

The Prodigal God Study Guide Tweetcube

In this 9-session Bible study guide, Timothy Keller will help you and your group discover the most influential man to ever walk the earth... Jesus. His story has been told in hundreds of different ways for thousands of years. What more can be said about this man? Timothy Keller will help you and your group to unlock new insights into the life of Jesus Christ as he explores how Jesus came as a king, but a king who had to bear the greatest burden anyone ever has. Jesus the King Study Guide helps you discover the life of Christ as told in the Gospel of Mark. Keller shows how the story of Jesus is at once cosmic, historical, and personal, calling each of us to look anew at our relationship with God. It is an unforgettable study of Jesus Christ, and one that will leave an indelible imprint on your group's journey through the Gospel of Mark.

According to author Geri Scazzero, becoming an emotionally healthy woman begins by quitting eight unhealthy ways of relating. When you stop pretending everything is fine and summon the courage to quit that which does not belong to Jesus' kingdom, you will be launched on a powerful journey---one that will bring you true peace and freedom.

Just as God used words both to create the world and to give us commandments, we too use words for many different purposes. In fact, we use the same language to talk to each other and to talk to God. Can our everyday speech, then, be just as important as the words and prayers we hear from the pulpit? Eugene Peterson unequivocally says Yes! / Tell It Slant explores how Jesus used language he was earthy, not abstract; metaphorical, not dogmatic. His was not a direct language of information or instruction but an indirect, oblique language requiring a participating imagination slant language. In order to witness and teach accurately in Jesus name, then, it is important for us to use language the way he did. / Part 1 focuses on Jesus words in everyday contexts his teachings to the crowds, the stories he told, his conversations with his disciples. Part 2 shifts the focus to Jesus prayers the words he spoke to God the Father. / Peterson s Tell It Slant promises to deepen our understanding of Jesus words, strengthen our awareness of language as a gift of God, and nurture our efforts to make all of our speech convey a blessing to others.

The SCM Studyguide: Biblical Hermeneutics offers entry-level undergraduates a framework for interpreting the Bible. The book goes beyond offering guidance on how to do exegesis, and is intended as a practical tool to help readers develop good interpretative strategies for themselves. As such it features pedagogical tools such as Try-it-Out boxes to assist students to develop a tested and thought - through overall interpretative strategy of their own. This fully updated 2nd edition takes into account the changing church and world context, and the new challenges this context brings as students seek to read the Bible with attentiveness, integrity and faithfulness. Table of contents ?Acknowledgements Introduction 1. Where Do We Want to Go? 2. Past Experience and Present Expectations 3. Tools for Exegesis 4. Our Reality 5. Committed Readings 6. Enabling Dialogue with the Text 7. Our Goal: Life-Affirming Interpretations Summary of the Interpretative Process References and Further Reading Index of Biblical References Index of Names Index of Subjects

The Life & Ministry of Jesus Christ. This volume is the first of three on the New Testament. It covers the life of Christ from his

interpretation raises - historical, literary, theological - with worked examples from specific passages. Topics of particular interest include: What can be known about Jesus? Why are there four gospels? What is the Legacy of Paul? Does Revelation predict the End of the World?

This easy-to-use companion study guide helps the readers who approach Joseph Ratering/Pope Benedict's Jesus of Nazareth without the benefit of extensive theological or biblical training. The goal is not to replace Benedict's book but to make it more accessible, more fruitful for the average reader-whether lay, religious, priest or deacon. Designed for individual study or for group/parish discussion, this guide has the following features for each section and chapter of Jesus of Nazareth: - a reader-friendly summary - an outline - a list of key terms - questions for understanding, reflection, application and discussion - a section for readers to include their personal reflections on the reading. The guide also includes an ample introduction explaining the background for understanding Pope Benedict's approach and how to use this guide as an easy-to-use glossary that defines important terms and identifies key people discussed in Jesus of Nazareth.

