

D Group Book Resources

Often our study of God's Word can be bolstered by using a good resource, especially when we couple that resource with the Word itself and the accountability of others. Walking into a bookstore, however, can be downright overwhelming. Where do you start? There are simply so many books! Which ones would be the most beneficial. This list is designed to simplify that process by offering some suggestions. The list contains different categories. Your group may be interested in a specific topic. That common interest can stir commitment to the D Group. This list is not exhaustive! Many other good resources are out there. Don't hesitate to ask any of our elders for additional suggestions.

GETTING STARTED:

- *Growing Up: How to Be a Disciple Who Makes Disciples* by Robby Gallaty
 - I strongly recommend that any new D Group starts with this book. It is a simple How-To Manual for discipleship. What do you do in a D Group? What are the commitments? What are the rules? How often do we meet? All of these issues are addressed in Robby Gallaty's excellent book. START HERE!
- *The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert Coleman
- *The Lost Art of Disciple Making* by LeRoy Eims

SPIRITUAL HEALTH:

- *Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health* by Donald Whitney
- *The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges
- *Live Smart* by Dan Dumas
- *I Will* by Thom Rainer
- *Stop Asking Jesus Into Your Heart* by J.D. Greear
- *Unparalleled* by Jared Wilson
- *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges

THEOLOGY:

- *The Attributes of God* by Arthur Pink
- *Jesus the Messiah* by Robert Stein
- *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer
- *The Most Misused Verses in the Bible* by Eric Bargerhuff
- *Visual Theology* by Tim Challies
- *The Forgotten Fear: Where Have All the God Fearers Gone?* by Albert Martin
- *Big God* by Orlando Saer
- *Everyone's a Theologian* by R.C. Sproul
- *Core Christianity: Finding Yourself in God's Story* by Michael Horton
- *How the Gospel Brings Us All the Way Home* by Derek Thomas

DIGGING DEEPER:

- *Amazing Grace: God's Pursuit, Our Response* by Timothy George
- *50 Core Truths of the Christian Faith* by Gregg R. Allison
- *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

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- *God's Devil: The Incredible Story of How Satan's Rebellion Serves God's Purposes* by Erwin Lutzer
- *The Cross of Christ* by John Stott
- *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem
- *Bible Doctrine* by Wayne Grudem

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:

- *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* by Donald Whitney
- *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster
- *Simplify Your Spiritual Life: Spiritual Disciplines for the Overwhelmed* by Donald Whitney
- *Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines* by David Mathis
- *When I Don't Desire God: How to Fight for Joy* by John Piper

PRAYER:

- *The Prayer that Turns the World Upside Down* by Albert Mohler
- *Praying the Bible* by Donald Whitney
- *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God* by Timothy Keller
- *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions* edited by Arthur Bennett
- *Too Busy Not to Pray* by Bill Hybels

APOLOGETICS:

- *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* by Timothy Keller
- *Is God a Moral Monster* by Paul Copan
- *20 Compelling Evidences That God Exists* by Kenneth Boa
- *The Consequences of Ideas* by R.C. Sproul
- *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi
- *More Than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell
- *Contend: Defending the Faith in a Fallen World* by Aaron Armstrong
- *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel

CHRISTIAN LIVING:

- *Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace* by Heath Lambert
- *In the Arena: The Promise of Sports for Christian Discipleship* by David Prince
- *Just Do Something: A Liberating Approach to Finding God's Will* by Kevin DeYoung
- *Crazy Busy: A (Mercifull6) Short Book about a (Really) Big Problem* by Kevin DeYoung
- *The Hole in Our Holiness* by Kevin DeYoung
- *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper
- *Adopted For Life* by Russell Moore
- *The Gospel at Work: How Working for King Jesus Gives Purpose and Meaning to Our Jobs* by Sebastian Traeger
- *God's at War* by Kyle Idleman

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CONTEMPORARY ISSUES:

- *Can I Smoke Pot? Marijuana in Light of Scripture* by Tom Breeden
- *Broken Vows: Divorce and the Goodness of God* by John Greco
- *How Would Jesus Vote* by Darrell Bock
- *One Race One Blood* by Ken Ham
- *God and Politics* by Mark Dever
- *Do Ask, Do Tell, Let's Talk: Why and How Christians Should Have Gay Friends* by Brad Hambrick
- *Counter Culture* by David Platt
- *Orphanology: Awakening to Gospel-Centgered Adoption and Orphan Care* by Tony Merida

FAMILY:

- *The Fulfilled Family: God's Design for Your Home* by John MacArthur
- *Family Driven Faith: Doing What It Takes to Raise Sons and Daughters Who Walk with God* by Voddie Baucham
- *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp
- *Gospel-Powered Parenting: How the Gospel Shapes and Transforms Parenting* by William Farley
- *Parenting* by Paul David Tripp
- *A Neglected Grace: Family Worship in the Christian Home* by Jason Helopoulos
- *Family Worship* by Joel Beeke
- *The Mingling of Souls: God's Design for Love, Marriage, Sex, and Redemption* by Matt Chandler
- *Intentional Parenting* by Tad Thompson

EVANGELISM:

- *Out of Their Faces and Into Their Shoes* by John Kramp
- *The Soul Winner* by C.H. Spurgeon
- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* by J.I. Packer
- *Out of the Salt Shaker and Into the World* by Rebecca Manley Pippert

MEN:

- *Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God: What Every Christian Husband Needs to Know* by C.J. Mahaney
- *Every Man's Battle* by Stephen Arterburn
- *The Disciplines of a Godly Man* by R. Kent Hughes
- *The Meaning of a Man: Discovering Your Destiny as a Spiritual Champion* by Ronnie Floyd

WOMEN:

- *Steadfast Love: The Response of God to the Cries of Our Heart* by Lauren Chandler
- *She Reads Truth* by Raechel Myers

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- *Missional Motherhood* by Gloria Furman
- *The Scars the Shaped Me* by Vaneetha Risner

BIBLE COMMENTARIES:

Recommending Bible Commentaries is tricky. Many whole series are written by different authors. The strength of individual commentaries is often tied more to the author than the series itself. I recommend you look up the best commentaries on individual books here:

- <https://www.challies.com/best-commentaries-on-each-book-of-the-bible/>
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/the-top-5-commentaries-on-every-book-of-the-bible/>
- Top 5 lists of commentaries can also be found at www.ligonier.org

When using a commentary for a small group, be sure not to choose one that is too technical. I think the *Preaching the Word* series and *Christ-Centered Exposition* series hits this mark. Always remember that commentaries represent the opinion of men. It is okay to disagree with them. Disagreeing means that you are thinking!