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Student Discipleship Resource Guide



INTRODUCTION

Time to grow...

Being a student is amazing. It's a unique time of life that brings with it all sorts of exciting opportunities. It seems a little while ago now, but I distinctly remember my first term at university, just feeling like life couldn't really get much better this.

There was the new found freedom; being able to do things like stay up chatting to people until the early hours of the morning (when there wasn't a 9am lecture to go to the next day - or actually, a little too often in my first year, even when there was!). There was the excitement of studying the subjects I really enjoyed; of trying out new things, new societies, new sports; of being surrounded by lots and lots of like-minded people; and of making really great life-long friends.

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One of the greatest opportunities being a student brings is *time*. As Christians we know that God calls us to think about every decision we make in light of the meaning of our lives: to glorify him.

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

One of the best ways we can glorify God with our time is by using it to seek to grow in our faith and our relationship with God, deepening our walk with him and our knowledge of his word. We're so privileged to have access to so many great resources in English that help us understand the Bible better. This resource pack points you to some of our favourites. We hope that it will be useful to you throughout your time at university, but perhaps especially during those luxuriously long holiday periods! I found those to be especially valuable and enjoyable times making use of resources like these.

One of my big passions in ministry is to encourage us all to be really intentional about our own discipleship. My prayer is that this guide will help fuel that desire in you.

Your brother,

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Ed Underhill Minister for Training



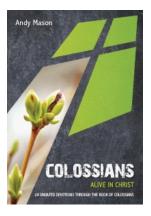
DEVOTIONS

10ofthose Undated Devotions

Undated devotions on short passages taking you through books of the Bible, each ending with a couple of questions to stimulate private reflection.

 \pounds 3.99 from www.10ofthose.com with free e-book, or just \pounds 1.99 as an e-book.









Time with God & Explore

If studying the Bible on your own is new to you, then The Good Book Company's 'Time with God', an introduction to a regular quiet time, is an excellent place to start. 'Explore' is produced regularly in the same format, with 3 months of daily readings in each copy.

Time with God: just £1.00 at thegoodbook.co.uk.

Explore: £4.49 per copy, or £16.99 annual subscription.

PrayerMate

PrayerMate is an excellent app developed by our very own Andy Geers, which helps you to organise your prayer life. Create lists of prayer points and/or subscribe to feeds from organisations, and PrayerMate will generate a set of subjects for you each day.

Available from the App store or Google Play.



BIBLE STUDY



The Bible is amazing! God has spoken to us in such a variety of different types of literature: story, poetry, wisdom, logical argument.

But we're not necessarily used to reading some of these styles, and we can sometimes find it hard to know what to make of them.

The aim of Mining the Bible is to teach you how to get the most out of studying each of these different genres.

It was originally created with students in mind, to be used during the long holidays! Why not aim to get through one guide each vacation period? You could even do it together with a couple of friends.





As members of Euston Church, you get access to all of the study guides for free!

Just enter the following code at checkout:

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www.miningthebible.co.uk

TALKS

We've rounded up some of the best short series of talks we've heard that are available online.

Don't Waste Your Life | Matt Fuller

An excellent short series of three talks from Luke's gospel challenging us to consider what we're living for and why it's worth devoting our lives to Jesus and the gospel.

Go to: christchurchmayfair.org/talks/

And search: "Don't waste your life"





Biographies | John Piper

Well known preacher John Piper has produced a series of inspirational biographies of faithful servants of Christ from the past. There is so much to learn from reflecting on God's grace in the lives of these figures.

Go to: desiringgod.org/topics/biography

We especially recommend the ones on:

- John G. Paton
- Hudson Taylor
- Adoniram Judson
- Charles Spurgeon
- George Whitefield

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2 Peter: All you need | Charlie Skrine

Four outstanding talks in 2 Peter from the 2015 annual student conference at St Helen's.

Go to: st-helens.org.uk/resources/series/4807/

For lots more helpful series like this, search: "TASC" on the St Helen's resource page.





2 Corinthians: Removing the veil | Mike Cain

Three talks on the nature of authentic ministry from the 2014 Evangelical Ministry Assembly (EMA). Given for pastors, but great for anyone to listen to.

Talk 1: vimeo.com/101079662

Talk 2: vimeo.com/101079663

Talks 3: vimeo.com/101080365

For lots more helpful series like this, visit: proctrust.org.uk/resources/

One Life | Richard Coekin

Richard Coekin leads the Co-mission church planting network. In these three talks given at St Helens in 2017 Richard exhorts us to devote our lives to gospel mission.