James W. Moore Parables slip up on us. They flip our values. They turn our world upside down. They surprise us. This is the great thing about the parables of Jesus: They are always relevant and always personal. They speak eloquently to you and me, here and now. In this book, we will examine some of Jesus' thought-provoking parables, parables about priorities, to see if we can find ourselves and God's truth for us in these magnificent "truth-stories." They are, after all, truth-stories from the mind of Jesus that can change our lives as they proclaim God's truth for you and me. --adapted from the introduction. Each of the six chapters features a key passage of Scripture and is centered on a theme from one of Jesus' parables, including The Priority of Love The Priority of Grace The Priority of Being Prepared The Priority of Courage The Priority of Forgiveness The Priority of Strong Foundations. JAMES W. MOORE, popular speaker and preacher, is the author of Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, but I Have Several Excellent Excuses; God Was Here and I Was Out to Lunch; When Grief Breaks Your Heart; There's a Hole in Your Soul That Only God Can Fill; and many other books. He and his wife, June, live in Fairview, Texas.

Themelios is an international, evangelical, peer-reviewed theological journal that expounds and defends the historic Christian faith. Themelios is published three times a year online at The Gospel Coalition (<http://thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/>) and in print by Wipf and Stock. Its primary audience is theological students and pastors, though scholars read it as well. Themelios began in 1975 and was operated by RTSF/UCCF in the UK, and it became a digital journal operated by The Gospel Coalition in 2008. The editorial team draws participants from across the globe as editors, essayists, and reviewers. General Editor: D. A. Carson, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Managing

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Chaffee invites readers to explore four parables that she sensitively retells using female characters, 21st-Century settings, and contemporary situations. This powerful, insightful journey encourages women to look at the power of the parable verses plus the contemporary retellings, helping them look closer at why Jesus was sharing the message during His day.

In *Soul Keeping*, John Ortberg helps Christians rediscover their soul—the best connection to God there is—and find out why it's hurting and why neglecting it has set so many believers so far back spiritually. In this six-session video-based small group Bible study (DVD/digital video sold separately), Ortberg shows that caring for your soul is necessary for your Christian life. John shows participants what your soul is, why it is important, how to assess your soul's health, and how to care for it so that we can have a meaningful and beautiful life with God and others. When you nurture your soul your life in this world will come to make sense again; you can find your way back to God from hopelessness, depression, relationship struggles, and a lack of fulfillment. Your soul's resting place is in God, and John Ortberg wants to take participants to that home. Sessions include: What Is the Soul? The Struggle of the Soul What the Soul Needs The Practice of Grace The Practice of Gratitude The Practice of Growth Designed for use with *Soul Keeping* Video Study (sold separately).

An accessible textbook for all engaging with Christian doctrine for the first time. A valuable resource and suitable for all clergy and all training for ministry.

The most trusted study guide to learning *The Screwtape Letters*! Reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis can be a little difficult and confusing at times. Not so with *The Screwtape Letters Study Guide*! This comprehensive Bible study workbook breaks down each of the thirty one letters into easy-to-understand segments helping you understand and be able to confidently share with others. *The Screwtape Letters* is a brilliant and satirical look at spiritual warfare and the

dynamics of temptation. Screwtape, a senior demon in the bureaucracy of Hell, writes letters to his incompetent nephew Wormwood, a junior devil. The younger demon's assignment is to corrupt a young man living in London during the tumultuous days of World War II. Using Scripture references, discussion questions, and related commentary, The Screwtape Letters Study Guide examines each letter through a Christian lens of morality, temptation, and good and evil. This complete Bible study experience is perfect for book clubs, church groups, and independent study. Detailed character sketches and an easy-to-read book summary provide deep insights into each character and letter of the book. To help with those more difficult discussion questions, a complete Answer Guide and Scripture Reference Guide is available for free online. The Screwtape Letters Study Guide includes:

- Twelve sessions of study with multi-week options included
- Comprehensive Bible study workbook with studies for each week
- Complete character sketches and summaries to go deeper
- Bible study questions that are ideal for group discussion
- Answer Guide for all questions and Scripture Reference Guide available for free online
- Perfect for book clubs, small groups, or individual Bible study
- Available in print or e-book formats

Explore every shocking and amusing detail of this iconic classic to better understand Christianity and the foolish war raging against it. There's no better tool for making that happen than with The Screwtape Letters Study Guide! Endorsement Vermilye walks the reader through each Screwtape letter and wisely asks questions to bring out turns and twists in the thoughts and emotions that we each experience and that Lewis wanted us to recognize.

