

# Topical Studies

**Title:** *40 Days of Purpose*—Small Group Study Guide  
**Author(s):**  
**Publisher:** Purpose Driven Ministries  
**Date:** 2003  
**Genre:** Discussion Guide to accompany book.  
**Contents:** 6 Sessions plus introductory materials and 10 sections to help small group leaders.  
**Audience:** Participants in small groups reading and discussing *40 Days of Purpose* book.  
**Comments:** Can be used with or without Rick Warren’s accompanying video.

**Title:** *Angels*—Fisherman Bible Study Guide  
**Author(s):** Vinita Hampton Wright  
**Publisher:** Waterbrook Press  
**Date:** 1995  
**Genre:** Bible Study  
**Contents:** 8 Sessions plus an introduction, tips on how to use the study guide and leader notes.  
**Audience:** Participants with some Bible study experience.  
**Comments:** Majority of questions in each session are looking for specific answers from the text and participants may want to add more life application questions and discussion to each session.

**Title:** *Death and Grief: healing through Group Support*—Intersections Small Group Series  
**Author(s):** Harold Ivan Smith  
**Publisher:** Augsburg Fortress Publishers  
**Date:** 1995  
**Genre:** Support Group Study  
**Contents:** 6 Sessions plus an introduction for participants and facilitator helps.  
**Audience:** Designed as a safe place for those who are grieving to participate and support one another in their grief.  
**Comments:** Each session includes daily Bible readings for participants in between the times the group meets.

**Title:** *Exploring Faith Maturity*  
**Author(s):** Eugene Roehlkepartain and Dorothy Williams  
**Publisher:** Lutheran Brotherhood  
**Date:** 1998  
**Genre:** Faith Maturity Assessment Study  
**Contents:** 13 Sessions plus a separate Leader Guide.  
**Audience:** Designed for participants who wish to assess various dimensions of their faith and determine areas of maturity and areas for future growth.  
**Comments:** Includes a 40–question survey based on work by the Search Institute. This study is intended for personal reflection and small group discussion, not for scientific study or comparisons to national data. Designed to help participants take a thoughtful look at their spiritual health and move into a stronger, deeper, more mature Christian faith.  
*\*\*Note: These materials are out of print, but Joy! owns many copies that can be used by groups.*

**Title:** *Faith: Confidence and Doubt in Daily Life–Intersections* Small Group Series  
**Author(s):** Martin Marty  
**Publisher:** Augsburg Fortress  
**Date:** 1995  
**Genre:** Bible Study  
**Contents:** 6 Sessions plus an introduction for participants.  
**Audience:** People who want to explore how faith works in the seasons of life and helps us face each day.  
**Comments:** Each session includes daily Bible readings for participants in between the times the group meets.

**Title:** *Getting a Grip: Finding Balance in Your Daily Life–InterActions* Small Group Series  
**Author(s):** Bill Hybels, Kevin Harney and Sherry Harney  
**Publisher:** Zondervan  
**Date:** 1998  
**Genre:** Bible Study  
**Contents:** 6 Sessions plus introductory materials and leader’s notes.  
**Audience:** People seeking to explore finding balance in their life, schedule, body, finances, spiritual life and relationships.  
**Comments:** Focuses on life application.

**Title:** *Have You Met Jesus?*  
**Author(s):** Dale Click  
**Publisher:** CSS Publishing  
**Date:** 1997  
**Genre:** Book  
**Contents:** 8 Chapters on the life and times of Jesus.  
**Audience:** People who are seeking more information about Jesus.  
**Comments:** Discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

**Title:** *The Path: Creating Your Mission Statement for Work and for Life/Field Guide*  
**Author(s):** Laurie Beth Jones  
**Publisher:** Candlestick Publishing  
**Date:** 1997  
**Genre:** Journal/Guide  
**Contents:** 26 Topics in workbook/journal fashion.  
**Audience:** People wishing to create their own personal mission statement.  
**Comments:** Field Guide accompanies book. The book should be read at least once through before working through the topics in the Field Guide.

**Title:** *Prayer: Too Busy Not to Pray—Christian Basics Bible Studies*  
**Author(s):** Bill Hybels, Dale Larsen and Sandy Larsen  
**Publisher:** InterVarsity Press  
**Date:** 1994  
**Genre:** Bible Study  
**Contents:** 6 Sessions plus introductory material, guidelines for leader and study notes.  
**Audience:** People seeking to become more mature in their prayer life.  
**Comments:** Each session focuses on a particular Scripture passage.

**Title:** *Real Faith for Real Life: Living the Six Marks of Discipleship*  
**Author(s):** Michael Foss  
**Publisher:** Augsburg Books  
**Date:** 2004  
**Genre:** Book  
**Contents:** 6 Chapters plus an Introduction and a listing of signs of spiritual growth.  
**Audience:** People seeking to explore living the life of a disciple to the fullest.  
**Comments:** Includes reflection questions for each section within each chapter.

**Title:** *Reconcilable Differences: Gifts and Challenges of Relationships–Intersections*  
Small Group Series

**Author(s):** George Tan

**Publisher:** Augsburg Fortress

**Date:** 1999

**Genre:** Bible Study

**Contents:** 6 Sessions plus introductory materials.

**Audience:** People seeking practical steps to deal with human relationships.

**Comments:** Includes a variety of types of activities and options for each session. Each session includes daily Bible readings for participants in between the times the group meets.

**Title:** *Righteousness Inside Out: The heart of the problem and the problem of the heart.*

**Author(s):** Mike Cope

**Publisher:** Christian Communications

**Date:** 1988

**Genre:** Book

**Contents:** 15 Chapters.

**Audience:** People wishing to examine Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount and how to live it out in daily life.

**Comments:** Thought questions at the end of each chapter.