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Rightnow Media is a phenomenal tool for discipleship. It can, however feel overwhelming when trying to sort through all of the options. Here are some great studies that have been used by various LifeGroups throughout Wooddale.

For New or Forming Life Groups:

Starting Point: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/237094>

Wooddale offers Starting Point across all of our campuses as a way to introduce, or reintroduce people to faith. Taught by Andy Stanley, this study is a great launching point for any LifeGroup. (8 Sessions)

5 New Studies for Fall of 2018 That Pastor Brian Recommends

The Book of Judges: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/257959>

The book of Judges cracks a window into depths of the human soul. Watch a nation struggle with its identity and relationship to its God. Heroes and heroines arise, who seem to have the potential to save Israel. But in the end, each proves to be a broken savior that cannot deliver.

In this series, pastor and author J.D. Greear wades into the book of Judges to shine a light onto the muddy waters of human rebellion. The stories and truths within are not just archaic tales with no relevance for us today. Rather, J.D. works through each chapter unpacking the truth of God's grace in the midst of human wickedness, and shows how only the divine can redeem the fallen. (11 Sessions)

The Gospel of John – Part One: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/289490>

Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Tony Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciple's book—that we would believe in Jesus and find life in His name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus Christ. So join Tony for this 12-session series that will draw you back to the essential truths of our faith and the life found in our King. (12 Sessions)

The Book of Colossians: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/287526>

What we think about Jesus matters. Our perception of Him shapes us—what we say, how we treat others, even what we think. If we paint Jesus as any less than who He is as supreme over all creation and savior of the world, not only does our theology slip, but the working out of our faith also suffers.

In this 8-session series, Louie Giglio will take us through the book of Colossians to help us form a complete picture of Jesus. What we believe about Him influences everything from our corporate worship to our relationships to our attitude toward sin. Now alive in Christ, we can live a life worthy of God instead of falling back into the ways of the world. (8 Sessions)

The Book of Ruth: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/229865>

God can seem distant when dreams fade, people die, or careers fail. It may feel like He slammed the door in your face and walked out for good. No one knows the feeling of abandonment more than Ruth and Naomi. Their story begins with the worst—death, famine, and poverty. And God remains silent.

But the book of Ruth doesn't end with despair. The story brims with hope because God works on behalf of the two widows in ways they least expect. In this 7-part series, Bianca Juárez Olthoff, speaker and author of *Play with Fire*, teaches through Ruth to show how God moves behind the scenes in our lives. On the surface, this book tells the story of two widows and a kind landowner. Even more, it teaches us about God's faithfulness, love, and providence.

Walk the journey of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz and discover the devoted love of God and His transformative power in our lives. (7 Sessions)

A Contrarian's Guide to Knowing God: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/257965>

Sometimes what we believe about the Christian life comes from a single but prominent point of view—an older Christian we look up to, a preacher, or a parent. But is there only one way of living the life of a Jesus follower?

The Christian life—even one centered on grace—can still feel like a long list of dos and don'ts. But what if there's more (and less) to our faith than we typically believe? In this series based on his book *A Contrarian's Guide to Knowing God*, pastor Larry Osborne tackles popular assumptions about Christian living that create stress and failure rather than growth and joy. (5 Sessions)

5 Great Studies for Women:

Living Life Together: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/138575>

Do you stay busy to avoid deep connections? Do you resist community for fear of being judged? Do you need to reconcile a relationship?

There are messy parts in all of our lives that we would rather not reveal—like strained relationships, sinking finances, and cluttered living rooms. We keep the doors of our hearts and homes closed for fear of being exposed. But what if we invited others in and experienced the beautiful acceptance and deep connection of Christian community?

Author and speaker Shauna Niequist is passionate about living life in community. In four intimate sessions, she walks through Scripture, challenging women to step out of isolation and fear and pursue relationships rooted in rest, grace, and reconciliation. As you learn the benefits of living an authentic life with others in Christ and watch real-life stories of women who have experienced freedom in meaningful community, you will discover why God designed and delights in relationships. (4 Sessions)

Fear and Faith: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/191050>

Failure, rejection, sickness, losing a loved one, being alone—the fears we carry are many and heavy. Fear can be a tyrant, a bully we can't hide from. It can paralyze our spirit, damage our relationships, and hinder our faith.

When we're struck with fear, where do we turn? Can God really be trusted?

In five heartfelt sessions based on her book, *Fear and Faith: Finding the Peace Your Heart Craves*, speaker and author Trillia Newbell invites women to explore their fears and how those fears impact their relationships, self-esteem, peace of mind, and walk with God. Each session features real-life stories of women who are wrestling with fear due to tragic events, difficult circumstances, or deep anxiety about what may or may not happen. Trillia will walk through Scriptures that show God's love and strength when we are afraid and His faithfulness in times of trouble.