Steven Urban PhD, Author of Mere Christianity Study Guide

It is quite easy to assume that if we understand the gospel accurately and preach it faithfully, our ministry will necessarily be shaped by it—but this is not true. Many churches subscribe to gospel doctrines but do not have a ministry that is shaped by, centered on, and empowered through the gospel. Its implications have not yet worked their way into the fabric of how the church actually does ministry. These churches' theological vision has likely arisen from something other than sustained reflection on the gospel. Gospel-centered ministry is more theologically driven than program driven. To pursue it, we must spend time reflecting on the essence, the truths, and the very patterns of the gospel itself. This eBook contains the second part of Center Church, "Gospel Renewal." In it, Keller reflects on the history and patterns of revival—how individual and corporate gospel renewal occurs—and what happens as a result.

"To this day we have not the slightest idea what it was Jesus twice scribbled in the sand. By and large the commentaries have asked the wrong question through the ages. They labor over the content, over what he might have written. They ask what, without ever realizing the real question is why? It was not the content that mattered but why he did it. Unexpected. Irritating. Creative." Singer, songwriter and diligent student of Scripture, Michael Card is well known for the depth of his lyrics and the artistry of his music. But far more significant than the songs he has penned is the source of his

inspiration--the creativity embodied in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God. In his book *Scribbling in the Sand* Card explores the biblical foundations of true Christian creativity. Whether we think of ourselves as creative or not, all of us are created in the image of our Creator God, and thus creativity is a vital expression of our discipleship. This companion study guide provides eight sessions to help individuals and groups interact with the themes of Michael Card's book. With discussion questions, inductive Bible studies and creative exercises, each session provides opportunities for reflection, discovery and application. The user-friendly format makes this guide ideal for small groups, Sunday school classes or anyone who wants to enter into a life of Christian creativity.

It is easy to assume that if we understand the gospel and preach it faithfully, our ministry will necessarily be shaped by it—but this is not true. Many churches claim to be gospel-centered but do not have a ministry that is shaped by, centered on, and empowered through the gospel. The implications of the gospel have not yet worked their way into the fabric of how that church does ministry. Gospel-centered ministry is more theologically driven than program driven. To pursue it, we must spend time reflecting on the essence, the truths, and the very patterns of the gospel itself. The gospel is neither religion nor irreligion, but something else entirely—a third way of relating to God through grace. In *Shaped by the Gospel*, bestselling author and pastor Timothy Keller addresses several current discussions and conflicts about the nature of the gospel and shows how faithful preaching of the gospel leads to individual and corporate renewal. This new edition contains the first section of *Center Church* in an easy-to-read format with new reflections and additional essays from Timothy Keller and several other contributors.

Based on the "New York Times"-bestselling work "Fasting," this five-week interactive study resource package is perfect for both individuals and small groups interested in gaining understanding, growing their faith, and drawing closer to God. General use study guides for the current and future year course of study for members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, as well as an important resource for anyone desiring to know more about the scriptures.

This is an in-depth study guide into the Holy Spirit, who is not a mere force. He is not energy. The Holy Spirit is a person and part of the Trinity along with the Father and the Son. God is Sovereign, and just so God wills and moves according to His will. Just so, the Spirit of the Lord moves and acts never out of His own accord, but always follows the leading of the Father. So the Spirit is interdependent, as there is a mutual dependency within the Trinity. The work of the Spirit is far greater in scope than merely the spiritual gifts, for the Spirit of the Lord leads us in our calling on the narrow path to the glory of the Lord.

What makes a great small group Bible study experience? How can we have a Bible study experience that allows every member of the group to deeply enjoy the time together and bear tangible fruit of spiritual growth and transformation? Two

