a church, and they struggle with understanding and solving the root causes of problems. Group Life resources provide in ebook format the practical tools and training resources needed to develop life-changing small group leaders, coaches to shepherd group leaders, and ultimately, a thriving church-wide small group ministry. These resources include the updated and revised versions of the best-selling *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups* and *Coaching Life-Changing Small Group Leaders*, the new *Building a Life-Changing Small Group Ministry* and the supplemental *Group Life Training DVD*. Appropriate for individual or group study, the books function as manuals and workbooks that teach and allow readers to process and record information as they learn. Downloadable web-based vision clips and supplemental videos in the DVD help readers explore and discuss topics further. Group Life Resources conveniently integrate with the ReGroup™ curriculum, giving trainers the option to use them together. The updated and revised third edition of Bill Donahue's best-selling *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups* will help church leaders prepare small group leaders who can successfully facilitate gatherings and shepherd group participants.

Planning Small Groups with Purpose May 11 2022 Small groups are a great way to promote the spiritual formation of church attendees. But leading them well can be hard work, especially if you don't have a plan. This practical resource helps pastors and small group point people develop and implement a 12- to 18-month strategic plan for their ministries in order to keep it healthy and growing. Developed at Saddleback Church, this completely customizable plan works for any church size and any denomination. Readers answer 22 questions that help them understand their vision, the purpose of their ministry, and how to connect members, grow numerically and spiritually, measure progress, develop leaders, create opportunities to serve, and much more. By the time they're done, readers will have developed their own personalized planner for the next year to 18 months so that they can feel prepared, confident, and purposeful about their small group ministry.

100 Bible Verses Everyone Should Know by Heart Jan 07 2022 Clearer thoughts, steadier nerves, healthier emotions, purer habits, happier homes, greater respect, and eternal optimism are the rewards promised in *100 Bible Verses Everyone Should Know by Heart*.

Leading Small Groups That Thrive Jul 05 2024 Nearly every church is trying to help their congregants build relationships with others, grow as disciples, and/or engage in meaningful service through small groups. Many have argued that these small groups are the

preferred vehicle for relationship building, disciple making, and membership assimilation in the local church, especially in large, multisite churches. *Leading Small Groups That Thrive* shows small group leaders, step by step, how to plan for, launch, build, sustain, and multiply highly effective, transformational, healthy small group experiences where people grow spiritually together. Based on a large-scale research study of small group pastors, leaders, and members, *Leading Small Groups That Thrive* gives church leaders both what they want--practical, straightforward, actual small group member voices and experiences, and compelling guidance on how to build transformational groups complemented with real-life examples and data of successful small groups--and what they need--substantial, challenging insights and a data-driven model grounded in the latest research on church small groups.

The Big Book on Small Groups Oct 16 2022 What's so big about small groups? With proven results in drawing people into community and helping them grow to maturity in Christ, small groups have established themselves as a crucial ministry of the church to its members and its mission field. But whether leading a small group, coaching small group leaders or implementing a church wide minist..

Small Group Leaders' Handbook Jun 23 2023 What do we mean when we talk about small groups? And more importantly: what do we expect to happen when people gather in this way? The small group that wrote this book—made up of current and former campus ministry professionals with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship—explores these questions and gives you everything you need to know about small groups, including foundations, key components, life stages, planning, communication, conflict, leadership and more!

Group's Emergency Response Handbook for Small Group Leaders Jul 13 2022 You want to help -- a church member faces a terminal illness, good friends of yours just lost their child, a member of your group is struggling with an addiction, the death of a child, divorce, addiction, terminal illness--but you feel unsure how to help. Prepare yourself with practical ways to love others through their greatest challenges. People face difficult, painful stuff in life--and they shouldn't struggle alone. But what do you say? How do you help? What if you make things worse? This rapid-response handbook gives you and your small group the confidence to share God's love and comfort with hurting friends. You will be prepared to respond with 12 chapters focused on twelve emergencies that people you care for may encounter. Each chapter includes: Real Life Narrative -Learn from someone who has been there Care and Counseling Tips - Practical ideas to personally reach out in love Tips for your entire small group -Great ways your group can offer support What to say and What not to say -Positive encouragement to help the hurting, and advice on what not to say You'll also find Scripture connections, guidelines for referring your friend to a professional counselor, additional resources, and ways your group can stand by your friend in need.

