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The Bible Course Love Wins A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived start> Becoming a Good Samaritan is a six-session small group Bible study like no other (DVD/digital video sold separately). Prepare to have your eyes opened, your heart stirred, your vision kindled, and your faith focused and invigorated like never before! Love your neighbor. Change the world... It starts with you, today. The homeless man wandering your streets. The disenfranchised roaming your

neighborhood. The sick and forgotten pushed to the edge of your town. Let ' s get to work! In partnership with World Vision, start> Becoming a Good Samaritan is an unprecedented initiative that helps Christians live out Christ ' s love in world-changing ways, right now, right where you live. This experience will help you explore issues like poverty, social injustice, pandemic diseases, the environment – and teach you how to start making a personal, street-level impact today. Inside are discussion questions, radical but commonsense ideas, and personal applications to help you live out your faith in ways that will change the community around you. Sessions include: Becoming a Good Samaritan Caring for the Sick Seeking Justice and Reconciliation Honoring the Poor Tending to God ' s Creation Loving the Forsaken Designed for use with the Start Becoming a Good Samaritan Video Study (sold separately). In it, you ' ll find John Ortberg hosting six emotionally packed sessions featuring Christian leaders like

Eugene Peterson, Philip Yancey, Matthew Sleeth, Jim Cymbala, Chuck Colson, Joni Eareckson Tada, Rob Bell and many others.

Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus
Ballantine Books

The New York Times bestselling author Rob Bell, using his inspired and inquisitive approach, focuses on the most widely read book of all time. He provides surprising insights and answers about how the Bible actually works as a source of faith and guidance, showing a brand-new way of reading this sacred text. Rob Bell, the beloved author of *Love Wins* and *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, goes deep into the Bible to show how it is more revelatory, revolutionary, and relevant than we ever imagined - and offers a cogent argument for why we need to look at it in a fresh, new way.

In Love Wins, Rob Bell confronted the troubling questions that many people of faith were afraid to ask about heaven, hell, fate, and faith. Using the same inspired, inquisitive approach, he now turns to our most sacred book, the Bible. What Is the Bible? provides insights and answers that make clear why the Bible is so revered and what makes it truly inspiring and essential to our lives. Rob takes us deep into actual passages to reveal the humanity behind the Scriptures. You cannot get to the holy without going through the human, Rob tells us. When considering a passage, we shouldn't ask 'Why did God say ...?' To get to the heart of the Bible's meaning, we should be asking: 'What's the story that's unfolding here and why did people find it important to tell it? What was it that moved them to record these words? What was happening in the world at that time? What does this passage/story/poem/verse/book tell us about how people understood who they were and who God was at that time?' In asking these questions, Rob goes beyond the one-dimensional question of 'Is it true?' to reveal the Bible's authentic transformative power. Rob addresses the concerns of all those who see the Bible as God's Word but are troubled by the ethical dilemmas, errors, and inconsistencies in Scripture. With What Is the Bible?, he

recaptures the Good Book's magic and reaffirms its power and inspiration to shape and inspire our lives today.

Catholicism For Dummies Harper Collins
Turning to the Gospels, James Bryan Smith invites you to compare your ideas about God with what Jesus himself reveals about his Father. Smith leads you through a process of spiritual formation that includes specific activities aimed at making these new narratives real in your body and soul as well as your mind.

Beyond Religion Penguin
Brilliant Lent course for individuals and groups, based on the Oscar-winning film 'The King's Speech'. The purpose of 'Finding a Voice' could be summed up in the words of the King's speech therapist: 'To give them faith in their voice and let them know a friend is listening.' The course, which offers five group sessions plus weekly material for private reading, uses the film as a discussion starter and relates it to what the Bible has to say about such universal issues as discouragement and

determination, fear and friendship, calling and courage. 'The King's Speech' is such a runaway success because it holds that mirror to our world, and offers hope of overcoming the difficulties. It shows hope built out of friendship, trust and supportive love; and courage in the face of gathering evil. Lent is traditionally a time for strengthening resolve, bringing believers together in trust and encouragement as they strive to follow their calling. **Practicing Grace in the Chaos Harper Collins**

A guide to living an authentic Christian life urges readers to seek an expression of faith that is personal, rather than in accordance with the belief systems of others, in a handbook that cites the examples of Jesus while offering a perspective on the unlimited nature of God.