answers: authenticity and good questions. Rather than trying to make spiritual growth happen on our own, we need to discover God who is already at work in our lives and join Him in His work. And we need good questions to help us do that. This discussion guide has many questions that were thoughtfully crafted to help you discover God in your life through God's Word written in the book of Jonah. And as you share your genuine journey in Christ with others, you will be mutually encouraged to follow God, growing in Him together empowered by the Spirit. This guide includes... Introduction - what makes a small group Bible study great How to use this guide Questions that drive at the main points of each chapter Thought-provoking questions that help you discover God's work in your heart Powerful quotes from The Prodigal Prophet *This guide is for small group (or individual) study on the book of Jonah and specifically for Timothy Keller's book, The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy. You will need a copy of the book and a Bible (or a Bible app). The Prodigal Prophet is one of the best books on the book of Jonah that helps readers discover the surprising treasures hidden in the text. The story of Jonah is thought to be well-known, but the actual message of the text is actually yet to be uncovered by most people! You'll be blessed by reading the book and embarking on a journey to God's mercy with others through this guide. Below is the description of The Prodigal Prophet from its Amazon page. "An angry prophet. A feared and loathsome enemy. A devastating storm. And the surprising message of a merciful God to his people. The story of Jonah is one of the most well-known parables in the Bible. It is also the most misunderstood. Many people, even those who are nonreligious, are familiar with Jonah: A rebellious prophet who defies God and is swallowed by a whale. But there's much more to Jonah's story than most of us realize. In The Prodigal Prophet, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller reveals the hidden depths within the book of Jonah. Keller makes the case that Jonah was one of the worst prophets in the entire Bible. And yet there are unmistakably clear connections between Jonah, the prodigal son, and Jesus. Jesus in fact saw himself in Jonah. How could one of the most defiant and disobedient prophets in the Bible be compared to Jesus? Jonah's journey also doesn't end when he is freed from the belly of the fish. There is an entire second half to his story--but it is left unresolved within the text of the Bible. Why does the book of Jonah end on what is essentially a cliffhanger? In these pages, Timothy Keller provides an answer to the extraordinary conclusion of this biblical parable--and shares the powerful Christian message at the heart of Jonah's story." *At the author's request, this book is being distributed without Digital Rights Management (DRM) copy protection enabled.

In The Tale of Two Sons Workbook, one of America's greatest Bible teachers takes readers deeper into Luke 15 than they've ever been before, revealing insights into the culture of Jesus' day and a surprise secret ending. The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) has been preached in every pulpit and is known by many who read and cherish the Bible. It's so special because it presents in clear and inspiring terms our struggle with sin, the need of our hearts to be

accepted and pursued, and the Father's inexhaustible mercy and love. But most Christians would say that they've heard every sermon possible from this gem of scripture. That it has lost its luster. In *The Tale of Two Sons*, one of America's most beloved pastors restores the brilliance of this passage for the layperson, giving engrossing historical background and a surprise ending readers may have never known.

What is a prodigal son to do when he returns home, only to find that the father is gone?

My story offers hope to the hopeless. It offers healing to those who are wounded. I had a broken heart. Because I did not know how to deal with the trauma and loss of a son and the conflicts of life, my soul became shattered. Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted. There is no sin too horrible for God to forgive. Come! Father waits. If we are willing to shrug off the fear of man and embrace the truth of Scripture, we can be made whole. My soul is restored. God also healed and released the artist in me.---That part which had been destroyed because of a shattered life. I am well over 50 years old. Many Christ centered Prophets today are saying: This is the day for the 50+ generation. It is our time to Arise! I am ready!

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Learn to live a life of unshakable faith and leave a spiritual legacy for those who follow you.

Jesus knew the power of stories to touch people's hearts, so he used parables to teach his followers about the kingdom of God. If you want to know God better, the keys are in the parables. This book provides short studies on every parable in the Bible. You'll learn what God wants us to know from the prodigal son, the good Samaritan, the lost sheep, the talents, the sower, and many more. Each study includes a summary of the parable, the Scripture reference where it can be found, information on the historical and cultural setting, and key points. At the end of each study are questions that open the door to discussion, reflection, or further investigation and help you get to the heart of the parable. A wonderful tool for small groups or to add variety to your personal devotions. Let these studies draw you nearer to God as they enhance your understanding of his Word.

Inspired by Rembrandt's depiction of the gospel story, a Catholic priest reflects on homecoming, affirmation, reconciliation, and forgiveness while probing the complexity of the father-son relationship

Read *Crazy Love* in Simplified Chinese! Now you can experience Francis Chan's life-changing message in this Simplified Chinese version of *Crazy Love*. God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to

church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts-it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything. Learn more about the Crazy Love Simplified Chinese version at www.crazylovebook.com/cn. Check out Francis Chan's video blog at francischanblog.blogspot.com. This short book makes the case that deacons are model servants called to meet tangible needs, organize and mobilize service, preserve the unity of the flock, support the ministry of the elders, and further the mission of the church.

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