



Small Group Resource List

Foundational Books for Study and Discussion

The goal of these resources is to provide leaders with trustworthy content for study and discussion, particularly in the first couple years of a group's inception. After completing the Concentrating on the Majors study (COM), these categories are given as a sort of quarterly food group. If a group meets three quarters a year (summers off), a study in each of these areas at least once a year will help make sure the major areas of Biblical manhood are being addressed. YBL Group Curriculum should reflect the needs of the individual group. So a group may not follow the suggested path exactly.

Area 1: The centrality and trustworthiness of the scriptures. The Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God, the only rule of faith and practice. At least twice a year, it is good for the group to study directly from Biblical books to develop the personal capacity to read the Bible and apply it to life.

Area 2: Embracing and embodying leadership in the family & church. Not all men are married or have children, but most are or will be. These practical areas of life are crucial and modern culture does little to nothing to help men develop along Biblical lines in living out the roles of husband, father & elder.

Area 3: Being a witness for Christ at work and in community. Books on business and stewardship help us to think through the critical assumptions we make about our work, both how and why we do it. Apologetics and Evangelism books help us to continue to challenge and train ourselves to share our faith boldly in the public spheres we engage. Discipleship books help us to consciously think through the mission Jesus has given us, and how to grow in the ability to obey his command to make disciples, at home, in church and in the marketplace.

Area 1: The Scriptures

Bible Studies

Luke: The Gospel for Business (YBL)
James: The Shape of True Faith (YBL)
Genesis 1-11: Foundations of Life and Work (YBL)
Genesis 12-50: Changed by the Promise (YBL)
Book Studies by Keller, McArthur, Navpress
Look at the Book (10 Min Podcasts, desiringgod.org)
Fresh Bread (5 Min Podcasts by Harry Reeder)

Studying the Bible

How To Understand Your Bible (Sterrett)
Knowing Scripture (Sproul)
Experiencing God (Blackaby)
Basic Christianity (Stott)
A Little Book....How & Why to Study Theology (Kapic)

Area 2: Leadership in the Family & Church

Marriage & Family

The Complete Husband (Priolo)
Strengthening Your Marriage (Mack)
Shepherding a Child's Heart (Tripp)
The Blessing (Trent & Smalley)
Thoughts on Family Worship (Alexander)

Church Leadership

Spiritual Leadership (Chambers)
The Trellis & The Vine (Marshall & Payne)
3D Leadership (Reeder)

Area 3: Stewardship, Witnessing & Disciplemaking

Business & Stewardship

Every Good Endeavor (Keller)
Business for the Glory of God (Grudem)
When Helping Hurts (Corbett & Fikkert)

Evangelism & Apologetics

Reason for God (Keller)
A Faith worth Sharing (Miller)
More than a Carpenter (McDowell)
Tactics (Koukl)
God Space/Activating God Space (Pollock)
Evangelism & The Sovereignty of God (Packer)
Mere Christianity (Lewis)
Orthodoxy (Chesterton)
Confessions (Augustine)

Discipleship

The Master's Plan for Evangelism (Coleman)
The True Measure of a Man (Simmons)
Disciplines of A Godly Man (Hughes)
The Spirit of Discipline (Foster)
Pray With Your Eyes Open (Pratt)
Finding the Will of God--A Pagan Notion? (Waltke)