

We've stumbled upon a problem that we just can't ignore.

"IT STARTED with a simple conversation with a young adult on a mission trip. We heard Landon loud and clear when he said: *"I don't want to go back to my church. No one wants to study the Bible like I do, no one wants to serve God doing missions like we've done here this week, and there's no one for me to just hangout with. It's lonely being a Christian my age in the church."*

Turns out, a lot of young adults, 18-34, feel the same way. Knowing that—we had to respond. For these past 14 months, we have been praying, seeking God, and studying His churches in an effort to find answers to this problem. We believe we have found powerful information, trends, and practices that God will use to help you structure your ministry to reach the Threads



generation

What is Threads?

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG ADULTS—people whose lives are marked by our passion for **community, connection, responsibility** and **depth**. We're serious about worshipping God with our lives. We want to understand the grace Jesus extended to us on the cross and act on it. We aren't willing to sit on our hands when the world needs help. We want to grow. We crave Bible study that raises questions, makes us think, and causes us to own our faith. We're interested in friendships that are as strong as family ties—the kind of relationships that transform individuals into communities.

Our resources are built for young adults. They're flexible and discussion-driven to aid the group members in forming connections and encourage practical application of Scripture. The four-to-six week sessions fit into young adults' busy schedules, and the additional resources for members and leaders online round out the experience. The Leader Kit includes engaging supplemental video and audio and other leader tools, making each week fresh.

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Flexible, short-term Bible studies



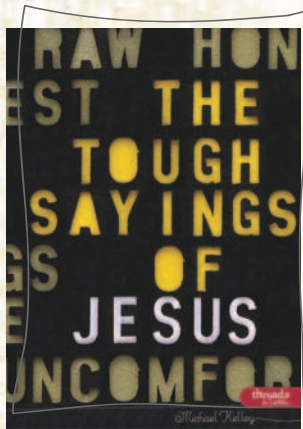
INTRANSIT: WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR WAIT?

by Mike Harder

Young adults often feel they are waiting for real life to begin. This study introduces young adults to three truths about waiting as it traces the lives of David, Jesus, and Joseph — all promised great things and all of whom waited, sometimes painfully, to see God's promises come to pass. For young adults, waiting without purpose can lead to loneliness and doubting God, but purposeful waiting brings a sense of fulfillment and an awareness of God's timing and faithfulness.

MIKE HARDER is currently a co-pastor at Green Hills Church, a new church plant in Nashville, Tennessee. Mike also serves as a speaker guy and ministry consultant who specializes in creating community for young adults. He is motivated by the opportunity to make an impact on the spiritual health and condition of the people in his generation.

Leader Kit includes Enhanced CD with four songs and three e-mailable audio tracks and DVD with three video shorts, as well as bonus features, promotional tools for your small group, and more.



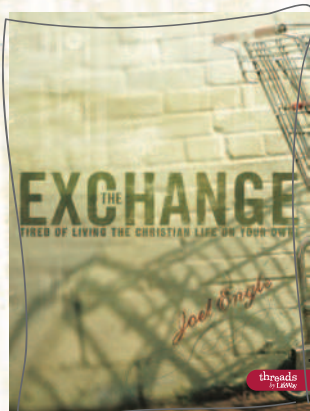
THE TOUGH SAYINGS OF JESUS

by Michael Kelley

This study will explore four statements Jesus made that are difficult for us to grasp. Delving into the historical and cultural contexts of these Scripture passages, the study will focus on sparking discussion and providing fresh insight, not pat answers. It will encourage them to embrace their doubt, and fight through it, so that their faith can become deeper and stronger.

As a writer and traveling communicator, **MICHAEL KELLEY** speaks to students and young adults throughout the United States. Author of *The Tough Sayings of Jesus*, he is an editor on the Threads' team at LifeWay. He previously served as the principle teacher for Refuge, a weekly worship event for young adults in Nashville, Tenn.

Leader Kit includes Enhanced CD with three songs and four e-mailable audio tracks and DVD with four video shorts. Also has bonus features, promotional tools, and Leader Guide.