Whatever your fear, you will realize you are not alone, nor are you without hope. You have the One who can calm your fears, grow your faith, and give the peace your heart craves. (5 Sessions)

The Organic God: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/126>

What if we could simplify our lives, starting with our faith?

In our ever-changing world, simplicity is a craving. Imagine what it would look like to have an organic relationship with God, one that is stripped of all pollutants, additives and other distractions that can cloud this ultimate relationship. The Organic God removes the unhealthy fillers and purifies our relationship with the God of the Scriptures.

In this Bible study, through personal stories and scriptural insights, Margaret Feinberg shares glimpses of God's character - talkative, beautiful, mysterious - that points us to an authentic and naturally spiritual relationship with Him allowing you to discover God in a healthy, refreshing, new way. (6 Sessions)

Teach Us To Want: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/158005>

We all *want* things: certain relationships, just the right job, affirmation from others, a life full of passion and purpose. Contemporary culture says to go after desire, pursue your "I want" list ruthlessly. Christianity seems to send a different message: Wanting is sinful and selfish. Faith is about obedience and sacrifice.

How do we reconcile the longings in our hearts with the God we're called to follow?

In five sessions, based on her 2015 *Christianity Today* Book of the Year *Teach Us to Want: Longing*,

Ambition and the Life of Faith, author and Bible teacher Jen Pollock Michel takes women on a brave journey through their many desires, longings, and ambitions. Featuring real-life stories of women wrestling with their desires—Jen offers insight from her own life, dives deep into Scripture and asks what it means to desire as a Christian:

- Is it true that the hardest, least desirable choice is the most obviously holy?
- Is it true that personal desire must never be trusted?

Jen will show biblically how it's not only *OK* to name and voice our desires—it's actually *holy* to. When we freely let God know our desires and allow them to be informed by Scripture and re-formed by our spiritual practices, we'll discover a God more loving and generous than we can ever imagine. (5 Sessions)

Crossing The Waters: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/257966>

Get ready for the wettest, stormiest, wildest trip through the Gospels you've ever taken! The Gospels are dramatic and incredibly wet, set in a rich maritime culture on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Yet we've missed much of this perspective—until now.

In this 6-part series, Leslie Leyland Fields, author, speaker, and seasoned Alaskan fisherwoman, takes us on a journey through the life of Christ. She leads us across the waters of time and culture out onto the Sea of Galilee, through a rugged season of commercial fishing with her family in Alaska, and through the waters of the New Testament beside the ragtag fishermen disciples. Her own story and her fresh insights will challenge our understanding of Jesus and what it means to "Come, follow me." (6 Sessions)

5 Great Studies for Men:

Play the Man: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/229917>

In the church today, many men find themselves confused about what it actually means to be a man. Our culture does little to help. The result is a generation of men who struggle to embrace their responsibilities, roles, and the purpose for which God created them.

In this series, Mark Batterson, highlights seven virtues of manhood to offer clear insight into what it means to be a faithful man of God. Keying in on the story of the martyr Polycarp, Mark teaches through engaging stories to inspire men towards biblical discipleship that can transform the generations to come. Each lesson provides practical truths for immediate application so that men everywhere can be the brothers, husbands, fathers, and leaders God created them to be. (4 Sessions)

Uprising: A Revolution of the Soul: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/113>

What is the one thing that's impossible to change about yourself?

You can change your appearance, your habits, your friends, your job...but you can't change your character. Not on your own.

You were in God's imagination before you were ever born. All the talent, gifting, and creativity you

possess was placed in you by God Himself. Can you imagine the things you could do, the impact you could have on the world, if you tapped into the dreams God has for your life?

In each of the six Uprising video Bible study sessions, Erwin McManus provides Biblical and practical teaching that will challenge you to allow God to transform your character to be more like His. He illuminates the desperate heart cry of every human being – “I want to live” – and then serves as a guide on a quest to answer that cry. (6 Sessions)

33 The Series: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/211>

33 The Series is a six volume study that takes place in six sessions each.

It all begins with *33 The Series: A Man and His Design*. This is a 6 session Bible study that builds upon many of the timeless truths taught by Robert Lewis in the original Men's Fraternity curriculum but also includes new material on authentic manhood. The series is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth. Volume I contains six sessions that explore the basic foundations of authentic manhood and God's clear design for men.

