

Curriculum Suggestions 2020

Any Groups

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)
Grace is Greater, Kyle Idleman (5 sessions, Video & Study Guide, *RNM)
Greater, Steven Furtick (4 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)
H2O, Kyle Idelman, 7 sessions (Video & Study Guide, *RNM)
How's Your Soul, Judah Smith (6 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)
I Said This, You Heard That, Kathleen Edelman (6 Sessions, DVD & Workbook)
James, Francis Chan (12 sessions, Video & Discussion Questions, *RNM)
Life Apps, Andy Stanley (6 sessions, Video & Online Questions or Study Guide, *RNM)
Psalm 23, Matt Chandler (6 sessions, Video & Study Guide, *RNM)
Serendipity Bible (Discussion Questions for most passages of scripture)
Traveling Light, Max Lucado (Book with Discussion Questions, Video, *RNM)
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

Finding God Faithful, Kelly Minter (8 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)
Finding I Am, Lysa TerKeurst (6 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)
Flourish: A Mentoring Journey
It's Not Supposed to Be This Way, Lysa TerKeurst (6 sessions, DVD, Book & Study Guide)
Living Life Together, Shauna Niequist (4 sessions, Video & Discussion Questions, *RNM)
Miracles of Jesus, Jennie Allen (7 sessions, Video & Study Guide, *RNM)
Ruth, Kelly Minter (6 sessions, Study Guide)
Seamless, Angie Smith (7 sessions, DVD & Study Guide)
Trustworthy, Lysa TerKeurst (6 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)
When I Lay My Isaac Down, Carol Kent (9 sessions, Video & Study Guide, *RNM)

Men's Groups

Fight, Craig Groeschel (5 studies, DVD & Study Guide)
Nine Attributes for Men, Vince Miller (10 sessions, Video & Study Guide, *RNM)
Play the Man, Mark Batterson (4 sessions, Video & Study Guide, *RNM)
Shaken, Tim Tebow (4 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)

* 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.