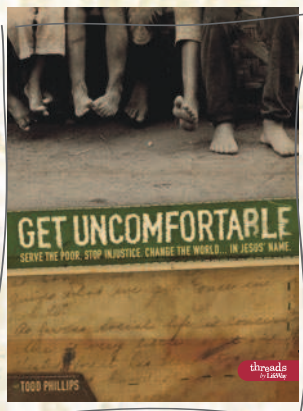
THE EXCHANGE: TIRED OF LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE ON YOUR OWN?

by Joel Engle

As young adults explore Romans 6, 7, and 8, they will come to understand that the power of the Christian life is found not in themselves or religious activity but in "exchanging" their lives for the life of Jesus Christ. They will learn how to overcome sin and personal hang-ups through a life of dependency on Christ.

JOEL ENGLE is a nationally-recognized worship communicator who uses his gifts to impact lives and glorify God. In *The Exchange*, Joel shares his own story of finally understanding that he couldn't live the Christian life on his own and how he learned to depend solely on Christ.

Leader Kit Enhanced CD is packed with six songs by acclaimed worship musicians Joel Engle and Matt Papa, and includes six e-mailable audio features. The DVD shares a personal look at Joel's story, promotional tools, Leader Guide, and more.



GET UNCOMFORTABLE: SERVE THE POOR. STOP INJUSTICE. CHANGE THE WORLD ... IN JESUS' NAME

by Todd Phillips

Phillips helps young adults understand how their faith in Christ and concern for the poor go hand-in-hand. As he examines God's character and perspective regarding poverty and injustice, he offers an understanding of what God calls us to do, along with practical ways to impact culture by caring for "the least of these."

TODD PHILLIPS is the teaching pastor of Frontline, the young adult ministry of McLean Bible Church outside Washington D.C. His two passions are teaching the people of God and sharing the Gospel with those who aren't yet Christians. He is the author of *CPR: Reviving a Flat-lined Generation*.

Leader Kit is filled with resources to create a powerful group experience, including six e-mailable audio tracks and four songs to inspire action on the Enhanced CD. The DVD has two video segments, bonus features, promotional tools, and informational videos on social action organizations.

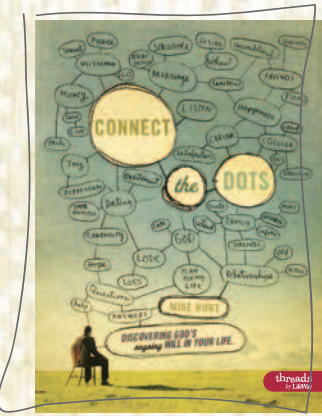
CONNECT THE DOTS: DISCOVERING GOD'S ONGOING WILL IN YOUR LIFE

by Mike Hurt

Where will I live? What work will I do? Who will I marry? Young adults are always searching for answers to life's big questions. But the road to finding God's will is fraught with confusion when the "signs" are not always clear. This six-session study will challenge believers to move from simply asking questions into developing a deeper relationship with their Creator.

MIKE HURT is the director of community campus development at McLean Bible Church and Frontline, the church's young adult ministry, just outside Washington, D.C. Mike loves developing ways to reach people for Christ and helping Christians connect to authentic biblical community.

Leader Kit includes a Leader Guide explaining how to use the contents of the Enhanced CD in your small group and a biblical commentary to aid the leader's preparation. Each session is complimented with an audio segment. Seven songs help create an atmosphere for the group, and CD includes a full-length e-book as a follow up to the study.

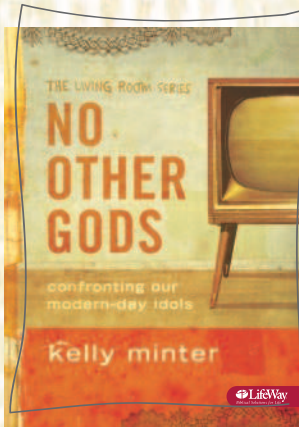


NO OTHER GODS: CONFRONTING OUR MODERN-DAY IDOLS

by Kelly Minter

Let's face it. Young adult women need meaningful interaction. While confronting the modern-day idols that compete for time and space in their lives, this eight-week study encourages women to develop deep relationships with each other and with Christ. Recipes, stories, and the opportunity to participate in an online community with Kelly and friends are included. Ingredients for a memorable study include comfy living rooms, shared dinners, and a safe environment for being real. This study does not include a multi-media Leader Kit. A Leader Guide is included in the Member Book. No Other Gods Member Book is **\$12.95**. Visit www.lifeway.com/livingroomseries.