This first volume of *33* starts with meaningful insights into the current state of manhood, which will help men navigate through some realities that have created cultural confusion. It follows by unfolding God's mandates for all men and offering a clear definition of authentic manhood that will help men on their journey. Each participant will learn the four "faces" of manhood and how to anticipate and transition through the specific seasons of life. (6 sessions per volume)

All the Places to Go . . . How Will You Know?: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1297>

Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to “stay.” He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it—into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the lives we will lead and the people we will become.

In this six-session video curriculum, bestselling author John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless open doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await.

So go ahead—walk through that door. You just might do something that lasts for eternity. (6 Sessions)

Meaningful Manhood: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/909>

A compilation of some of Dr. Tony Evans' most-requested sermons on manhood from over the last few decades. (12 Sessions)

5 Great Studies on Evangelism:

H2O: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1280>

H2O is a seven-week experience designed to create a safe atmosphere where people are comfortable considering the person of Jesus Christ. This creative newly re-released tool meets an ancient need:

sharing the truth of Jesus Christ through relationships and community. H2O transforms lives by feeding the mind, moving the heart, and stimulating the senses. (7 Sessions)

Go Fish: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/156586>

Fishing stories. We've all heard them. "It was this big." "You should have seen the one that got away." People love to tell stories of their fishing adventures. When it comes to faith, however, most people clam up. Why is it we can't talk about what God has done in our lives as naturally as we can spin fishing tales?

In this six-part study, Andy Stanley explores the motivation behind sharing your faith and how it can become a natural part of your life. (6 Sessions)

Why Jesus?: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/102>

What tough questions do you have about Jesus?

Culture is blurring the lines between different faiths. It is increasingly difficult for people to grasp how their faith in Jesus Christ is unique.

In these four powerful video Bible study sessions, David Nasser addresses the tough questions that people have about Jesus and points them back to the scriptural truths about our Savior.

Filmed on location all throughout Israel and includes teaching from Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives and the Mount of the Beatitudes.

Global Gospel: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/167468>

Christ's command to make disciples of all nations requires us to look beyond our own priorities and our own comforts. Caring for the poor and engaging the lost are costly, but this is what the gospel compels us to do. In this series David Platt exhorts the church and individual Christians to consider God's global purposes and to make our lives count for God's glory. We are challenged to set aside the American Dream and instead to consider taking part in a Radical Experiment.

The God Who Is There: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/137016>

On February 20–21 and 27–28, 2009, Don Carson presented a 14-part seminar entitled *The God Who Is There* at Bethlehem Baptist Church's North Campus in Minneapolis. This series will serve the church well because it simultaneously evangelizes non-Christians and edifies Christians by explaining the Bible's storyline in a non-reductionistic way. The series is geared toward "seekers" and articulates Christianity in a way that causes hearers either to reject or embrace the gospel. It's one thing to know the Bible's storyline, but it's another to know one's role in God's ongoing story of redemption. *The God Who Is There* engages people at the worldview-level.

5 Great Studies on Books of the Bible:

Philippians: To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/133>

Matt Chandler walks us through this most intimate of all Paul's letters and paints a beautiful picture of what it is to be a mature Christian. (12 sessions)

The Book of Ephesians: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647>

J.D. Greear teaches through the Book of Ephesians. Ephesians is a survival manual—it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well—we've been lifted from the graveyard of sin and called to shout the gospel into the darkened world. (9 sessions)

The Book of James: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/159923>

Francis Chan teaches through James verse-by-verse. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. James writes to believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God. (12 sessions)

The Books of 1st, 2nd & 3rd John: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/229858>

Comfortable Christianity often means a weak Christianity. In this study on John's three letters, Dr. Tony Evans challenges Christians who have grown comfortable and complacent in their faith. Fellowship with God is the essence of our faith, and Tony walks through 1, 2 & 3 John to paint a picture of love, obedience, and truth. In a world that hates Jesus, we are called to love Him and His people with a fierce love. (8 sessions)

The Book of Titus: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/229915>

In this Book of the Bible series, Chip Ingram unpacks the book of Titus. He challenges us to display the gospel in our lives through doing good. We do good works not to earn God's favor, but as a result of God's favor. When the gospel has truly taken root in our lives, it produces the fruit of godliness. As we pass these things on to future generations, the Church stands in bright contrast to the darkness of the world. (7 sessions)

5 Great Studies on Marriage:

A Lifelong Love: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/198823>

Gary Thomas believes couples often settle for too little when it comes to marriage. We fail to understand how deeply God cares about our spouse. We diminish our need to not only understand what

biblical love really is, but also to become a people who excel at it. We let ourselves drift apart instead of making the daily choices to grow closer together. (8 sessions)

You And Me Forever: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1213>

Marriage is great, but it's not Forever. This seven session Bible study series, based on the book You and Me Forever from best-selling author Francis Chan and Lisa Chan, will challenge you to view your marriage like never before. These seven inspiring videos will help you dive deeper into the content of the book as you explore themes like:

- It's until death do us part. Then comes eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives.
- While we cannot allow lesser things to destroy our marriages, we also cannot allow marriage to distract us from greater things.
- A jealous God asks us to pursue Him first and most. Then life makes sense, and everything falls into its proper place.
- Love, laughter, and intimacy were all created to be enjoyed. So there is a way to love family deeply without ignoring heaven.
- It all comes down to our focus.
- Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage.

