

# Discipleship Curriculum Guide

*Five Areas of Spiritual Growth*



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# The Cornerstone Discipleship Curriculum Guide

Welcome to the Cornerstone Discipleship curriculum guide. The Cornerstone Small Group ministry is committed to five principles: Biblical learning, fellowship, service, worship, and evangelism. To grow in our relationship with God we must strive to study His word, to serve God and others, to worship God, to have fellowship with others, and to share the good news of the gospel.

This curriculum guide was created to support our church in studying the five principles with materials that are biblically sound in doctrine. In addition to the materials in this guide, the RightNow Media site is accessible to all church members after you have registered. RightNow Media has many studies that are bible based.

If you would like to register for Right Now media here is how it works:

1. Fill out the online registration form.
2. Check your inbox. An email will arrive from RightNow media with a link and further instructions to complete setting up your account.
3. Login to your new account on [rightnowmedia.org](http://rightnowmedia.org) or their app and enjoy thousands of resources!

If you would like Small Group Ministry support in purchasing resources for your small group, please contact Amy Rose ([arose@cstoneepc.com](mailto:arose@cstoneepc.com)) or Pastor Matt Grimm ([mgrimm@cstoneepc.com](mailto:mgrimm@cstoneepc.com)).



# How to Use this Curriculum Guide

The study materials in this guide have been selected because they support the essentials of faith as outlined by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). Cornerstone Church stands in the Reformed protestant tradition of historic Christianity. We emphasize the authority and infallibility of the Bible, the sovereignty of God, and the teaching of Jesus that we must be born again.

In choosing bible study materials for your small group, consider which of the five biblical areas that the study would fall under: Biblical learning, fellowship, service, worship, and evangelism. The Spiritual Health Assessment is available to help you and your small group choose which of the five areas you want to study next,

## **Spiritual Health Assessment**

The Spiritual Health Assessment measures your health at a particular point in time. It is not a tool to see how you measure up against other people; nor is it a tool to see how close you are to perfection. We all know we'll never be perfect this side of heaven. Rather, this is a tool that will help you evaluate your spiritual health, and give you direction for developing a plan to bring God's five purposes for your life into balance.

The results of the assessment should be used by each small group to chart a course of actions for spiritual growth in the five biblical purposes.

A link to this assessment can be found at:

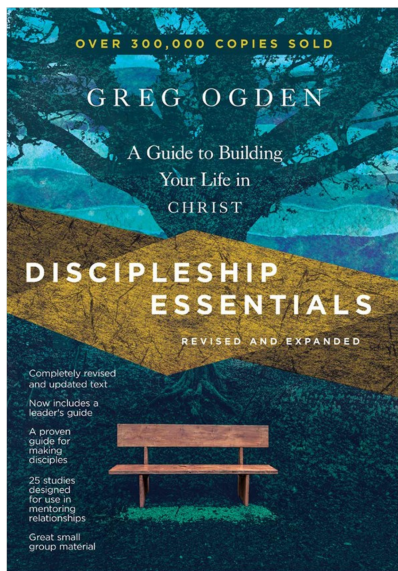
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# Worship

*Praising and magnifying God by focusing on His nature, actions and words.*

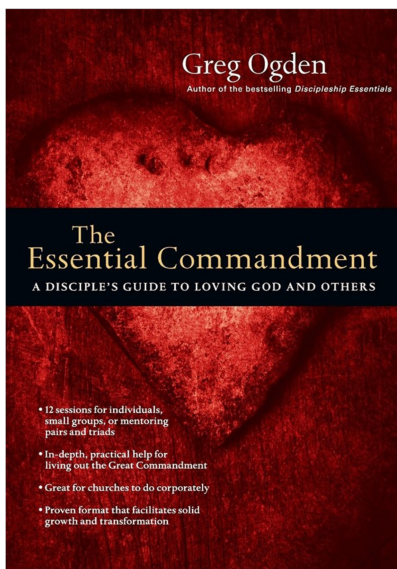
**GOAL: TO BRING JOY TO GOD AND CENTER US ON HIM.**

You will find five resources below to help you in your study of Worship.