Jesus Wants to Save Christians Upper Room Books
Seven DVD presentations to introduce and complement The

World We All Want evangelistic course

Student Retention in Online, Open, and Distance Learning Harper

Collins

Usually when we think of the Advent story, Mary, Joseph, and the angel Gabriel come to mind. Okoro approaches Advent a little differently, inviting us to sit for a while with Zechariah and Elizabeth and the story of how they came to bear their only son, John. "The Advent story we so often associate with the joy of Christmas actually begins with deep sorrow and longing. But thankfully, in the kingdom of God, there is always more to the story than meets the eye," Enuma Okoro writes. Zechariah and Elizabeth were good people. They had maintained faith and hope in God for many years, despite Elizabeth's inability to conceive, a condition considered shameful in their time. So they were quite familiar with the universal human experiences of

longing and waiting. Even though this couple's story takes up only one chapter in Luke's Gospel, it contains enough lessons about faith and life to last for weeks. In her beautifully written, imaginative meditations for each day of Advent, Okoro looks closely at the doubts and longings of Zechariah and Elizabeth. As you explore their story, Okoro guides you to reflect on your own experiences of waiting and longing, of grief and the need for community, and of hungering for God. These poetic and poignant meditations will linger with you long after Christmas. Reflection questions and a prayer challenge accompany each week's meditations. A perfect book for individual or group study.

A Small Group Experience Harper Collins

When pastor and bestselling author Rob Bell published *Love Wins*, it upset many while also changing lives as he questioned who was saved, who was not, and how it all works. Bell dared to

question whether hell is forever, and asked if only Christians will go to heaven, igniting a firestorm of praise and backlash across the country. Bell is known for taking an existing genre and reinventing it. In this case, he takes the traditional study guide format for popular books and reinvents it as an opportunity for modeling the kind of conversation and debate the church should be having.

Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent HarperCollins UK

In *Drops Like Stars*, the New York Times bestselling author of *Love Wins* explores the complex relationship between suffering and creativity. Rob Bell (" One of the country ' s most influential evangelical pastors " —New York Times) suggests that art can be found in the agony of our lives. Fans of the thought-provoking works of Donald Miller, N.T. Wright, Brian McLaren, and Timothy Keller will find true enlightenment in this thoughtful and engaging book from this vibrant, progressive voice for a new generation of Christians, the prolific pastor whom Time Magazine named one of the most influential people of 2011.

Finding Your Way in a Turbulent World Monarch Books

There are more than one billion Catholics in the world, and each one has a similar set of basic beliefs and practices that he or she follows. Some of the teachings of Catholicism are thousands of years old, while others are more recent. So what is the Catholic culture like and what do they believe? Catholicism For Dummies answers these and many other questions. Whether you 're a Catholic or not, you may be totally clueless or just unaware of some aspects of Catholic traditions, history, doctrine, worship, devotion, or culture. No sweat. Regardless of whether you 're engaged, married, related to a Catholic, or just curious about what Catholics really do believe, this book is for you. Catholicism For Dummies is not a catechism or religious textbook, but a casual, down-to-earth introduction for non-Catholics and reintroduction for Catholics. It gives commonsense explanations so that the next time you 're invited to a Catholic

wedding, Baptism, funeral, Confirmation, or First Communion, you won 't be totally confused. You 'll also discover other important topics that can help you better understand the Catholic culture—from morality and devotions to worship and liturgy. This book will familiarize you with Catholicism by showing you: What it means to be a Catholic: traditions, prayers, beliefs, and holidays Who is who in the Catholic hierarchy How Catholics worship What the Seven Sacraments and Ten Commandments are The book regarded as the holiest to Catholics: The Bible The Church 's stand on some sticky issues Catholicism For Dummies presents a rich tapestry and history of the Catholic faith—from devotions to doctrines. This intelligent and faithful look at Catholicism will open your eyes to this religion and answer many of the questions you may have about it. The God We Can Know

HarperChristian Resources
There is a church not too far from us that recently added a \$25 million addition to their building. Our local newspaper ran a front-page story not too long ago about a study revealing that one in five people in our city lives in poverty. This is a book about those two numbers. Jesus Wants to save Christians is a book about faith and fear, wealth and war, poverty, power, safety, terror, Bibles, bombs, and homeland insecurity. It's about empty empires and the truth that everybody's a priest. It's about oppression, occupation, and what happens when Christians support, animate and participate in the very things Jesus came to set people free from. It's about what it means to be a part of the church of Jesus in a world where some people fly planes into buildings while others pick up groceries in Hummers. Drops Like Stars Zondervan
Imagine if we were able to strip back all the rituals, myths, and dogma; to put to one side the hairsplitting and disagreements; to get beyond all the trappings of 'religion'- what would we find? If we were to go back to Jesus

himself, to the biographies about him contained in the New Testament, what would we discover Christianity to be about?

