

# Leader Helps & Resources

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## Bible Study Helps to purchase online

- Borowski, Oded. *Daily Life in Biblical Times*. Society of Biblical Literature, 2003.
- Eastman, Natalie. *Women, Leadership, and the Bible: How Do I Know What to Believe? A Practical Guide to Biblical Interpretation*. Cascade Books, 2014.
- Fee, Gordon D. & Douglas Stuart. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, 4th Edition. Zondervan, 2014.
- [The IVP Bible Background Commentaries](#)
- Yarbrough, Mark. *How to Read the Bible like a Seminary Professor: A Practical and Entertaining Exploration of the World's Most Famous Book*. FaithWords, 2015.

## Bible Teaching/Preaching

### BOW's free helps

- [Know your Audience!](#) video with Susie Hawkins, Kristen Pool, & Kay Daigle
- [Protecting your Kids' Privacy as a Bible Teacher](#) video with Kelley Mathews & Sharifa Stevens
- [Why Use Live Teachers, not Video?](#) video with Susie Hawkins, Kristen Pool, & Kay Daigle
- [Should I be a Bible Teacher?](#) video with Susie Hawkins, Kristen Pool, & Kay Daigle
- ["Step by Step Teaching Process"](#) video series with Susie Hawkins, Kristen Pool, & Kay Daigle

### Resources available for purchase

- Kuruvilla, Abraham. *Privilege the Text!: A Theological Hermeneutic for Preaching*. Moody, 2013. (Excellent but must be digested slowly.)
- Mathews, Alice. *Preaching that Speaks to Women*. Baker Academic, 2003. (Available as an e-book or from small booksellers.)
- Roese, Jackie. *She Can Teach: Empowering Women to Teach the Scriptures Effectively*. Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2013.
- Shuster, Marguerite, Richard Allen Farmer, and Haddon Robinson. ["What Sermon Illustrations should be Banned from Pulpits?"](#) Christianity Today, June 2014.

## Choosing Christian books and studies

- ["The Aroma of Influence"](#) blog: search topic "choosing material"
- Free BOW video series: ["Choosing Trustworthy Resources"](#) with Nika Spaulding
- Christian classics by people like Augustine, Calvin, and Spurgeon
- The creeds such as The Apostle's Creed and The Nicene Creed

# Conflict Resolution

## Free Online Helps

- [“The Aroma of Influence”](#) blog: search “conflict,” “reconciliation” and topic Living in the American Culture
- BOW’s [“Fight Right” video series](#) with Oletha Barnett
- BOW’s series [“Helping Leaders Survive & Thrive through Conflict”](#) with Dr. Sue Edwards
- [Peacemaker Ministries](#)

## Other Resources

- Barthel, Tara Klena and Judy Dabler. [Peacemaking Women: Biblical Hope for Resolving Conflict](#). Baker Books: 2005.
- Braiker, Harriet. [The Disease to Please: Curing the People-Pleasing Syndrome](#). McGraw-Hill, 2001.
- Cloud, Henry. [Necessary Endings: The Employees, Businesses, and Relationships that All of Us Have to Give Up to Move Forward](#). Harper-Collins, 2011.
- Cloud, Henry and John Townsend. [How to Have that Difficult Conversation: Gaining the Skills for Honest and Meaningful Communication](#). Harper-Collins, 2015.
- Edwards, Sue, and Kelly Mathews. [Leading Women who Wound: Strategies for an Effective Ministry](#). Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2009.
- Sande, Ken. [The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict 3rd Edition](#). Baker Books, 2004.
- Sande, Ken, and Johnson, Kevin. [Resolving Everyday Conflict](#). Baker Books, 2015.
- Shelley, Marshall. [Ministering to Problem People in your Church: What to Do with Well-Intentioned Dragons](#). Bethany House, 2013.
- Stone, Douglas, Bruce Patton, and Sheila Heen. [Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most](#). Penguin Books, 2010.

# Cultural Issues

## Millennials

### Free Resources

- [Barna research and data](#)
- BOW’s video series: [“Understanding Millennials: the Good, the Bad, and the Ministry”](#) with Nika Spaulding.

### Other Resources

- [Defining Millennials & generations](#) from Pew Research
- Eaton, Sam. [12 Reasons Millennials are Over Church](#).
- [Millennials: Coming of Age](#) Defining the group
- Sinek, Simon. [Millennials in the Workforce, a Generation of Weakness](#).

## Men/Women

### BOW’s Free Help

- [“It’s Time for a RelationSHIFT”](#) video series with Jackie Roese.