Staying in Love: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/234>

With more than a thousand matchmaking services available today and new ones springing up all the time, finding a romantic match can be easier than ever. But staying together with the one you've found seems to be the real challenge. So, is it possible for two people to fall in love and actually stay there? Absolutely! Let Andy Stanley show you how in this four-session, video-based study. Each session includes 15-20 minutes of teaching from pastor and author Andy Stanley. (4 sessions)

Grace Filled Marriage: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/140661>

Couples come to the altar bursting with love for each other. Yet, based on how many marriages are unfulfilling, unhappy, or worse yet, end in divorce, it would seem that the love that gets couples married isn't enough to keep couples married. Maybe if we had the ability to love unconditionally, like God does, love would be enough...but we don't. Therefore, love falls short. Love isn't enough to save struggling marriages.

This study, taught by Dr. Tim and Darcy Kimmel, explores a radical hypothesis: Most marriages don't fail because they lack love...they fail because they lack grace. (8 sessions)

Extraordinary Marriage: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/236532>

God designed marriage to be an intensely intimate relationship between a husband and wife. Sadly, too many of us instead feel our marriages are more like battlegrounds or—equally bad—barren deserts.

Often, we're missing out on a cherished marriage because we're focused on the wrong things—selfish and destructive things like fighting for control, keeping score, and hiding our true selves. How do we achieve the beautiful oneness that God intended for our marriages?

In this 4-part series, Pete Briscoe teaches that there is a way to move our marriages beyond ordinary to extraordinary. But it requires transparency to our spouse and the willingness to look beyond ourselves to the only source of true Life. (4 sessions)

5 Great Various Studies

The Treasure Principle: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/198062>

Jesus told a story about a hidden treasure that, once discovered, brought life-changing joy. In this new video series based on the best-selling book, *The Treasure Principle*, Randy Alcorn unearths a simple yet profound principle that will radically change your concept of stewardship. Short on guilt, Alcorn illuminates the liberating joy of giving and its impact, not only for today but for eternity as well. (4 sessions)

Thriving in Babylon: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/163627>

These are confusing times for many Christians. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected; it seems as if they're attacked on every front. It's all happened at warp speed, leaving many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? And is there any hope for the next generation?

In this 5-session series, Larry Osborne introduces us to a man forced to live in a fast-changing and godless society. This man faced fears about the future, concern for his safety, and the discouragement of a world that seemed to be falling apart at warp speed. That man was Daniel, and with the power of hope, humility, and wisdom, he not only survived, but thrived.

Each session also includes real-life stories of people struggling to thrive in an ever-increasing godless society. Though Daniel lived thousands of years ago, he has much to teach us today. (5 sessions)

Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/198646>

A debate rages over the credibility of the Bible. Most archaeologists today have concluded that there's no evidence that the Exodus of Israelite slaves from Egypt ever happened. Filmmaker, and Wooddale's own, Timothy Mahoney faces a crisis of faith, "Is this foundational event of the Bible really just a myth?"

He embarks on a 12-year journey around the world to search for answers. (This is a 2 hour feature film that would make for a great discussion. A study guide is available.)

Time of Your Life: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/149>

What time is it? Where did all the time go? Does time really fly when you're having fun? Maybe we think about time so much because there never seems to be enough of it. Maybe there's only one question we need to ask. What am I doing with my time? Simple question? Easy answer? It's time you found out. In this 5-part series, Time of Your Life, Andy Stanley will help you discover that answer. Don't waste another second. (5 sessions)

Not a Fan: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1277>

Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus Christ issued a compelling and challenging invitation: "Follow Me." Jesus is not interested in mere fans. He doesn't want enthusiastic admirers. He wants completely committed followers. Build around the engaging approach of Kyle Idleman, Teaching Pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY, this one of kind small group study, sermon series, movie, and book examines what it means to deny one's self and truly follow Jesus. (6 sessions)

**** None of these will work for you group? Would you still like a little guidance? Feel free to reach out to Pastor Brian anytime for help in finding a study for your group.