KELLY MINTER is a multi-talented recording artist, worship leader, and author. She travels all over the United States leading worship and Bible studies for young adults and women. Her message is one of hope found through a relationship with Christ.



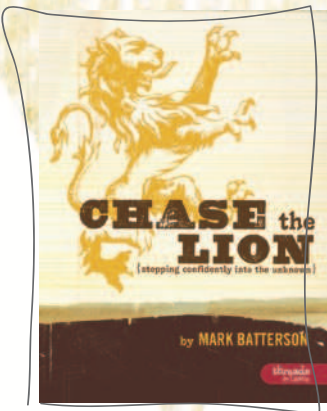
CHASE THE LION: STEPPING CONFIDENTLY INTO THE UNKNOWN

by Mark Batterson

Face your fears. Put everything on the line. Life can get pretty scary. Inspired by a fearless warrior named Benaiah (2 Sam.23:20) who changes his future by winning a battle with a real lion, this study, based on the best-selling book, *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*, also by Batterson, encourages in-depth Bible study and discussion for young adults who are ready to take on life's risks. The reward is a glimpse into the adventurous life God has waiting for each of us.

MARK BATTERSON is lead pastor of National Community Church in Washington, D.C., a multi-site church attended mostly by single 20-somethings. Being a risk-taker, Mark feels as called to write as he does to be a pastor.

Leader Kit includes DVD with three documentary video segments taking you on a mission journey with a young adult to Haiti. The Enhanced CD is full of leader resources as well as six songs and three e-mailable audio tracks.



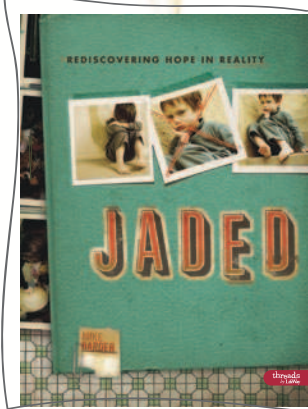
JADED: REDISCOVERING HOPE IN REALITY

by Mike Harder

Harder personally knows the pain of waking up to the difference between his ideal world and the real world. This collision leaves many young adults wounded and jaded, facing life with bitterness and cynicism rather than hope in God. Through five sessions of Bible study and group sharing, Jaded will help group members process the past pain of emotional and spiritual wounding, bitterness, and cynicism, while offering healing and hope for those caught inside this vicious cycle.

Leader Kit includes Enhanced CD with three e-mailable audio segments that provide an honest discussion of disappointment, cynicism, and hope and five songs by leading artists including Jars of Clay. Biblical commentary combined with DVD's two videos, downloadable promotional resources and Leader Guide provide a unique group experience.

Jaded is the second Threads' study by Mike Harder.



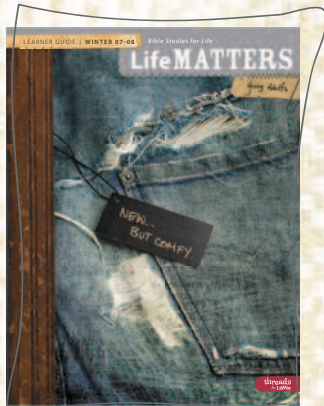
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LEADER KITS \$69.95

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LIFEMATTERS

LifeMatters is a quarterly Bible study resource for young adults. The **Leader Guide** includes an interactive, adaptable teaching plan; extra information on biblical culture, historical context, and terminology to help the leader prepare; deep questions so you can facilitate great discussions; and a guide for the leader's personal study time to help you connect to God each week and prepare to teach. The **Learner Guide's** conversational tone encourages open dialogue. It includes three thought-provoking devotions each week to help young adults prepare for Bible study; an in-class discussion guide with engaging questions relevant to real life; and tips to guide the group to develop relationships with their world, community, neighbors, and family. A **Leader Pack** is also available with contemporary and meaningful posters and an interactive CD-ROM with Bible Navigator software and other helpful teaching aids.

Leader Guide \$4.95*
Learner Guide \$2.10*
Leader Pack \$18.75*

COLLEGIATE

This quarterly resource for college students provides Bible studies, relevant articles and features, editorials, and reviews of music, film, and books. Useful in both church settings and on-campus Bible studies. Watch for Collegiate's redesign with Fall 2008 issue, featuring increased leader tools and other improvements.

\$2.95*

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