## Other Resources

- Russell, A. Sue and Jackie Roese. [\*RelationSHIFT: Changing the Conversation about Men and Women in the Church\*](#). Whittier, CA: Cross Perspectives, 2018.
- Podcast "[Finding Pathways Forward for Men & Women](#)" with Jackie Roese

## Racial Reconciliation

### BOW's Free Help

- "[The Aroma of Influence](#)" blog: click topic "living in the American culture" or search "reconciliation"
- "[Leading toward Racial Reconciliation](#)" video series with Kelley Mathews & Sharifa Stevens

### Other Resources

- Cleveland, Christena. [\*Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart\*](#). InterVarsity Press, 2013.
- "[The Day of Pentecost](#)" | Irving Bible Church Women podcast
- Piper, John. [\*Bloodlines: Race, Cross, and the Christian\*](#). Crossway, 2011.
- Wilkerson, Isabel. [\*The Warmth of Other Suns\*](#). First Vintage Books Edition, 2011.  
The non-fiction story of the Great Migration of African-Americans from the South to the North.

## Leadership/Influence Development

Daigle, Kay. [\*From Ordinary Woman to Spiritual Leader: Grow your Influence\*](#). WestBow Press, 2012.

## Conversations/Listening

### BOW's Free Help

- Video series "[Asking Powerful Questions](#)" with coach Jill Williams
- "[Listening Well](#)" video series with spiritual director Cheri Hudspith

### Other Resources

- Crabb, Larry. [\*The Pressure's Off: Breaking Free from Rules and Performance\*](#), 2nd Edition. Colorado Springs, CO: WaterBrook, 2012.
- [Crabb, Rachael, Sonya Reeder, and Diana Calvin. \*Listen In: Building Faith and Friendship through Conversations that Matter\*](#). Downer's Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2015.
- Stoltzfus, Tony. [\*Coaching Questions: A Coach's Guide to Powerful Asking Skills\*](#). 2008.
- Wilken, Jen. [\*None Like Him: 10 Ways God is Different from Us \(and Why That's a Good Thing\)\*](#). Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.

## Meetings

### BOW's free resources

- "[The Aroma of Influence](#)" blog: search topic "meetings"
- "[Meetings that Work](#)" video series with Claudia McGuire

### Available for purchase online

Lencioni, Patrick. [\*Death by Meeting: A Leadership Fable\*](#). Jossey-Bass, 2004.

## Mommies and Ministry

### BOW's free Resources

- BOW's video series: "[Mommies and Ministry](#)" with Sharifa Stevens and Kelley Mathews

## Mentoring

### BOW's free Resources

- "[The Aroma of Influence](#)" blog: search topic "mentoring"
- "[Organic Mentoring](#)" video series with Dr. Sue Edwards

### Other resources

Edwards, Sue, and Barbara Neumann. [Organic Mentoring: A Mentor's Guide to Relationships with Next Generation Women](#). Kregel, 2014.

## Small Groups

### BOW's free resources

- "[The Aroma of Influence](#)" blog: click relevant topics such as small groups, small group leadership, leadership.
- Video series "[Asking Powerful Questions](#)" with coach Jill Williams
- [Kingdom Prayers](#) purposed to focus prayers on God's will as a group
- "[Leading a Small Group toward Spiritual Growth](#)" video series with Kelly Arabie
- "[Listening Well](#)" video series with Cheri Hudspith
- [Women's Bible Study: Small Group Leader's Handbook](#). Use as a template for your own handbook.

### Resources available for online purchase

- Fryling, Alice. [Seeking God Together](#). Written as a guide to group spiritual direction, it includes great tips for becoming a better listener and helping others listen.
- [How to Lead Small Group Bible Studies: A Navigator Guide](#). NavPress, 1982. (out of print but available from small book sellers)
- Lee-Thorp, Karen. [How to Ask Great Questions](#). NavPress, 1998.
- Smith, Gordan T. [The Voice of Jesus: Discernment, Prayer and the Witness of the Spirit](#). The book helps believers listen & grow in discerning God's voice.
- Swindoll, Debbie and Monica Romig Green. This team training guide provides leadership tools that empower communities to deeply love God and one another.
- Wilson, Wendy. [Group Discipleship: Connecting Life and Truth; Facilitating Growth through Relationship and Discussion](#). PeerEquip, 2014.

## Spiritual Direction

[Evangelical Spiritual Directors Association](#) provides information about spiritual direction, finding an evangelical spiritual director, or listening to God with the help of a spiritual director.