



## IT'S ALL ABOUT DISCIPLESHIP.

How can we measure discipleship? LifeWay's research reveals eight factors consistently present in the lives of believers who are growing spiritually. Since it's all about discipleship, we engage in all eight of these areas throughout the year. *Bible Studies for Life* follows an intentional plan for your discipleship, so you can be sure you are nurturing your growth in Christ.

	FALL 2018	WINTER 2018–19	SPRING 2019	SUMMER 2019
<b>BIBLE ENGAGEMENT</b>			He Said What? Hard Sayings of Jesus	
<b>OBEYING GOD AND DENYING SELF</b>				Pressure: Reacting Well in the Face of Pressure
<b>SERVING GOD AND OTHERS</b>				Risk: The Reality of Following God
<b>SHARING CHRIST</b>		The Full Picture of Christmas		
<b>EXERCISING FAITH</b>			More than the Mundane: Finding Meaning on the Journey	
<b>SEEKING GOD</b>	How to Pray			
<b>BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS</b>	Welcome Home: Connecting and Engaging People in Your Church			
<b>UNASHAMED AND TRANSPARENT</b>		Engaging Culture in an Ever-Changing World		

# COMING NEXT QUARTER

## ***The Full Picture of Christmas***

SUGGESTED FOR  
THE WEEK OF

December 2	Session 1	<b><i>Isaiah's Prophecy</i></b> .....	<i>Isaiah 7:10-14; 9:6-7; 11:1-5</i>
December 9	Session 2	<b><i>Joseph's Obedience</i></b> .....	<i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>
December 16	Session 3	<b><i>Mary's Trust</i></b> .....	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>
December 23	Session 4	<b><i>The Angels' Announcement</i></b> .....	<i>Luke 2:1-14</i>
December 30	Session 5	<b><i>Simeon's Proclamation</i></b> .....	<i>Luke 2:25-35</i>
January 6	Session 6	<b><i>The Wise Men's Worship</i></b> .....	<i>Matthew 2:1-11</i>

## ***Engaging Culture in an Ever-Changing World***

January 13	Session 1	<b><i>When Races Collide</i></b> .....	<i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i>
January 20	Session 2	<b><i>When Life Is Expendable</i></b> .....	<i>Exodus 1:16-17,22-2:9</i>
January 27	Session 3	<b><i>When Circumstances Overwhelm</i></b> .....	<i>Psalms 42:1-3,6-8; 43:3-5</i>
February 3	Session 4	<b><i>When Substances Take Over</i></b> .....	<i>Ephesians 5:15-21</i>
February 10	Session 5	<b><i>When Marriage Is Questioned</i></b> .....	<i>Genesis 2:18-25</i>
February 17	Session 6	<b><i>When Materialism Consumes</i></b> .....	<i>1 John 2:12-17; 3:16-18</i>
February 24	Session 7	<b><i>When False Religions Deceive</i></b> .....	<i>1 John 2:18-29</i>

# Want to go deeper in your study?

Because you are discovering how to make guests feel even more welcome in your church through the *Welcome Home* study, we recommend Dr. Thom Rainer's latest book, *Becoming a Welcoming Church*. Dr. Rainer's research will help any church become more hospitable to its guests.

**Pick up this resource at your local LifeWay store or visit [LifeWay.com](http://LifeWay.com)**



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## ***Welcome Home***

Inviting others into the family of Christ, and leading those people to grow in their walk with Him and in participation with His body, are foundational to what the church is all about. This study looks at several principles from Scripture that move the church family to be a group that clearly and authentically communicates, “We’re glad you’re here.”

**Michael Kelley** is the Director of Groups Ministry at LifeWay Christian Resources.



## ***How to Pray***

Twelve men walked closely with Jesus during His earthly ministry. Of all the things they saw Him do—teaching, preaching, performing miracles, and so forth—they only asked to learn one thing from Him: “Teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). Jesus gave us a pattern to follow—a Model Prayer—that moves prayer from some rote, religious practice to a deeper fellowship with our loving Father who works on our behalf.

**Kie Bowman** is the senior pastor of the multi-site Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas.

## ***Coming Next Quarter***

**The Full Picture of Christmas** looks at the birth of Christ from the perspective of different people in Scripture. The study is written by Cliff Lea, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Leesburg, Florida.

**Engaging Culture in an Ever-Changing World** examines several areas of life where the world seeks to redefine truth, ethics, and morality. Grant Ethridge, senior pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Hampton Roads, Virginia, leads us to examine these issues in light of God’s unchanging truth.

