

Take a look at these ALL NEW resources ...
for use this summer or fall!



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Looking for that perfect study to take you through the summer? Or planning ahead for fall?

The Michigan Area Resource Center contains thousands of materials including DVD's videos, books, music and more!

The MARC lending library, located in the West Michigan Conference Office, serves all the United Methodist churches in Michigan.

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CHRISTIAN LIVING/SPIRITUAL GROWTH/ SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Another timely John Ortberg study...

THE ME I WANT TO BE- BECOMING GOD'S BEST VERSION OF YOU (DVD0659)

If God has a perfect vision for your life, why does spiritual growth seem so difficult? Pastor and bestselling author John Ortberg has some intriguing answers to that question, and he has organized his thoughts and God's words into a straightforward and timely guide for living your best life in "The Me I Want to Be."

This DVD group study will show how God's perfect vision for you starts with a powerful promise. All those who trust in God "will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

Ortberg urges you to recognize your brokenness, understand that God is the project manager, and follow His directions. He also helps gauge your spiritual health and measure the gap between where you are now and where God intends you to be.

Learn to be a thriving and flourishing Christ-follower as you study these five themes:

1. Discovering the Spirit
2. Renewing My Mind
3. Redeeming My Time
4. Deepening My Relationships
5. Transforming My Experience



Includes leader guide, participant guide, and "The Me I Want To Be" book 15 minutes/session, ideal for college and up!

ABUSE PREVENTION/CHILD SAFETY

SAFETY TIPS ON A SENSITIVE SUBJECT- CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (DVD0664)

Safety Tips On A Sensitive Subject: Child Sexual Abuse is a 15-minute look at steps you and your congregation can take to help prevent an incident and how your organization should react if there is an allegation. Booklet included. Produced and provided by Church Mutual.



A NEW BOOK FOR THAT SUMMER YOUTH GROUP OR ADULT CLASS...

UNTHINKABLE – THE SCOTT RIGSBY STORY (BK0101)

If you didn't have the opportunity to hear Scott Rigsby speak at the recent Grand Rapids Bishops' Day in March, you missed out on a real treat! Here's your opportunity to pick up and read his life story in "Unthinkable."



It was just over two years ago when Scott Rigsby did the, well ... unthinkable, when he finished the Ford Ironman World Championship. That day he became the first double amputee to finish the race with prosthetics.

Rigsby's story is inspiring for much more than the fact that he finished the Ford Ironman World Championship - which is no small feat. At 18 Rigsby was involved in a terrible motor vehicle accident - one in which he was dragged under a trailer for 300 feet. One of his legs had to be amputated right away. The other would come off a decade later after 26 operations.

"Unthinkable" tells the amazing story of how Rigsby managed to battle through variety of tragedies that included so much time in the hospital he felt like a "professional patient" and his subsequent battle with depression and alcohol addiction. He describes and shares his "painful loss of relationships and financial hardships that lead to a life controlled by fear and mistrust."

This, of course, is a story of unbelievable success. One day Rigsby did decide to change his life. He found purpose in his life "by competing in endurance events to encourage adults and children alike."

Rigsby went on to become a world record holder for double amputee athletes over both running and triathlon distances. He's now not only the first double amputee to finish the Ironman, he's become an active advocate for athletes with disabilities through the Scott Rigsby Foundation,

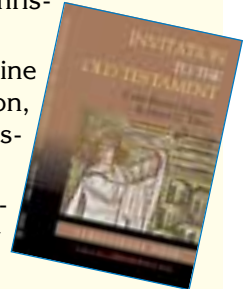
BIBLE STUDY- OLD TESTAMENT/ SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

THE OLD TESTAMENT- LECTURES BY AMY-JILL LEVINE (DVD's 0660-0663)

This course provides a detailed investigation of the Old Testament, the Scripture that emerged from the Hebrew people and still forms the foundation of the Jewish faith today, as well as underlying the Christian and Islamic traditions.

These lectures by Scripture expert Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University introduce you to the history, religion, and literature of ancient Israel as preserved in the Old Testament or Hebrew Bible.

The influence of ancient Israel's religious and national literature is evident in everything from medieval mystery plays to modern novels, art, music, theater, film, and dance. Professor Levine brings biblical characters and passages to life and vividly reveals the magnificent artistry that suffuses the Old Testament. Includes 24 lectures, 30 minutes each, on 4 discs. Perfect for that small group study!



Disc 1 (DVD0660) includes:

1. In the Beginning
2. Adam and Eve
3. Murder, Flood, and Dispersion
4. Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar
5. Isaac
6. The Jacob Saga

Disc 2 (DVD0661) includes:

7. Folklore, Analysis, and Type Scenes
8. Moses and Exodus
9. The God of Israel
10. Covenant and Law - Part 1
11. Covenant and Law - Part 2
12. The Conquest

Disc 3 (DVD0662) includes:

13. The Book of Judges - Part 1
14. The Book of Judges - Part 2
15. Samuel and Saul
16. King David
17. From King Solomon to Preclassical Prophecy
18. The Prophets and the Fall of the North

Disc 4 (DVD0663) includes:

19. The Southern Kingdom
20. Babylonian Exile
21. Restoration and Theocracy
22. Wisdom Literature
23. Life in the Diaspora
24. Apocalyptic Literature

which is designed to "inspire, inform and enable the physically challenged with loss of limb or mobility to live an active lifestyle."

Co-written by Jenna Glazter, "Un-

thinkable" tells that story with humor, passion and drama, while encouraging us all to overcome our own obstacles to do the unthinkable.

12 chapters, 273 pages, paperback



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