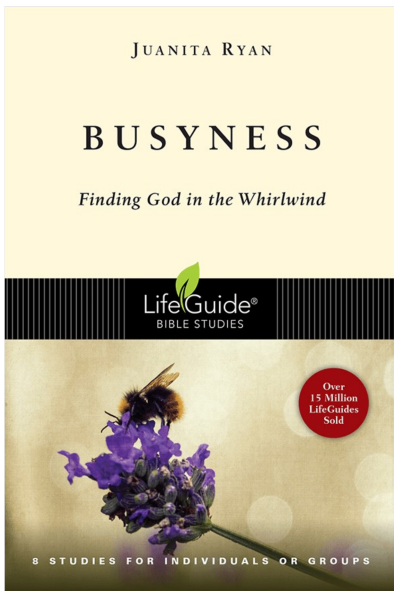
## Discipleship Essentials, Section One

Section One of Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden show us how God has designed us for a relational discipleship relationship that produces spiritual growth. We are taught essential spiritual disciplines that help us live in a manner that is pleasing to God.



## The Essential Commandment, Sections 1-4

Section One of The Essential Commandment by Greg Ogden deals with the core issues of how to align our hearts to God's heart and the constant need to align our will with God's desires. Section Two guides us on how to love God with all our soul. We are shown how to desire and pursue God. Section Three covers how we need to have a transformed mind, to see things as God intends us to see them and to explore how our thinking determines what happens to us and how we react to our experiences. Section Four reminds us we need to be disciplined in our habits, both physical and spiritual.



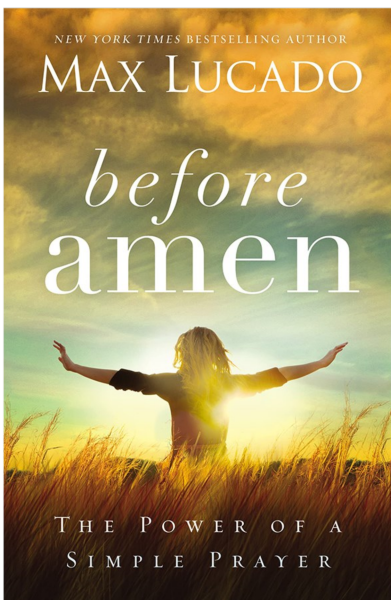
## Busyness, Finding God in the Whirlwind

Much of our busyness is necessary to our survival or to the wellbeing of others and ourselves. In the whirlwind of our lives, however, it may seem impossible to focus beyond the noise of daily demands. We long for a greater awareness of God with us. This eight-session LifeGuide® Bible Study by Juanita Ryan explores ways of conversing with God in the midst of things, so we can see our day's work as the joyful service of kneeling before Jesus.



## Work as Worship

This six-part Bible study resource on RightNow Media, by J.D. Greear will challenge all of us to consider the reason God calls us to work. It will cause you to consider why He may have you in your current position and encourage you to look beyond how your job makes you feel and see purpose and significance in your work.



## Before Amen

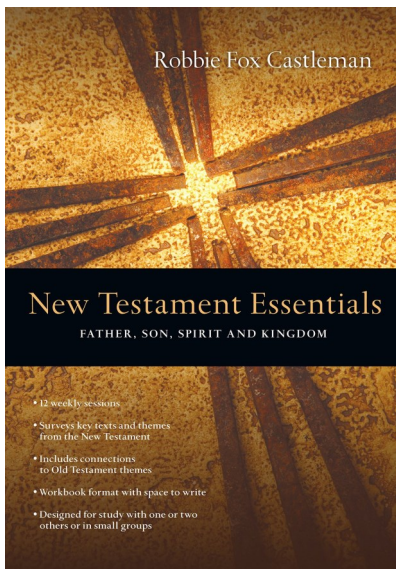
In this four-session video-based study on RightNow Media, bestselling author and pastor, Max Lucado reveals his struggles with prayer and how he discovered that it is not a privilege for the pious or the art of a chosen few but a simple tool everyone has been given to have a conversation with God. He shows you how to let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears you, and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest.

# Fellowship

*Relationships centered around the common experience we share as Christians.*

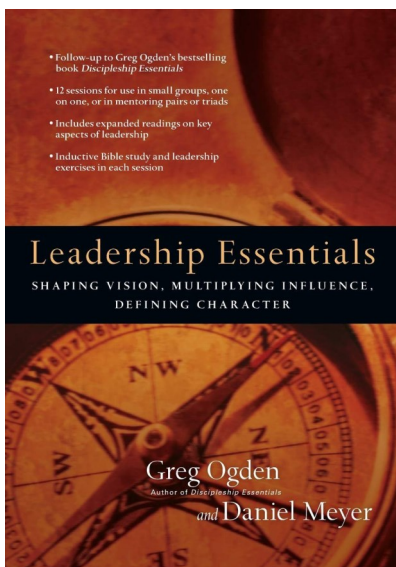
**GOAL: TO GROW FRIENDSHIPS, LOVE AND BUILD THEM UP AS PEOPLE OF GOD.**

You will find five resources below to help you in your study of Fellowship.