The Pocket Guide to Leading a Small Group: 52 Ways to Help You and Your Small Group Grow Apr 29 2021

Small Group Leadership as Spiritual Direction Oct 04 2021 Spiritual direction is an ancient art of being with another person in relationship with God. As we struggle in the church to develop meaningful and lasting relationships, this spiritual practice has much to

offer us. It is another way of patiently sitting with another soul listening for God's voice and looking for God's leading in a person's life. The small group phenomenon has taken root in many different Christian communities in the US and abroad. However, there have been pitfalls encountered

Just Do Something Sep 02 2021 OVER 300,000 COPIES SOLD! Why won't God reveal his special will for my life already? Because he doesn't intend to... So says Kevin DeYoung in this punchy book about making decisions the godly way. Many of us are listening for the still small voice to tell us what's next instead of listening to the clear voice in Scripture telling us what's now. God does have a will for your life, but it is the same as everyone else's: Seek first the kingdom of God. And quit floundering. With pastoral wisdom and tasteful wit, DeYoung debunks unbiblical ways of understanding God's will and constructs a simple but biblical alternative: live like Christ. He exposes the frustrations of our waiting games and unfolds the freedom of finding God's will in Scripture and then simply doing it. This book is a call to put down our Magic 8-Balls and pick up God's Word. It's a call to get wisdom, follow Christ, be holy, and live freely. To just do something.

Positive Intelligence Feb 25 2021 Chamine exposes how your mind is sabotaging you and keeping you from achieving your true potential. He shows you how to take concrete steps to unleash the vast, untapped powers of your mind.

Small Group University Dec 06 2021 Foreword by Dr. James Bradford. Welcome to Small Group University. Enjoy the journey!

Small Group Leaders' Handbook Jun 04 2024 What do we mean when we talk about small groups? And more importantly: what do we expect to happen when people gather in this way? The small group that wrote this book—made up of current and former campus ministry professionals with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship—explores these questions and gives you everything you need to know about small groups, including foundations, key components, life stages, planning, communication, conflict, leadership and more!

Nine Keys to Effective Small Group Leadership Sep 26 2023 A survey of resources about small groups at the beginning of the 1990s led to a discovery: Many books on small groups carried an instructional content and touched on groups as instrumental in delivery of that specific subject matter. How a leader was to function relative to a group was discussed as a matter of how to manage an instructional hour. The potential of groups for making connections and building community and serving others was largely unrecognized. What a group leader might do to pull together and maintain a group, or how a group leader might become acknowledged as part of a larger leadership strategy for service and outreach was simply unaddressed. From the insights developed in his complex and widely recommended *Prepare Your Church for the Future*, best-selling author Carl George extracts the most basic, practical elements of how an individual leader can contribute to the well-being of others and the overall organization. He interprets the role of a group leader in language that is easily understood and remembered: nine commitments leading to a partnership with professional church leaders. Pastors and church consultants consistently report that the people exposed to these nine keys are easy to work with. They readily grasp the reasonableness of the principles, which help them be trustworthy team players in this matter of

shared ministry. From the forward, by Robert Coleman, Director of the Billy Graham Institute: "This book speaks to our need for practical leadership training. With profound simplicity, it describes how small groups grow through loving relationships as readers build up one another in the faith. More importantly, the reader learn ways to prepare yourself for leadership in the group. The sequential steps show readers how to bring others into the circle of love, and in the process, how to enlarge your outreach by multiplying disciple makers." This 2007 edition includes an updated Appendix, describing recent developments in the fi

The Essential Guide for Small Group Leaders Dec 30 2023 Most small-group leaders don't have time to read a book on small groups. Most barely have time to lead a group, much less explore the ins and outs of group ministry. They just want to know how to lead their group well! In this book, you'll find simple, clear answers presented in quick lists so you can easily find what you need. **Leading Small Groups That Thrive** May 30 2021 Based on a large-scale research study, this book shows small group leaders, step by step, how to plan for, launch, build, sustain, and multiply highly effective, transformational, healthy small group experiences where people grow spiritually together.

