

# Leader Resources

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These resources have been recommended by highly trusted women leaders who have credentials and experience in training other leaders.

## Bible Study Resources

- Borowski, Oded. [\*Daily Life in Biblical Times\*](#), Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2003.
- Eastman, Natalie. [\*Women, Leadership, and the Bible: A Practical Guide to Biblical Interpretation\*](#). Portland, OR: Cascade Books, 2014.
- Fee, Gordon D. & Douglas Stuart. [\*How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth\*](#), 4th Edition. Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 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\*](#). New York: FaithWords, 2015.

## Bible Teaching/Preaching

### BOW's free resources:

- [Know your Audience!](#) video with Susie Hawkins, Kristen Pool, & Kay Daigle
- [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

### Other Resources:

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

# Cultural Issues

## Conflict Resolution

### Free Resources

- BOW's "Fight Right" video series with Oletha Barnett
- [Peacemaker Ministries](#)

### Other Resources

- Barthel, Tara Klena and Judy Dabler. [Peacemaking Women: Biblical Hope for Resolving Conflict](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books: 2005.
- Edwards, Sue, and Kelly Mathews. [Leading Women Who Wound: Strategies for an Effective Ministry](#). Chicago: Moody, 2009
- Sande, Ken. [The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict 3rd Edition](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2004.
- Sande, Ken, and Johnson, Kevin. [Resolving Everyday Conflict](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2015.
- Swindoll, Charles R. [The Grace Awakening: Believing in Grace is One Thing. Living It is Another](#). Nashville, TN: W. Publishing Group, 2003.

## Racial Reconciliation

### BOW's Free Resources

- [Leading toward Racial Reconciliation video series](#) with Kelley Mathews & Sharifa Stevens

### Other Resources

- Be the Bridge organization has opportunities for training and many resources: <https://beabridgebuilder.com/get-involved/>  
Highly recommended are "Whiteness 101" & "White Privilege"
- Cleveland, Christena. [Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart](#). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2013.
- ["The Day of Pentecost" | Irving Bible Church Women](#) podcast
- Piper, John. [Bloodlines: Race, Cross, and the Christian](#). Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2011.
- Wilkerson, Isabel. [The Warmth of Other Suns](#). New York: 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](#). Bloomington, IN: WestBow Press, 2012.

# Meetings that Work

## **BOW's free resources:**

- [“The Aroma of Influence”](#) blog: search topic meeting
- [Meetings that Work](#) three-part video series with Claudia McGuire

## **Other resources:**

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

# 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](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2014.

# Ministry Direction (free BOW resources)

## **Focused, strategic ministry**

- [“The Aroma of Influence”](#) blog: search topic “ministry focus”
- [Be Strategic for Effective Ministry](#) free three-part series featuring Claudia McGuire
- Ministry compass to help determine next steps—contact BOW through website

## **Vision**

- [Casting Vision](#) free three-part video series featuring Debbie Stuart
- [Vision for the Small and Ordinary Places](#) short video on vision for your places of individual influence

# Small Groups

## **BOW's free resources:**

- [“The Aroma of Influence”](#) blog: click relevant topics such as small groups, small group leadership, leadership.
- [Kingdom Prayers](#) purposed to focus prayers on God's will

- [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.

## Other resources:

- Fryling, Alice. [Seeking God Together](#). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2009. 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](#). Colorado Springs, Co: NavPress, 1982. (out of print but available from small book sellers)
- Lee-Thorp, Karen. [How to Ask Great Questions](#). Colorado Springs, Co: NavPress, 1998.
- Smith, Gordon T. [The Voice of Jesus: Discernment, Prayer and the Witness of the Spirit](#). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003. The book helps believers listen & grow in discerning God's voice.
- Swindoll, Debbie and Monica Romig Green. [The Art of Spiritual Leadership: Creating Communities that Love](#). 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](#). Coeur d'Alene, Idaho: PeerEquip, 2014.

## Soul Care

- Barton, Ruth Haley. [Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation](#). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2006.
- Caliguire, Mindy. [Discovering Soul Care](#). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2007.
- Ortberg, John. [Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014.
- Plass, Richard and James Cofield. [The Relational Soul: Moving from False Self to Deep Connection](#). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 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.