## New Testament Essentials, Section Three

Section Three of New Testament Essentials by Robbie Fox Castleman focuses on The Present and Coming Kingdom of God by discussing relationships, integrity & character, faithfulness, and joy.



## Leadership Essentials

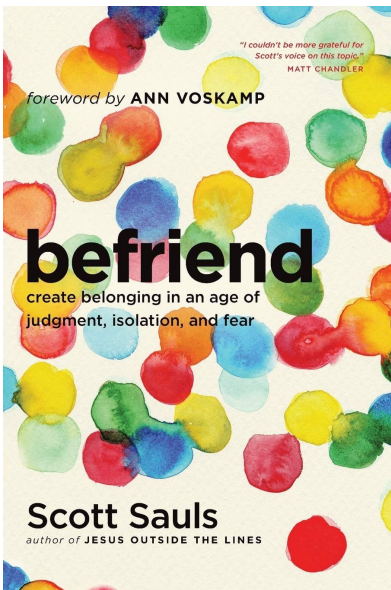
In every sector of society, from families to businesses to churches, leadership roles remain empty, waiting for people willing and able to step up and make wise decisions that bring positive change. Leadership Essentials by Greg Ogden and Daniel Meyer is the essential preparation tool for those who would be led and shaped by Christ to lead others with strength and wisdom.





## Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit

Pastor and scholar Christopher Wright invites us to live a life in step with the Spirit by cultivating the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These nine chapters, each addressing a different fruit, each conclude with questions for contemplation or discussion. Feed on the Word of God, grow in Christlikeness, and live a fruitful life.



## Befriend

Pastor and teacher Scott Sauls invites Christians to see the breadth of Christ's love toward people we often avoid. In this 6-session RightNow Media series, Scott outlines principles for befriending those around us with the love of Jesus.



## Why People Leave

Have you seen the impact of broken relationships at church, work, or in the home? Whether you've been subjected to brokenness or want to lead others toward wholeness, this RightNow Media series will help individuals, churches, and families build better relationship skill

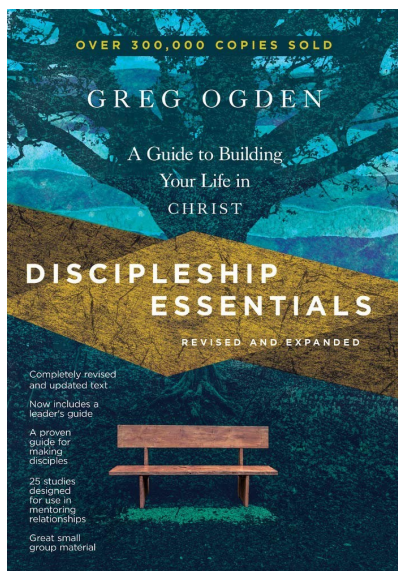


# Biblical Learning

*Being fed by God's word in order to grow into the likeness of His son Jesus Christ.*

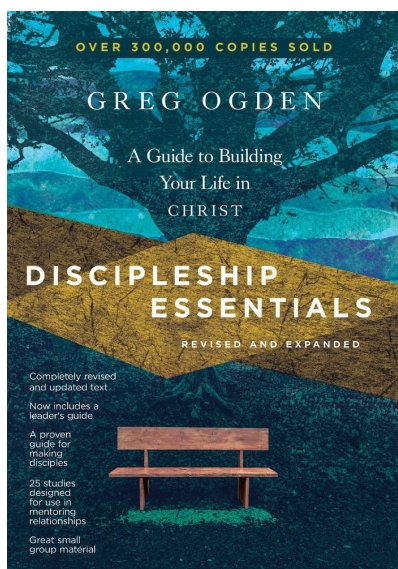
**GOAL: THE GROWTH OF THE MIND AND THE SPIRIT TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST.**

You will find five resources below to help you in your study of Biblical Learning.