Small-Group Leader's Quick Guide to (Almost) Everything Feb 17 2023 The goal of youth ministry is "real" transformation. But "polite" youth ministry—when teenagers show up, say nice things to each other, yet never get real with one another—is not how transformational discipleship happens. Authors Tighe and Thomas believe leading young people into an intimate, abiding relationship with Jesus is the most important investment small-group leaders can make in life. And they truly believe that anyone who cares for teenagers can do it! Real ministry happens when volunteers/small-group leaders are equipped and empowered to reach and develop relationships that make a difference in the lives of the teenagers. But so many don't feel like they really know how. *Small-Group Leader's Quick Guide to (Almost) Everything* gives your volunteers the practical training they need in the bite-size format they'll appreciate. This book is like a satisfying "protein bar" for youth ministry volunteers. It's made for busy people who want to make a big difference in the lives of teenagers. Here's some of what you'll find packed into this quick guide: • Why relationships are EVERYTHING in youth ministry, and how to pour fuel on that fire • How to "decode" teenagers' behavior in the moment and respond in a meaningful way • Why experiencing a relationship with Jesus matters more than just knowing facts • How to help hurting teenagers • How to set healthy boundaries for you and the teenagers • And so much more! If you're a volunteer youth worker who cares for teenagers, you don't have to be "cool" or wear skinny jeans or have a theological degree. You just need to have a desire to be present in the lives of students and feel equipped to respond. This book helps you do that...

Making Small Groups Work Apr 21 2023 Lead small groups through astounding growth with principles from the best-selling books *How People Grow* and *Boundaries*. No matter what need brings a group of people together—from marriage enrichment to divorce recovery, from grief recovery to spiritual formation—members are part of a small group because they want to grow. This book by psychologists Henry Cloud and John Townsend provides small-group leaders with valuable guidance and information on how they can

help their groups to grow spiritually, emotionally, and relationally. With insights from their best-selling book *How People Grow*, Cloud and Townsend show how God's plan for growth is made up of three key elements: grace plus truth plus time. When groups embrace those elements, they find God's grace and forgiveness and learn how to handle their imperfections without shame as they model God's love and support to one another. In addition to describing what makes small groups work, *Leading Small Groups That Help People Grow* explains the roles and responsibilities of both leaders and group members. Employing tenets from the book *How People Grow*, this book equips leaders to understand the ins and outs of how to promote growth, and using principles from their best-selling book *Boundaries*, they show how to identify and find solutions for common problems such as boredom, noncompliance, passivity, aggression, narcissism, spiritualization, over-neediness, over-giving, and nonstop talking.

99 Thoughts for Small Group Leaders Aug 26 2023 Insights, tips, and suggestions for small group of leaders. When put into play, these bite-sized, consumable pieces of wisdom help leaders "knock it out of the park" and set them up to win.

Equipping Small Group Leaders Aug 14 2022 God does big things through small groups: He heals, unifies, encourages, and equips. Christ trained his twelve apostles in a small group. Paul and Barnabas were called to international missions while participating in a small group (Acts 13:1-3). Essentially, all believers owe something to those initial small groups, and many of us have experienced great blessing through contemporary ones. God does big things through small groups, and that's why we participate in them and aim to lead them. In this study, we will look at the WHY of small group leadership. Why should we participate in and lead them? We will consider the WHAT of small group leadership, as we look at types of small groups, their elements, and their focus. We will look at the WHO of small group leadership, as we consider qualities of good small group leaders. Finally, we will look at the HOW of small group leadership, as we consider the skills of a leader, the basic order of a small group gathering, and a sample Bible study lesson. Let's learn more about excelling at this strategic ministry together with *The Bible Teacher's Guide*. "Helpful to both the layman and the serious student, *The Bible Teacher's Guide*, by Dr. Greg Brown, is outstanding!" -Dr. Neal Weaver, President of Louisiana Baptist University

Small Group Leaders' Handbook Feb 05 2022 Now completely rewritten, updated and expanded for a new generation of small group leaders, this IVP classic contains everything you need to know about small groups: starting with a strong biblical and strategic foundation; building in 4 key components--community, nurture, worship and outreach; guiding the group through its life stages; creating good communication; handling conflict in the group; encouraging members to "own" the group; planning group meetings; and developing leadership skills. And besides warm, wise counsel, *Small Group Leaders' Handbook* includes a resource section that's overflowing with great ideas: ice breakers, application steps, community-building projects, outreach tips and much more! Whether you are starting a new group, working to get a group back on track, or introducing a small group program as part of church or parachurch ministry, here is your ticket to effective foundations, training and practice.

