

Discipleship Resources: English

Part 1: Bible Translations, Websites, Books, Workbooks, Videos

GETTING A BIBLE

Recommended versions include the 1984 New International Version (NIV), the English Standard Version (ESV) and the New American Standard Bible (NASB). The NIV is good for new readers. It is easier to understand. The ESV and the NASB are good translations to use for deeper study.

- Bibles, Christianbook.com (<https://www.christianbook.com/page/bibles>)
Christianbook.com offers a wide selection of Bibles.
- The Bible App (<https://www.youversion.com/bible-app>)
The Bible App provides digital and audio versions of the Bible. Topical devotionals and reading plans are also available. (Available in many languages)

BIBLE STUDY WORKBOOKS (Foundational)

These workbooks are useful for small groups and in one-on-one discipleship relationships.

INTRO TO CHRISTIANITY

- *Understanding Christianity: A 10-Week Course on Foundational Principles, 2nd Ed.*
<https://www.crossculturaldiscipleship.com/books/>
This discipleship workbook walks new and non-believers through the foundational principles of Christianity.
- *Design for Discipleship (Series), by The Navigators*
<https://www.navigators.org/resource/dfd-design-for-discipleship-series/>
This workbook series focuses on discipleship, time with God, and Scripture memory.

TOPICAL

- *Behold Your God: Rethinking God Biblically, by John Snyder*
<https://shop.mediagratiae.org/collections/all-products/products/behold-your-god-workbook?variant=6841804549/>
Behold Your God helps to develop a deeper understanding of who the Lord is and the impact of that reality on our daily lives.
- *True Spirituality, by Chip Ingram*
<https://livingontheedge.org/series/true-spirituality/>
True Spirituality teaches small groups how to live life together in community.

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BIBLE STUDY WORKBOOKS (Men's and Women's Ministry)

These workbooks are useful for small groups and in one-on-one discipleship relationships.

MEN'S MINISTRY

- [33 The Series: Authentic Manhood, by Robert Lewis](https://www.authenticmanhood.com)
<https://www.authenticmanhood.com>
This series teaches about biblical masculinity.
- [No More Excuses, by Tony Evans](https://www.lifeway.com/en/product-family/no-more-excuses)
<https://www.lifeway.com/en/product-family/no-more-excuses>
This 8-session study helps men to align with and grow in God's design for them.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- [The Amazing Collection \(Series\), by Big Dream Ministries](https://www.bigdreamministries.org/product-category/workbooks/)
<https://www.bigdreamministries.org/product-category/workbooks/>
This series goes through a book of the Bible a week, with context and summaries.
- [The Power of Words, by Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth](https://www.reviveourhearts.com/store/product/the-power-of-words-booklet/)
<https://www.reviveourhearts.com/store/product/the-power-of-words-booklet/>
This Bible study workbook helps readers to learn to use words more wisely.
- [Becoming a Woman of Excellence, by Cynthia Heald](https://www.christianbook.com/9781631465642/pd/465642/)
<https://www.christianbook.com/9781631465642/pd/465642/>
This study helps women to grow in character.

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BOOKS

The following books are useful resources written by Christian authors.

CHRISTIANITY

- [*Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know*, by Wayne Grudem](https://www.christianbook.com/9780310124337/pd/0124337)
<https://www.christianbook.com/9780310124337/pd/0124337>
This book teaches the foundational principles of Christianity.
- [*Crazy Love*, by Francis Chan](https://www.christianbook.com/9781434705945/pd/703194)
<https://www.christianbook.com/9781434705945/pd/703194>
Crazy Love challenges readers to go deeper in faith and genuine love for Christ.
- [*Multiply*, by Francis Chan & David Platt](https://www.multiplymovement.com)
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Multiply discusses the topic of discipleship and how to grow the body of believers.
- [*The Case for Christ*, by Lee Strobel](https://www.christianbook.com/9780310698500/pd/698500)
<https://www.christianbook.com/9780310698500/pd/698500>
The Case for Christ presents evidence for Christ, from a journalist's perspective.
- [*How To Study Your Bible*, by Kay Arthur et al.](https://www.christianbook.com/9780736953436/pd/953436/)
<https://www.christianbook.com/9780736953436/pd/953436/>
This book equips readers to dive deeper in their study of Scripture.
- [*Why I Am Still Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, by Jack Deere](https://www.amazon.com/dp/031010811X/)
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/031010811X/>
Jack Deere, a former cessationist Seminary professor, discovered the spiritual gifts. This book discusses his testimony, journey through Scripture, and intellectual arguments surrounding the topics of healing, deliverance, and manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