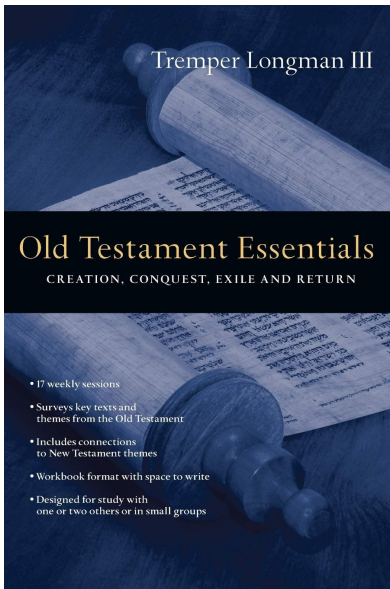
## Discipleship Essential, Section Two

Section Two of Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden lays out an understanding of the message of Christ. This section covers the three-person God, made in God's image, sin, grace, redemption, justification, and adoption.



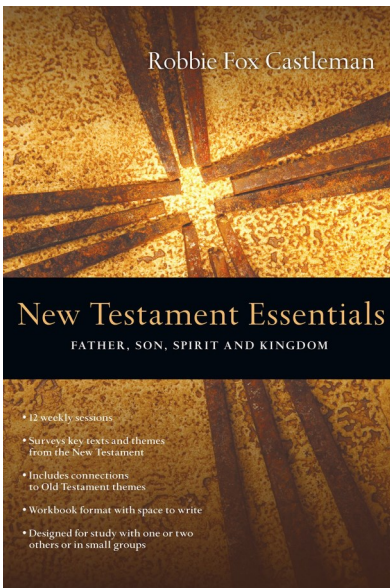
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Section Three of Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden discusses becoming like Christ. This section covers the Holy Spirit, trust, love, justice, and witness.



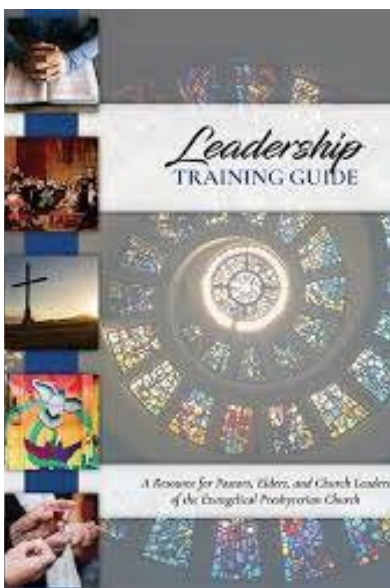
## Old Testament Essentials

"Christians love the Bible, but they often do not know what to do with the Old Testament," writes Westmont College professor Tremper Longman. Further, he points out that it includes many types of writing—history, prophecy, poetry, wisdom and apocalyptic. In this helpful volume he offers different strategies for understanding each of these important types of writing. Old Testament Essentials offers a comprehensive overview that will enrich your knowledge and deepen your faith.



## New Testament Essentials, Sections 1 & 2

Section One of New Testament Essentials by Robbie Fox Castleman focuses on The Revelation of God in Jesus Christ; Section Two covers The Indwelling of God in the Church by the Holy Spirit.



## Leadership Training Guide

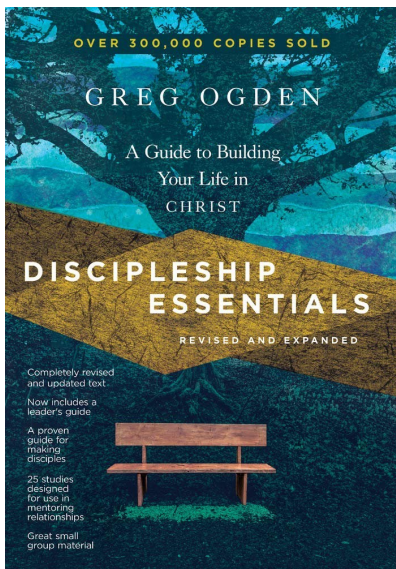
This Guide was accepted by the 26th General Assembly in June of 2006 as a resource and commended for use in EPC congregations, of which Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a member. It outlines Early Church History, Reformed Church History, Reading the Bible, Theology, Anthropology, Christology, Soteriology, The Holy Spirit, Ecclesiology and the Sacraments, Eschatology, The Purpose for Which God Created the World, Church Government, The Life and Character of the Officer, and Leading Healthy Churches.

