

## Curriculum Suggestions 2019

### Any Groups

Altar Ego, Craig Groeschel (5 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
Ask It, Andy Stanley (6 sessions, Video & Online Questions, \*RNM)  
Breathing Room, Andy Stanley (4 sessions, Video & Online Questions on Northpoint Site or Study Guide, \*RNM)  
Colossians, Louie Giglio (8 sessions, Video & Discussion Questions, \*RNM)  
Encounters with Jesus, Timothy Keller (book, discussion questions by Julie Kramer)  
Forgotten God, Francis Chan (7 sessions, Video & Study Guide, \*RNM)  
Goliath Must Fall, Louie Giglio (6 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
Greater, Steven Furtick (4 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
How's Your Soul, Judah Smith (6 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
James, Francis Chan (12 sessions, Video & Discussion Questions, \*RNM)  
Life Apps, Andy Stanley (6 sessions, Video & Online Questions or Study Guide, \*RNM)  
Prayer, Timothy Keller (book with 15 chapters, discussion questions by Julie Kramer)  
Serendipity Bible (Discussion Questions for most passages of scripture)  
Watch Your Mouth, Tony Evans (4 Sessions, Video & Study Guide, \*RNM)  
10 Keys for Unlocking the Bible, Colin Smith (10 Sessions, Video & Study Guide, \*RNM)

### Women's Groups

Armor of God, Priscilla Shirer (7 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
Becoming a Woman of Influence, Carol Kent (9 sessions, \*RNM)  
Fight Back with Joy, Margaret Feinberg (6 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
Finding I Am, Lysa TerKeurst (6 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
Hosea, Jennifer Rothschild (7 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
It's Not Supposed to Be This Way, Lysa TerKeurst (6 sessions, DVD, book & Study Guide)  
Nehemiah, Kelly Minter (7 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
Proven, Jennie Allen (8 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
Ruth, Kelly Minter (6 sessions, Study Guide)  
Seamless, Angie Smith (7 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
Unexpected, Christine Caine (5 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
We Saved You A Seat, Lisa Jo Baker (7 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)  
What Love Is, Kelly Minter (7 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)

### Men's Groups

Being God's Man series (6 studies, Study Guide)  
Fight, Craig Groeschel (5 studies, DVD & Study Guide)  
Seven Questions that Rattle in the Minds of Most Men, Northpoint (7 sessions, Video & Study Guide, \*RNM)  
Thirty Virtues that Build a Man, Vince Miller (30 discussions, Study Guide)  
Wild at Heart, John Eldredge (book with discussion questions)

### New Groups

Community: Starting Well in Your Small Group, Andy Stanley & Northpoint Team (6-8 sessions, Video & Study Guide, \*RNM)  
Circle Up, Northpoint Team (4 sessions, Online Videos & Study Guide)

\* RNM (designates studies with videos and possibly discussion questions and leader help on Right Now Media)

\* Shepherd has one copy of many of the DVD studies, available to look at or for check out from the Small Group Ministry Team

## **Choosing Curriculum**

### **Subject Matter**

Are you excited about it?

Is it interesting and presented in a way that will engage your group?

Is it Biblically based and sound?

Will it challenge the group appropriately?

Does it represent a balanced and varied diet for your group?

Over time, aim for a variety of authors, topics, books of the Bible, and formats.

Consider Saddleback's 5 Purposes: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, Evangelism

(From Small Groups with Purpose, by Steve Gladen)

### **Depth**

What is the life stage (how long you've been together, and whether you are adding any new people) and trust level of your group?

How much homework is there?

How much leader prep is required?

### **Other Considerations**

Length of study and lessons

Format

Open-ended, good discussion questions

Life-application

User-friendly

Cost

### **If Curriculum Disappoints**

Try to adapt or enhance questions

Ask members what stood out to them or what questions they have

Don't be afraid to scrap it and go another direction

\* Consider using the sermon discussion questions from the SOV bulletin with your group or family.