TOPICAL

- [*Love & Respect*, by Emerson Eggerichs](https://www.loveandrespect.com/product/love-respect-book)
<https://www.loveandrespect.com/product/love-respect-book>
Love & Respect is a marriage book. It addresses why spouses react negatively to each other and how they can resolve conflict quickly, easily, and biblically.
- [*The Art of Neighboring*, by Jay Pathak et al.](https://www.christianbook.com/9780801014598/pd/014598/)
<https://www.christianbook.com/9780801014598/pd/014598/>
The Art of Neighboring discusses how to be missional in neighborhoods and how to love neighbors more intentionally.

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WEBSITES

Here are websites that are useful for spiritual growth and discipleship.

- [The Bible Project](https://bibleproject.com/guides/) (<https://bibleproject.com/guides/>)
The Bible Project made short videos to summarize each of the books in the Bible.
- [The Gospel Coalition \(TGC\)](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/courses/) (<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/courses/>)
The Gospel Coalition (TGC) shares free lessons about theology and life. These are helpful for small groups discussions.
- [gotquestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-Questions.html) (<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-Questions.html>)
This is a good source for asking spiritual questions. They provide thorough responses and biblical analysis on a variety of topics.
- [Bible Hub](https://biblehub.com/genesis/1-1.htm#crossref) (<https://biblehub.com/genesis/1-1.htm#crossref>)
Type in a verse to view it in different Bible translations, along with cross-references. This is a helpful source for deeper study.
- [Topical Bible](https://www.openbible.info/topics/a) (<https://www.openbible.info/topics/a>)
This website provides lists of Bible verses by topic. This is helpful for topical Bible studies.
- [The Story Film](https://thestoryfilm.com) (<https://thestoryfilm.com>)
This is the gospel message in a short video. (Available in many languages)
- [Two Ways to Live](https://matthiasmedia.info/2wtl/) (<https://matthiasmedia.info/2wtl/>)
This is the simple message of the gospel. (Available in many languages)

ESL MINISTRY

These resources are helpful for churches with ESL outreach/ministry groups.

- [Free ESL Lessons, by Deb Brammer](http://debbbrammer.com/english-as-a-second-language/)
<http://debbbrammer.com/english-as-a-second-language/>
These lesson plans and handouts use Bible stories to teach English.

PHONE APPS

- [EasterNow](https://easternow.com) (<https://easternow.com>)
Experience the events of Passion Week in real time. EasterNow provides notifications of Easter events and locations from Palm Sunday through Easter Morning.

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VIDEO

There are many good Christian movies. Included below are films based on true events, fictional stories, testimonies, documentaries, and visual depictions of Bible stories. When watching movies about Bible stories, it is helpful to review the biblical text along with the film. This will help with distinguishing between biblically accurate scenes and creative interpretation.

FILMS (INSPIRATIONAL TESTIMONIES AND STORIES):

- Courageous (<https://www.walmart.com/ip/19423892/>)
- Do You Believe? (<https://www.christianbook.com/do-you-believe/pd/133546>)
- Facing the Giants (<https://www.christianbook.com/0602341002899/pd/702899>)
- The Forge (<https://www.christianbook.com/the-forge/pd/229638/>)
- War Room (<https://www.walmart.com/ip/47334644>)
- Fireproof (<https://www.walmart.com/ip/10783483>)
- Faith Like Potatoes (<https://www.walmart.com/ip/10910578>)
- Heaven is for Real (<https://www.christianbook.com/heaven-is-for-real/pd/439221>)
- I Can Only Imagine (<https://www.walmart.com/ip/300767527>)
- Miracles from Heaven (<https://www.walmart.com/ip/51989108>)

FILMS/SHOWS (THE STORY OF JESUS):

- The Passion of the Christ (<https://www.walmart.com/ip/2671554>)
- Risen (<https://www.walmart.com/ip/51258836>)
- The Chosen- TV Series (<https://thechosen.tv/en-us>)

FILMS (BIBLE STORIES):

- The Book of Daniel (<https://www.walmart.com/ip/38693830>)

DOCUMENTARIES:

- The Case for Christ (<https://www.walmart.com/ip/55765757>)
- Genesis: Paradise Lost (<https://genesismovie.com>)