



AVEL RESOURCES

Adult Study/Small Group

Program ideas!

Looking for new ideas for your small
group studies?

**Fall Studies are underway. Engage your
small group!**

See what is NEW FROM AVEL this Fall!

Whether you are planning confirmation or
new member classes,
parenting sessions, Adult
studies or youth group
retreats AVEL can help!



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New from the United Church of Canada:

The Box, the Book, and the Preacher (DVD)

On this 37-minute DVD Mark MacDonald offers an incisive analysis of the churches' history with Aboriginal peoples in North America, describing the spirituality of the church as that of a box (building) a book (Bible), and a preacher. The first national indigenous bishop for the Anglican Church of Canada speaks from his own experience of the mainstream church in Aboriginal communities. He offers stories, subtly powerful images, and new ways of looking at ancient scriptures as guides to help us all recover the power of the gospel for today and to find our way out of the box and into God's mission in the world.

Communicating for Peace (DVD)

This DVD is a first - an educational resource for faith-based and secular peace advocates and journalists about the importance of telling stories. Being equipped to communicate for peace means knowing how to listen, see and speak in ways that contribute to conflict resolution and to creating the conditions for sustainable peace. This resource will help you take on that challenge.

Simply Enough (DVD)

Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne have created an intensely personal dialog about the foundations of the Christian life and voluntary simplicity. This pointed-yet-hopeful video has current relevance to the yearnings of today's Christian. Several prophetic musicians contribute pertinent songs.

This DVD contains 6 segments: Lifestyle; Food; Celebrations; Stuff; Money; Justice



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Now available in DVD format:
Questions of Faith 1,2,3,4,5 Questions of Faith for Youth 1 and 2 by Ecufilm

Contemporary American Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish thinkers were asked to respond to a series of questions. The responses were then edited to create a montage of reflections on that question.

These programs are ideal for short, powerful Adult Studies, Confirmation Classes or Youth Groups.

Book the following titles early for best selection:

Jesus for the Non-Religious DVD – featuring a lecture by John Shelby Spong (68 minutes) – Living the Questions

Living the Questions 2.0 DVD Twenty-one 20-minute sessions Living the Questions

Religions of the World DVD: Protestant Christianity, Orthodox and Roman Catholic Christianity, Judaism. Narrated by Ben Kingsley, running time 50 minutes each. Ecufilm

Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption in Society Today , Victory and Peace or Justice and Peace?; Paul: An Appealing or an Appalling Apostle – DVD – All of these DVD studies are great series for progressive Christians, from Living the Questions.

Available soon:

DreamThinkBeDo

Looking for a springboard to get young adults talking about what Christianity is all about for this generation? DreamThinkBeDo is an engaging new catalyst for conversation among young adults searching for what's next for followers of Jesus. Starting with the foundation of "Love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind" (Luke 10.27), DTBD is what Christian educators have been looking for to help college groups and twenty to thirty-somethings build a 21st Century faith.

An overview of progressive Christianity for young adults, DreamThinkBeDo features the insights of over twenty-five theologians and teachers at

the top of their game. Each of the twenty self-standing sessions contains a 20-minute DVD segment drawn from the critically acclaimed LtQ2 series -- updated with connecting narrations, graphics, and music to engage your young adults. Bundled in four five-session modules, each session is divided into convenient and easily navigable chapters. Use the DVDs and downloadable participant guides as is – or take advantage of the flexible format to customize the material for gatherings ranging from small groups to retreats to enhancing worship. However you slice it, DTBD is rich with the material you've been looking for in a format that will connect your young people with the best in today's theological thought.

Young adults are already a part of a re-visioning of Christianity that is translating what it means to follow Jesus in today's world – so help them Dream, Think, Be, and Do with all their heart, soul, strength, and mind!

AVEL programmes contain public performance rights!

New books this fall:

- ***Eternal Life: A New Vision* by John Shelby Spong**
- ***The First Paul* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan**
- ***A People's History of Christianity* by Diana Butler Bass**
- ***Getting to the Heart of Interfaith* by Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Sheikh Jamal Rahman**
- ***Hymns for Today* by Brian Wren**
- ***Bounce: Living the Resilient Life* by Robert J. Wicks**

These titles are available at Grand River Spiritual & Educational Resources, or contact your local Presbytery Resource Centre or UCRD.

**Need more information?
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