Lead Small Mar 01 2024 If you're a small group leader, you believe in the power of community. You know that every stage and phase of life needs a unique kind of influence. But what exactly do you do? What exactly is your job? It's possible that you may feel lost at times, like your role falls somewhere between a parent and a friend, a coach and a teacher. But remember, you aren't supposed to be any of those things. You are a little of all of those things. Small groups come in many sizes. Those who wear diapers. Those who watch Disney. Those who are learning to drive. Those who are picking a college. **Lead Small: Five Big Ideas Every Small Group Leader Needs to Know** clarifies the responsibilities of the small group leader who works with children and teenagers. It establishes five common threads so that those who choose to lead in any size church can work off the same blueprint. When you lead small, you realize that what you do for a few has more potential than what you do for many. When you lead small, you choose to invest in the lives of a few to encourage authentic faith. With personal insight and practical advice, Reggie Joiner and Tom Shefchunas will show you how to do something small for a big impact.

Seven Myths about Small Groups Aug 02 2021

Business by the Book Mar 09 2022 What would happen if you made your business decisions by the book? By the Bible that is. This updated version of the best-selling *Business by the Book* offers radical principles of business management that go beyond the Ten Commandments and other biblical maxims. *Business by the Book* is a step-by-step presentation of how businesses should be run according to the Creator of all management rules: God. Larry Burkett, founder and president of Christian Financial Concepts, provides business principles from his own experience as well as what God's Word says on topics such as: Hiring and Firing Decisions Pay Increases and Promotions Management Selection Employee Pay Decisions Borrowing and/or Lending Decisions Forming Corporations and Partnerships Business Tithing Retirement Whether you are the owner of a business, a corporate executive, or a manager, this best-selling classic is for you.

Small Groups, Big Impact Jan 19 2023 Why do some small groups thrive and grow while others struggle and falter? The authors have surveyed over 3000 group leaders in more than 200 churches. Their findings will place practical, applicable principles into the hands of small group leaders and pastors. This book also includes access to additional resources from the author's website.

Simple Small Groups Nov 28 2023 Over the past two decades, small groups have gone from spontaneous gatherings among friends to a major and elaborate phenomenon in the church. Many evangelical churches have some form of small groups ministry in place. But there's just one problem, says Bill Search--what started as a simple get-together has become a complicated process, especially for small group leaders. They are often not sure what is expected of them or what to expect from their groups as a result of their efforts. In *Simple Small Groups*, Search lays out the three C's of small groups--connecting, changing, and cultivating. This paradigm helps to simplify leading small groups in a way that is helpful, rewarding, and life changing. Unlike many other books geared toward small group leaders, *Simple Small Groups* does not require a church-wide adoption of an intricately designed system of assimilation, making

it useful to any small group leader looking for guidance.

The Seven Deadly Sins of Small Group Ministry Sep 14 2022 Assessment and solution for seven common obstacles to building small groups. It's one thing to start a small group ministry. It's another to keep the groups in your church healthy and headed in the same direction. Whatever your church's approach may be—whether it is a church with groups or of groups—sooner or later, as a leader, you'll need to do some troubleshooting. That's when the expert, to-the-point guidance in this book will prove its worth. The beauty of this book lies in its unique diagnostic process. It allows you to assess, diagnose, and correct seven common “deadly sins” that can drain the life from your church's small group ministry. In *The Seven Deadly Sins of Small Group Ministry*, what would take you years to learn through trial and error is distilled into some of the most useful information you can find. Drawing on the knowledge they've gleaned from working inside Willow Creek Community Church, from consulting with hundreds of churches, and from conducting conferences and seminars worldwide, small group experts Bill Donahue and Russ Robinson furnish you with proven, real-life solutions to the toughest problems in your small group ministry. This is not theory—it is hands-on material you can read and apply today.

Help! I'm a Small Group Leader Dec 18 2022 Church group work with teenagers.

Small Groups with Purpose Jun 11 2022 This practical book walks church leadership through the questions they need to answer to develop their own intentional small group strategy. Built around the most commonly asked questions, it outlines the step-by-step process of creating a successful small group ministry. Because it is built upon principles and not methods, this plan can be implemented in any size church. Each chapter ends with a list of questions for leaders to answer to help them assess their current situation and their desires for the future.

Go Big with Small Groups Nov 04 2021 This book is for leaders who want to know the nuts and bolts of starting or growing a life-changing small group ministry from the ground floor.