# Service

*Reaching out to our community and demonstrating the gospel through our actions and works.*

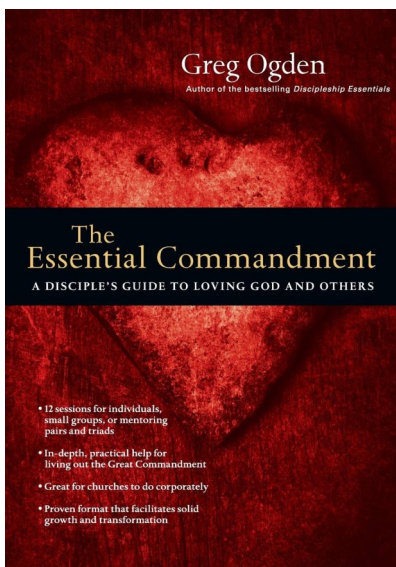
**GOAL: TO HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST AND HIS REDEEMPTIVE WORK IN THIS WORLD.**

You will find five resources below to help you in your study of Service.



## Discipleship Essentials, Section Four

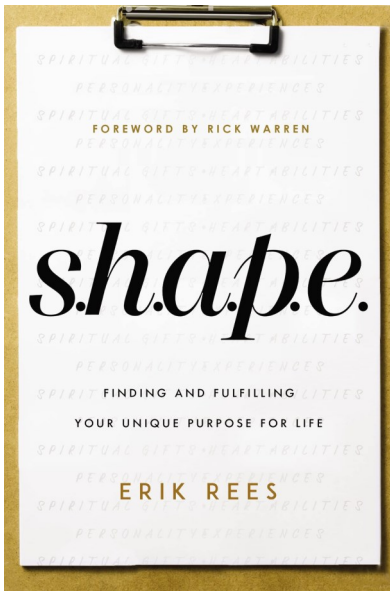
Section Four of Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden is all about Serving Christ. He discusses the church, ministry gifts, spiritual warfare, walking in obedience, and sharing the wealth.



## The Essential Commandment, Section Five

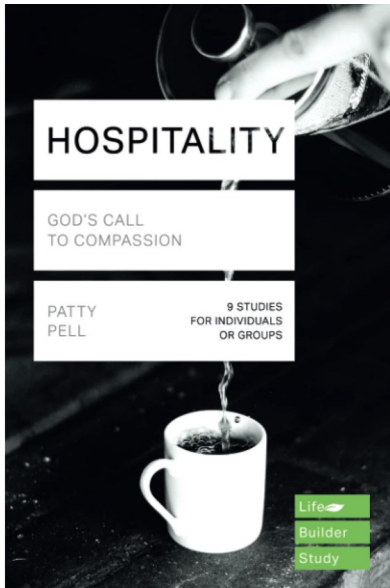
Section Five of The Essential Commandment by Greg Ogden focuses on Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself. The studies answer the question Jesus was asked, "Of all the commandments, what is the most important?" They identify who is our neighbor, how we are to think and act toward our enemies, and the biblical emphasis on demonstrating our love for God by our love for our neighbor.





## S.H.A.P.E.

Erik Rees helps you discover God's unique purpose for your life based on the way God has shaped you. Tap into the secrets of what makes you who you are--passions, talents, experiences, temperament, and spiritual gifts--and you'll discover the path to a life of unimagined purpose, impact, and fulfillment.



## Hospitality

While offering food to others is a wonderful ministry, this study reveals that the hospitality of the Bible is a deeper, more significant concept. In the Old Testament, hospitality demonstrates the grace and provision of God. In the New Testament, Jesus uses the imagery of a host and his guests to teach about the Kingdom of God, provision and protection.

Chris McDaniel foreword by Dan Busby  
CCFA President



## Ignite Your Generosity

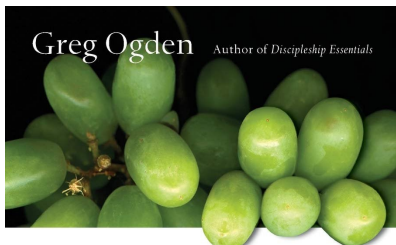
Ignite Your Generosity will help you see your resources of time, talents and treasures in a fresh, God-honoring way. Begin your journey of pursuing generosity God's way. Discover the joy and fulfillment that comes from a life of giving freely to his plans and purposes.

# Evangelism

*The proclamation of Jesus life, death and resurrection as the hope of the world.*

**GOAL: TO HELP PEOPLE KNOW GOD AND HEAR HIS PLAN FOR OVERCOMING THE BROKENNESS OF THE WORLD.**

You will find five resources below to help you in your study of Evangelism.