Go to: st-helens.org.uk/resources/series/4963/



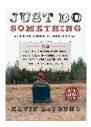
BOOKS

The following books are all available from www.10ofthose.com.



God Speaks | Rich Alldritt & Ash Carter

How does God speak to us today? This book is a foundational introduction to the nature of the Bible as the means God has provided for us to know him.



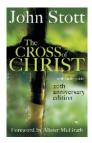
Just do something | Kevin DeYoung

This book presents "a liberating approach to finding God's will", showing us "how to make decisions without dreams, visions, fleeces, impressions, open doors, random Bible verses, casting lots, liver shivers, writing in the sky etc."



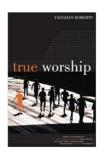
A Call to Spiritual Reformation | D.A. Carson

Don Carson teaches us how to pray by drawing lessons from the prayers of Paul in the New Testament. As well as helpful practical advice, this book is a brilliant way to learn how to have Biblical priorities in our prayer life.



The Cross of Christ | John Stott

A phenomenal books about the greatest of subjects. John Stott's Christian classic is both meaty and heartwarming, and globally renowned for good reason.



True Worship | Vaughan Roberts

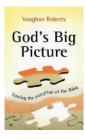
Is worship something we do on a Sunday or is it more than that? Vaughan Roberts expertly guides us through the Bible's teaching on this topic, and the difference Jesus makes to the way we worship God today.

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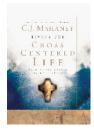
The Hole in our Holiness | Kevin DeYoung

Kevin DeYoung has noticed that while there has been a commendable increase in focus on having good theology amongst young Christians, there has been less of a focus on personal holiness. So he wrote this book to encourage us to pursue godliness with just as much passion.



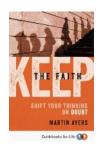
God's Big Picture | Vaughan Roberts

Understanding how the whole Bible fits together from Genesis to Revelation is both incredibly exciting and super helpful for understanding each part. This book is a brilliant, simple, accessible overview of the Bible story.



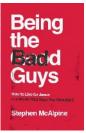
Living the Cross Centered Life | C.J. Mahaney

This wonderfully heart-warming little book is a refreshing look at the heart of the Christian faith, spelling out the implications of the cross on our daily walk with God and exhorting us to keep it right at the centre of our lives.



Keep the Faith | Martin Ayers

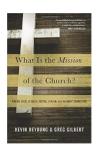
If you ever struggle with doubt in the face of an increasingly secular Western society, this is the book for you. Martin Ayers helps us to think Biblically about the roots of doubt and how to see them in perspective.



Being the Bad Guys | Stephen McAlpine

It used to be the case that Christianity was seen as intellectually weak. But today our culture treats it as morally offensive. This book explores how we can continue to hold out the gospel message in such an oppressive environment without retreating into our shells.

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What is the Mission of the Church?

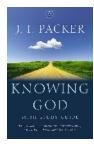
Kevin DeYoung & Greg Gilbert

There has been a massive movement in recent years to see social justice as a fundamental aspect of the church's mission. DeYoung and Gilbert carefully explore the Bible's teaching on mission and God's vision for the church's role in the world.



A Better Story | Glynn Harrison

When confronted with the sexual revolution's contemporary narrative of freedom and authenticity, Christians have tended to react defensively. Glynn Harrison argues that we have a more compelling vision for sex and identity.



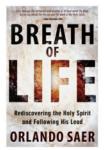
Knowing God | J.I. Packer

Another Christian classic, for good reason. A dense read at times, but there are great rewards to be had from working through Packer's careful unpacking of God's character. His chapter on adoption is outstanding.



Enjoying God | Tim Chester

The Bible calls us to love God. But do we even *like* God? Tim Chester's wonderfully pastoral book explores the wonderful character of God, how the Trinity impacts the way we relate to him, and what that means day to day.



Breath of Life | Orlando Saer

Often the work of the Holy Spirit is vaguely associated with anything in the Christian life that's spontaneous, informal or just weird! In this short and engagingly-written book, Orlando Saer shines the light of the Bible into our confusion, explains who the Spirit is and what He's about, and leaves us overwhelmed with gratitude for this precious Pentecost gift.