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A Different Kind of Christmas Leader Guide May 29 2022 *A Different Kind of Christmas* is a practical and inspirational study for the Advent season. Based on Mike Slaughter's popular book *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday*, this five-week study will empower your family and your church to reclaim the broader missional meaning of Jesus' birth and experience a Christmas season with more peace and joy than any toy or gadget could ever bring. This comprehensive resource includes a 64-page Leader Guide containing everything needed to guide your group through the study. Inside you'll find five full session plans, discussion questions, and activities, as well as multiple format options and suggestions of ways to make the study a meaningful experience for any group. Sessions include: 1. Expect a Miracle 2. Giving Up on Perfect 3. Scandalous Love 4. Jesus' Wish List 5. By a Different Road Help your church cast a vision for how Christians can experience the true joy of living and giving like Jesus beginning with the Christmas season and continuing as a lifestyle. This six week study helps participants see the traps and discontentment of consumerism and the call of God to live generously to fulfill God's mission in the world.

[Renegade Gospel Children's Leader Guide](#) Jan 25 2022 Be a renegade for the true Jesus.

Spiritual Entrepreneurs Aug 20 2021 *Spiritual Entrepreneurs* tells the story of an innovative

pastor and leadership team who intentionally led their church to take spiritual risks. By using six principles, renewal can come to any church. These six principles are focus on: (1) Jesus Christ, (2) the Bible, (3) new forms of worship, (4) a commitment to membership, (5) equipping lay people for ministry, and (6) spiritual leadership. Slaughter believes that church leaders are inspired to work tirelessly when they hear or learn of good-news stories. He also believes that covenants, Christianity training, and an innovative small-group structure are vital in producing high-commitment members.

Renegade Gospel Sep 01 2022 Central to the Christian faith is a man who denies all our pre-conceived notions about what God should look like. Joining his movement will mean coming to terms with the real Jesus, the rebel Jesus. *Renegade Gospel* is a multi-component, all-church sermon series and study with six sessions that is perfect for Lent and Easter. Topics include: The Attraction The Call Jesus' Red-Letter Words Who Do You Say That I Am? Expecting Jesus Seeing Jesus

Revolutionary Kingdom Leader Guide Dec 12 2020 The good news of the Kingdom of God is here and now.

[Made for a Miracle](#) May 05 2020 At some time in our lives, most of us have prayed for or hoped for a miracle—an event that seems impossible but is brought about by God's transcendent power. But when miracles occur, did you know

that you have a role to play? If that's true, what's the catch? What do we have to do? What's it going to cost us? Popular author and pastor Mike Slaughter examines the two components of every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. For a real miracle to take place, we must act with God, using whatever gifts, talents, and abilities we have and directing them toward God's work. We need to follow the examples of Mary in the birth of Jesus, Jesus' followers when he healed them, and Jesus' disciples after he rose from the dead. This Lent, use your God-given gifts and talents for God's glory, and get ready to be made for a miracle. Additional components for this six-week study include a comprehensive Leader Guide and a DVD featuring author and pastor Mike Slaughter.

A Different Kind of Christmas Nov 22 2021 Help your church cast a vision of living and giving like Jesus, beginning with the Christmas season and continuing through the year. This five-week study helps participants see the traps and discontentment of consumerism and the call of God to live generously to fulfill God's mission in the world. This five-session DVD features Mike Slaughter, Lead Pastor of Ginghamburg United Methodist Church and popular author of *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday*. Each 10-15 minute video inspires viewers to approach Christmas differently and be transformed in the process. A Leader Guide is also available to facilitate small-group discussion about the book, the devotions, and the DVD. Sessions include: 1. Expect a Miracle 2. Giving Up on Perfect 3. Scandalous Love 4. Jesus' Wish List 5. By a Different Road All video sessions are closed captioned.

UnLearning Church Jun 05 2020 How many things does your church do just because that's the way it's always been done? Does your congregation value tradition over passion and stability over creativity? If so, it's time to unLearn. Leading congregations into a dynamic and prophetic future requires unLearning what you thought you knew about the church, leadership, and life. Pastor Michael Slaughter casts a vision for innovative and authentic congregations, and for the kind of leadership that can bring congregations to greater vitality and impact in today's postmodern culture.

Readers will be challenged to gaze boldly beyond franchised church models to a dynamic embodiment of God's unique vision for each leader and each congregation. UnLearning congregations embrace new media and cultural trends, value transformation over information, and create a safe space for the tough and unanswerable questions of life. These are churches that lovingly dare to shoulder spiritual and prophetic leadership in our rapidly changing culture, re-articulating God's ancient purposes to create high-tech, high-touch environments in which people can become radical followers of Jesus Christ. Informed by Slaughter's thirty years of leadership at the innovative and mission-driven Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, UnLearning Church offers readers guidance and insight into setting aside old identities, old expectations, and old ways of "doing church," and inspires readers with examples of congregations already living out their mission to be creative and outwardly-focused communities of faith.