A Manifesto for the Church in Exile
Abingdon Press

If God were throwing a party, would everyone be invited? Or does God invite some and not others? And if so, how does God decide? Is it what you say? Is it what you do? Is it what you're going to do? Is it who your friends are? Or what your friends do? Or what religion you happened to be born into? Or where you live, or what you look like, or what you believe? What if the idea of heaven and hell that we have been taught is not, in fact, what the Bible teaches? What if Jesus meant something very different by the concepts of heaven, hell, and salvation from how we've come to understand them? And what if the answer to life's meaning is much better than we ever imagined? In his teen edition of the bestselling book *Love Wins*, Rob Bell tackles all these questions in a way that addresses the real challenges of growing up in today's world. This is not just a book of questions and this is not just a book of answers. This is a book of exploration. This is a book of discovery. This is a book about why love wins.

A Vintage

The New York Times bestselling author of *The Prodigal Prophet* uncovers the essential message of Jesus, locked inside his most familiar parable. Newsweek called renowned minister Timothy Keller "a C.S. Lewis for the twenty-first century" in a feature on his first book, *The Reason for God*. In that book, he offered a rational explanation of why we should believe in God. Now, in *The Prodigal God*, Keller takes his trademark intellectual approach to understanding Christianity and uses the parable of the prodigal son to reveal an unexpected message of hope and salvation. Within that parable Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. This book will challenge both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way. *Isaac's Sacrifice and National Narrative* Stanford University Press

As he revolutionized traditional teaching on hell in the phenomenal New York Times bestseller *Love*

Wins, Rob Bell now transforms how we understand and practice marriage in *The Zimzum of Love*, co-written with his wife, Kristen. Despite the divorce statistics, people are still committing to each other, instinctively believing and hoping that theirs is a sacred union that will last forever. Yet when these couples encounter problems, they often lack the resources that keep them connected to this greater mystery surrounding marriage. Rob and Kristen Bell introduce a startling new way of looking at marriage, *The Zimzum of Love*. Zimzum is a Hebrew term where God, in order to have a relationship with the world, contracts, creating space for the creation to exist. In marriage, zimzum is the dynamic energy field between two partners, in which each person contracts to allow the other to flourish. Mastering this field, this give and take of energy, is the secret to what makes marriage flourish. Rob and Kristen Bell are brutally honest

about their own struggles, their ups and downs, as together they pass along what matters most for couples. In this wise book, they explore the secret of what makes a happy union—probing the mystery at the heart of the extraordinary emotional connection that binds two people. With his down-to-earth charm, a dose of whimsy, and memorable stories, Rob, writing with his wife Kristen, changes how we consider marriage, providing insight that can help all of us create satisfying and sacred unions of our own.

The Good and Beautiful Life Darton Longman and Todd

What if you knew that by simply crossing the room and saying hello to someone, you could change that person's forever? Just a few steps to make an eternal difference. It has nothing to do with methods and everything to do with taking a genuine interest in another human being. All you need is a heart that's in tune with the Holy Spirit and a willingness to venture out of your "Circle of Comfort" and into another person's life. Just Walk Across the Room brings

personal evangelism into the twenty-first century. Building on the solid foundation laid in *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, Bill Hybels shows how you can participate in the model first set by Jesus, who stepped down from heaven 2,000 years ago to bring hope and redemption to broken people living in a fallen world. Now it's your turn. Your journey may not be as dramatic, but it can have a life-changing impact for someone standing a few steps away from you—and for you as well, as you learn the power of extending care, compassion, and inclusiveness under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The highest value in personal evangelism is cooperating with the Spirit, says Hybels. This means playing only the role you're meant to play—walking when the Spirit says to walk, talking when he says to talk, and falling silent when he suggests that you've said enough. Hybels encourages you to "live in 3D" ... —Developing friendships —Discovering stories —Discerning appropriate next steps ... as a means of learning to understand the Holy Spirit's promptings. With fresh perspectives from his own reflections and experiences collected during his most recent decade of ministry, Bill Hybels shows with convincing and inspiring clarity the power of this personal, richly relational approach to evangelism. The

stakes are high. The implications are eternal. And you may be only a conversation away from having an eternal impact on someone's life—if you will just walk across the room.

