

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
- [Teaching the Bible—Interactive or Lecture?](#) video with Susie Hawkins & Kristen Pool
- [Choosing Powerful Illustrations & Applications](#) video with Susie Hawkins & Kristen Pool
- [Let's Check our Mindsets, Teachers](#) video with Susie Hawkins & Kristen Pool

Other Resources

- Mathews, Alice. [*Preaching that Speaks to Women*](#). Baker Academic, 2003. (Available as 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” “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

- 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](#). 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.

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](#). Cross Perspectives, 2018.
- Podcast [“Finding Pathways Forward for Men & Women”](#) with Jackie Roese

Racial Reconciliation

BOW's Free Help

- ["The Aroma of Influence"](#) blog: topics "living in the American culture" or "reconciliation"
- ["Leading toward Racial Reconciliation"](#) video series with Kelley Mathews & Sharifa Stevens
- ["Beginning the Road to Racial Reconciliation"](#) video series with Sharifa Stevens & Susan Seay

Other Resources

- [Be the Bridge](#) for resources to read and help to get involved
- 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
- Hull, Daniel. [White Awake: An honest look at what it means to be white](#). IVP Books, 2017.
- Wilkerson, Isabel. [The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration](#). First Vintage Books Edition, 2011.
- Wytmsa, Ken. [The Myth of Equality: Uncovering the Roots of Injustice and Privilege](#). IVP Books, 2017.

Singles

BOW's Free Help

- ["The Forgotten Ones: Singles and the Church"](#) video series with Elizabeth Woodson

Leadership/Influence Development

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

Conversations/Listening (see small groups also)

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. WaterBrook, 2012.
- Crabb, Rachael, Sonya Reeder, and Diana Calvin. [Listen In: Building Faith and Friendship through Conversations that Matter](#). IVP Books, 2015.
- Stoltzfus, Tony. [Coaching Questions: A Coach's Guide to Powerful Asking Skills](#). 2008.

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 (see listening also)

BOW's free resources

- ["The Aroma of Influence"](#) blog: click relevant topics: 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](#). IVP Books, 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](#). 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.