The Christian Wallet Oct 10 2020 "Conscientious and compassionate use of our money in a world where people spend \$310 million on costumes for their pets and \$5 billion on entertaining ringtones for their phones is not an easy task. The temptation to spend now and think later (or never!) is ever-present, but with good intentions and prayerful hearts, we can slow down and reflect on what we earn, how we spend it, who is affected by it, and who we can share it with." —from the introduction Every Christian knows that we are called to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. But what about our wallet? We are asked to open it every Sunday when the offering basket comes by and are told that giving is a way of being a "good steward," but what about spending money at a restaurant or grocery store? Best-selling author Mike Slaughter offers a comprehensive look at how Christians use their money in *The Christian Wallet*. Slaughter explores today's culture of consumerism and the impact of what we buy, asking difficult questions about morality and money while acknowledging that there are no easy answers. Throughout the book, profiles of real people inspire thoughtful reflection about the true value of money and the rewards of conscious spending. Questions for individual or

group study are also included with each chapter. The Christian Wallet helps Christians grapple with important questions about using money: how we spend, how we live, how we save, how we give, and what it all means.

Change the World Nov 03 2022 Despite the church's place of prominence in American culture, misconceptions about the faith of Jesus Christ run rampant today--Christians are known more for exclusivity than for love, more for potlucks than for solving world hunger--and a pastor challenges church leaders to look at the future of their congregations and make tough but necessary choices.

No Longer Silent Nov 30 2019 QUOTES FROM THE CHAPTER, "LET'S BE REAL" Do we have any understanding of the un-churched culture in which we live and the way these people view the church? Do we spend intentional time cultivating relationships with non-Christian people, or is our attitude one of "they know where we are, and they'll come if they want to?" If the church is truly to experience a revival, we must seek to understand the needs and thinking of "unchurched Harry and Mary." We need to stop playing our pious, religious games and realize that the church is to be a haven for broken, hurting people who feel they don't have their lives all together. And if we look at the teachings of Jesus, He consistently taught that it was those people who felt "they had it all together" who in fact were farthest from God! In no way am I diminishing the importance of sound doctrine, but I have often laughingly said that "we will be surprised when we get to Heaven at some of the people living in our neighborhood!" We must acknowledge our own struggles with complex issues and, at times, admit that we don't have God in a neat box and therefore don't have all the answers. Although sound theology is important, my Bible says first and foremost that they will know we are Christians by our love! Christ said that He had come, not to "comfort the already comfortable", but to "preach good news to the poor...to proclaim recovery of sight to the blind...to release the oppressed...and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Is that our message as well? If not, then it's time for us to be real!

Renegade Gospel Youth Study Mar 27 2022 Be a renegade for the true Jesus.

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Money Matters Participant's Guide Apr 03 2020 A complete stewardship kit to prepare your congregation for generosity. Outline (7 sessions): 1. The Celebration of Creation 2. The Freedom of Simplicity 3. The Life of Generosity 4. The Trust of Rightful Ownership 5. The Joy of Faithful Stewardship 6. The Faith in Promised Provision 7. The Commitment to Ultimate Sacrifice Target audience: Participants guide: small groups in congregation; with at least the trustees and the church board.

Change the World Dec 24 2021 Devotions to change your heart and change the world.

The Passionate Church Jan 31 2020 It's good to talk about ministry. It's better to do it, and do it passionately. In 2008, the United Methodist Church lifted up "Four Areas of Focus" for ministry, and churches have responded. But at Ginghamburg Church, in the rust-belt town of Tipp City, Ohio, the church has been doing exciting and effective ministry in those four areas for 35 years and more. Engaging in Ministry with the Poor Improving Global Health Developing Principled Christian Leaders Creating New and Renewed Congregations The work has led to a host of creative ministries and organic growth...because they were meeting the needs of their community and their world as the hands and feet of Christ. The book comes with a built-in facilitator Guide to encourage pastor peer groups and other leadership groups interested in deepening the discussion.

Renegade Gospel Leader Guide Jun 17 2021 Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. You and I are invited to be a part. In *Renegade Gospel*, pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Read the red letters and discover Jesus all over again. This Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the book and DVD. It includes session plans and discussion questions, as well as format options.