Leading Small Groups Jan 31 2024 Leading a small group can literally change the world. We have been commissioned to make disciples who make disciples, and Jesus showed us that the best way to carry that out is through small groups of believers. Just like the first-century church, small groups form the foundation to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. Chris Surratt, Discipleship and Small Groups Specialist for Lifeway Christian Resources, and author of *Small Groups for the Rest of Us*, wants to help you get from here to there. Regardless of whether you have never led a small group or have been leading one for years, all of us want to know how to create environments where spiritual growth takes place and communities are changed. *Leading Small Groups* walks the reader through the stages of gathering, launching, leading, and multiplying a gospel-centered small group. There are also follow-up questions for discussion and reflection at the end of each section, and practical resources that can be implemented immediately by the small group leader. Jesus left his followers with a task—the Great Commission. This book will help small group leaders and churches in their obedience to this task.

The Seven Deadly Sins of Small Group Ministry Mar 28 2021 A troubleshooting guide for Church leaders. Assessment and solution for seven common obstacles to building small groups.

Leading Small Groups with Purpose Oct 28 2023 "Steve Gladen, pastor of small groups at Saddleback Church for more than a decade, takes you step-by-step toward a healthy, dynamic group with focus and purpose. For the new small group leader, the seasoned leader who feels their small group lacks purpose, or the leader who is itching to move their small group to the next level, Leading Small Groups with Purpose is the road map to follow. Every chapter includes ideas that you can implement immediately, as well as ways to shape your small group over time. With Gladen's expert help, you will define success clearly, develop a personal leadership plan, invite members into your group, and help members fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment." -- Publisher description.

What Every Small Group Leader Should Know Apr 09 2022 With more than thirty years of experience in leading small groups, pioneer Larry Kreider writes, "I am completely convinced that if God can use me, He can use anyone!" Most people have untapped leadership potential, and unleashing those abilities is often just a matter of equipment and motivation. What Every Small-Group Leader Should Know is the go-to guide for plenty of both. Whether readers have already taken a step of faith into a leadership position or are still praying about the possibility, this will become an indispensable handbook of practical tips, tools, and suggestions. At the heart of this book is a big-picture vision of biblical service. Jesus said that whoever wants to be great in His kingdom must become a servant (see Mark 10:43). That passion for meeting others' needs is the difference between ho-hum and effective, thriving leaders.

Gospel Coach Jul 01 2021 In order to help pastors and other Christian leaders to lovingly lead God's flock to Jesus Christ and into God's mission, Scott Thomas and Tom Wood clarify a process of coaching and shepherding that is rooted in the patterns of the Good Shepherd himself, a process in which leaders stir up the gifts, passion, and calling upon others' lives. This book addresses the needs of the leader, his or her sinful tendencies, and church leadership issues. It directs the leader to the person and work of Jesus. It provides a system to intentionally shepherd leaders to glorify God in their personal, spiritual, and missional lives. Many ministry leaders serving in churches find themselves overwhelmed, disillusioned, and depressed by the enormous and challenging task of leading and ministering in a congregation. As a result, the ministry suffers, the leaders suffer, and the result is often an unhealthy church existent with little or no Gospel influence. These leaders need someone to shepherd their soul so that they can lead others to the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ. We suggest that coaching for the church leader looks less like corporate consulting or humanistic psychology and more like biblical-shepherding. We suggest that every church leader needs a Gospel Coach to come alongside with words of truth, wisdom and experience to encourage, admonish, comfort and help—words drawn from Scripture and godly wisdom, grounded in the gracious saving work of Jesus Christ, and presented in the context of a trusting relationship. Gospel Coaching is an intentional relationship to skillfully care for others with four ancient shepherding principles: 1) Know the sheep, 2) Feed the sheep, 3) Lead the

sheep, and 4) Protect the sheep. A Gospel Coach both inquires about the personal, spiritual, and missional aspects of a ministry leader's life in a loving yet focused manner, and also probes the church leader for compulsive unbelief or selfish motivation, or disobedience and sin, and leads the ministry leader back to the Gospel, through belief, repentance and obedience. Churches that desire to be rich in a Gospel application toward their city, their relationships with one another, their communication and worship, as well as their service, will benefit to a greater degree by having their leaders being coached by a Gospel-centered leader.

Leading Life-Changing Small Groups Mar 21 2023 This updated and revised third edition of the bestselling Leading Life-Changing Small Groups handbook helps small group leaders learn how to lead a successful small group. Whether leading for the first time or for many years, this resource helps leaders develop skills to facilitate group discussion, and to encourage and support group members in a way that leads to authentic and lasting life change.

Small Group and the Vine (Workbook) Jul 25 2023 A 5-week course for training small group leaders to understand the purpose of small groups and what their role is as leader, and to be able to carry out the key aspects of that role.

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