Just Walk Across the Room
Lifelongfaith Associates

Glory and Agony is the first history of the shifting attitudes toward national sacrifice in Hebrew culture over the last century. Its point of departure is Zionism's obsessive preoccupation with its haunting "primal scene" of sacrifice, the near-sacrifice of Isaac, as evidenced in wide-ranging sources from the domains of literature, art, psychology, philosophy, and politics. By placing these sources in conversation with twentieth-century thinking on human sacrifice, violence, and martyrdom, this study draws a complex picture that provides multiple, sometimes contradictory insights into the genesis and gender of national sacrifice. Extending back over two millennia, this study unearths retellings of biblical and classical

narratives of sacrifice, both enacted and aborted, voluntary and violent, male and female—Isaac, Ishmael, Jephthah's daughter, Iphigenia, Jesus. *Glory and Agony* traces the birth of national sacrifice out of the ruins of religious martyrdom, exposing the sacred underside of Western secularism in Israel as elsewhere.

The Prodigal God Collins

The God We Can Know is a 7-week study designed for the entire congregation to explore the "I Am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Perfect for Lent or any time of year, this series will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?" One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first "I Am." These significant yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be

known. The DVD, filmed on location in the Holy Land, allows you to travel with Rob Fuquay and actually see the places where Jesus stood when he disclosed his true identity, and in what context he spoke each "I Am." The book, DVD/study guide combo, and online support work together to provide one of the most meaningful, transforming initiatives your church can provide for the entire congregation. Weekly themes include: Introduction to "I Am"—Knowing God I Am the Bread of Life—Knowing God's Satisfaction I Am the Light of the World—Knowing God's Guidance I Am the Good Shepherd—Knowing God's Care I Am the True Vine—Knowing God's Power I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life—Knowing God's Way I Am the Resurrection and the Life—Knowing God's Possibilities

Glory and Agony William Collins

A masterpiece of breathtaking scope—a brilliantly conceived epic novel that traces the entire turbulent course of English history This ebook edition features a new introduction by the author in honor of the thirtieth anniversary of *Sarum*. This rich tapestry weaves a compelling saga of five families—the

Wilsons, the Masons, the family of Porteus, the Shockleys, and the Godfreys—who reflect the changing character of Britain. As their fates and fortunes intertwine over the course of the centuries, their greater destinies offer a fascinating glimpse into the future. An absorbing historical chronicle, *Sarum* is a keen tale of struggle and adventure, a profound human drama, and a magnificent work of sheer storytelling. Praise for *Sarum* "Bursts with action, encyclopedic in historic detail . . . supremely well crafted and a delight to read." —Chicago Tribune "A fascinating journey . . . a clear yet sparkling window upon history with a superb narrative, so perfectly balanced between history and fiction that it clears away the mists of time from antiquity, giving the reader the impression that events over a span of ten centuries occurred only yesterday." —Fort Worth Star-Telegram "Strong . . . appealing . . . I haven't read so satisfactory a saga in years . . . in fact, perhaps not ever before. . . . It gives you not only history but comfort." —Chicago Sun-Times "[Edward] Rutherford holds us all consistently intrigued. In *Sarum* he has created a splendid novel that will bring many hours of diversified reading pleasure." —The Plain Dealer "A richly imagined vision of history, written with genuine

delight. ” —San Francisco Chronicle

“ Rutherford is at his best. . . . His storytelling skills are substantial. . . . One of the best books of the season. ” —Kansas City Star “ Absorbing . . . a superior historical novel . . . This blockbuster saga should appeal to discriminating readers, since Rutherford has an excellent grasp of his subject and a compelling story to tell. ” —Publishers Weekly

Love Wins: At the Heart of Life ' s Big Questions Harper Collins

Single copy of course workbook. For those wanting packs of five (five for the price of four) the ISBN is 987 1 85424 952 4.