



ST. AIDAN'S RECOMMENDED STUDY GUIDES

This is a list of small group study guides that have been reviewed and recommended by the leadership team of St. Aidan's. We hope and pray these studies will help you and your small group grow in your knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, through his Word.

Note: If you are buying any of these studies for use with a St. Aidan's Small Group, the Church will cover half the cost of the materials needed for your group.

1. BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

➔ KNOWING THE BIBLE SERIES

- CROSSWAY (CURRENTLY THIS SERIES COVERS 43 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE)

Knowing the Bible is a collection of Bible Studies designed to help readers better understand and apply God's word to their lives. Each study covers one book of the Bible over 12 sessions. Each session includes four parts: (1) Reflection Questions, that help you engage the Bible text at a deeper level, (2) Gospel Glimpses, highlighting the gospel of grace in the book being studied, (3) Whole Bible Connections, showing how the passage connects to the Bible's overarching story redemption in Jesus Christ, and (4) Theological Soundings, exploring how the doctrines of our faith are taught throughout scripture. J.I. Packer is the general editor of the series.

More information at: www.knowingthebibleseries.org and www.crossway.org

➔ John Stott Bible Studies

- INTERVARSITY PRESS (COVERS PARTS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT)

This series, published by InterVarsity Press, contains ten Bible Studies, written by Pastor and Bible teacher John Stott, on various books of the New Testament. The series includes group studies on: Jesus, the Beatitudes, Acts, Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy & Titus, 2 Timothy, and Revelation. John Stott is a beloved and respected teacher of the Bible, who will help you and your group understand and cherish God's Word together.

More information at: www.ivpress.com/john-stott-bible-studies

2. GENERAL CHRISTIANITY

➔ Christianity Explored: The Best News You've Ever Heard

- THE GOOD BOOK COMPANY

Christianity Explored is a seven session series, which introduces people to the person of Jesus Christ and the message of the Gospel. Each session focuses on a core belief of the Christian faith and the series ends with an invitation to repent, come to Christ, and receive his gift of forgiveness and new life. This series would be perfect for visitors, people with little or no church background, or for a group wanting to renew and revitalize their understanding of the Gospel.

More information at: www.ceministries.org

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➔ **Discipleship Explored: The Best Love You've Ever Known**

- THE GOOD BOOK COMPANY

Discipleship Explored is an eight session study in the book of Philippians, which focuses on the amazing love that God has shown us in Christ; a love that brings us joy, gathers us in community, and strengthens us in the face of difficulty. This series will challenge you and your group to grow as Christ's disciple and equip you to make the most of your Christian life.

More information at: www.ceministries.org

➔ **Life Explored: The Best Gift God Could Give You**

- THE GOOD BOOK COMPANY

Life Explored is a seven session series featuring a combination of short films - shot around the world - and Bible interaction. It's an exposé of the little gods, the false hopes of the world, which promise us so much happiness, yet deliver so little. As it explores the Bible story (creation, fall, redemption, new creation), Life Explored shows how our deepest desires for happiness can only be satisfied in one person, Jesus Christ, and how the best gift God can give us is himself.

More information at: www.ceministries.org

3. SOCIAL ISSUES & APOLOGETICS

➔ **The Reason for God: Conversations on Faith and Life**

- TIM KELLER

The Reason for God study series is based on Pastor Tim Keller's book, *The Reason for God – Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. This six session video series captures unscripted conversations, in which Keller meets with a group of people to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, real-life experiences, and the Bible, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity, while engaging in meaningful dialogue about some of the most common and difficult objections to Christianity in our culture. For the session topics see the link below.

More information at:
www.gospelinlife.com/the-reason-for-god-dvd-group-study

➔ **The Bible and Christian Life: Authority, Interpretation, and Use of Scripture**

- JOHN STOTT

In this study series, Pastor and Bible Teacher John Stott teaches on the nature of scripture as the divinely inspired Word of God and shows the centrality of scripture to the life of a Christian. The study is recorded in six sessions, and covers the following topics: (1) The Authority of Scripture, (2) The Nature of the Bible: Dual Authorship and Inspiration, (3) Basic Principles of Bible Interpretation, (4) The Problem of Culture, (5) Developing a Christian Mind, and (6) Making an Impact on Society.

More information at:
www.zondervan.com/john-stott-on-the-bible-and-the-christian-life