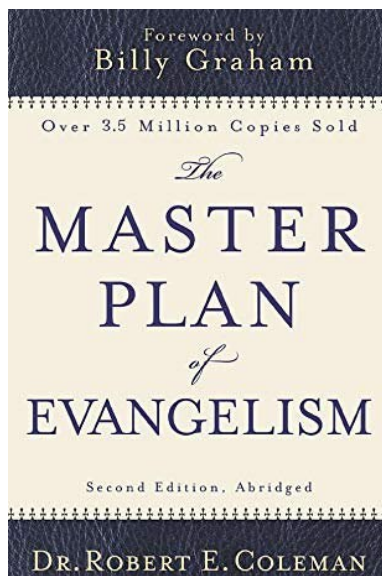


## Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple

Eight Sessions for Mentoring and Discipleship

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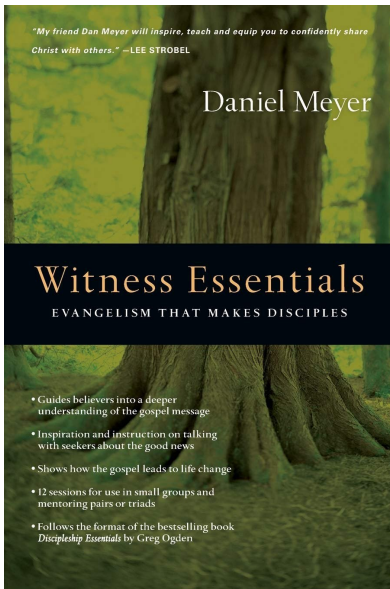
What am I committing to when I say I want to follow Jesus? Using the Great Commission to explore the mission to make disciples as well as the core characteristics that identify us as Jesus' followers, this guide lays the foundation for a life in Christ.



## The Master Plan for Evangelism

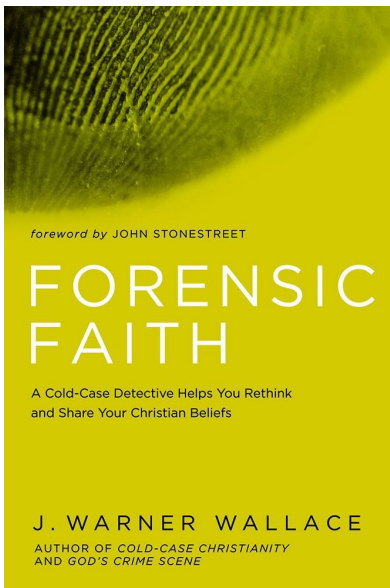
The Master Plan of Evangelism will show every Christian how to minister to the people God brings into their lives. Through a thorough examination of the gospel accounts, Coleman points out unchanging, simple, yet profound biblical principles of how to emulate Christ to others.





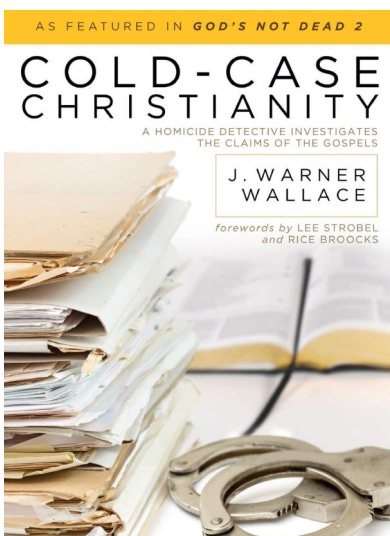
## Witness Essentials

We know the radical difference the gospel of Jesus Christ makes, and we want others to sink their roots deeply into the grace of God. The Bible studies, exercises and readings in this book will deepen your personal faith and equip you to minister to others with a new sense of confidence and calling.



## Forensic Faith

With real-life detective stories, fascinating strategies, and biblical insights, Wallace teaches cold-case investigative disciplines you can apply to your Christian faith. Forensic Faith is an engaging, fresh look at what it means to be a Christian. This is an eight session RightNow Media video series.



## Cold-Case Christianity

Christianity is based on a claim about an event from the distant past for which there is little or no forensic evidence. Learning how to apply cold-case investigative skills allows us to examine the evidence and discover the truth. Cold-Case Christianity inspires you to have confidence in Christ as it prepares you to articulate the case for Christianity. This is an eight session RightNow Media video series.



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