From Franchise to Local Dive Jul 27 2019 Many local churches are stuck in a rut, have reached a plateau, or - worst of all - are declining. The temptation is to serve up the same exact ministry models that worked in another time and space, but ultimately feel safe

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to existing churches. Like ordering from a menu at the franchise chain restaurant and expecting the meal to be palatable in the local context, many churches try and start something new by serving up the same old thing, failing to discover what their local community is actually hungry for. From Franchise to Local Dive explores what it means to multiply ministry by cooking with local flavor. Whether you want to start a new service, or a brand-new campus, this workshop will help you discover how to make a ministry recipe that will keep people coming back for more. The local church is not called to settle for the fast food chain mentality that cranks out disciples with slick slogans, flashy trends and regurgitated practices. Rather the call is to be a local, homegrown, farm-fresh, organic ministry that uses authentic ingredients to win people for Jesus. In Franchise to Local Dive, Jason Moore and Rosario Picardo offer an important resource designed to help congregations multiply their ministries by learning how to perfect their winning recipes.

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Down to Earth [Large Print] Sep 08 2020
Nothing in all the vast, created universe could prepare us for God coming down as a helpless infant, or for Jesus the son of God intentionally positioning himself as a mere servant, identifying with the lowest of lows. It's enough to confound the mind, to make the heart contrite. This Advent, God's great surprise changes everything.

Upside Living in a Downside Economy May 17 2021
Principles for maintaining faith when financial crisis seems overwhelming

Momentum for Life, Revised Edition Mar 03 2020
Visionary pastor Michael Slaughter calls all aspiring leaders to a life of faith, balance, and purpose. Operating on the principle that all leadership begins with self-leadership, the book outlines five crucial disciplines: * Devotion to God * Readiness for lifelong learning * Investing in key relationships * Visioning for the future * Eating and Exercise for life. Readers will gain insights and advice for enriching the spiritual, intellectual, interpersonal, missional, and physical areas of their lives, all of which are integral to effectiveness as a leader.

Dare to Dream Youth Edition Jul 07 2020

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Dare to Dream is a startling and inspiring new program by popular author and pastor Mike Slaughter that draws on the Bible and a lifetime of ministry to help us discern God's dream for us and learn to live it out, prayerfully and enthusiastically. Sessions include: Dare to Dream - Wake up to God's dream inside you. Discover Your Identity - You were created with a purpose. Your Burning Bush - Be aware of those illuminating God moments in your life. Lose Your Big Buts - Allow God's strength to be displayed in your weakness. What's in Your Hand - Identify and utilize the ordinary gifts God has given you. God's Dream - Discover a dream for your life far greater than your own. The Youth Study Edition helps teens learn how to develop a life mission statement that helps them fully commit to a God-directed lifestyle.

Momentum for Life Workbook Aug 27 2019
Visionary pastor Mike Slaughter calls us all to a renewed life of faith, health, and balance that will prepare us to fulfill God's plan and our own potential. Based on his book, Momentum for Life, Revised Edition, participants in this study will focus on five key areas -- devotion, lifelong learning, key relationships, vision, and healthy lifestyle -- to be our best selves and move forward to God's promised future. The Momentum for Life Workbook is designed for use by participants during each of the weekly six sessions of the study. Also available in the program: Momentum for Life Group Session DVD Momentum for Life Participant DVD Journal Momentum for Life Leader's Guide Momentum for Life Planning Kit

Revolutionary Kingdom Jun 29 2022
The good news of the Kingdom of God is here and now.

Greater Things Jan 01 2020
What if we could actually help build a better culture? We have been tearing down our own ideas and institutions for generations. It's time to build again. While we love to talk about innovation, societies flourish when something greater happens: Christian innovation. This book explores the implications of Jesus' amazing promise that we can do even greater things than He did. From a pioneer in creative thinking, learn a proven process for turning faith in Jesus into action that builds a better world.

Money Matters Aug 08 2020
Money Matters: Financial Freedom For All God's Children

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Participant's Guide

A Different Kind of Christmas Nov 10 2020

Every year, we say we're going to cut back, simplify, and have a family Christmas that focuses on the real reason for the season—Jesus. But every year, advertisements beckon, the children plead, and it seems easier just to indulge our wants and whims. Overspending, overeating, materialism, and busyness rob us of our peace and joy and rob Jesus of his rightful role as the center of our celebration. This book of devotional readings is designed to draw your entire family into closer fellowship with God as you respond to this Christmas season and the call of God to live generously all year around. The devotional includes thirty short readings, Scripture, prayer, and stories about helping others at Christmas. *A Different Kind of Christmas: Devotional Readings for the Season* is a great gift idea for family, friends, teachers, and ministry leaders.

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Spiritual Entrepreneurs Jul 31 2022 *Spiritual Entrepreneurs* tells the story of an innovative pastor and leadership team who intentionally led their church to take spiritual risks. By using six principles, renewal can come to any church. These six principles are focus on: (1) Jesus Christ, (2) the Bible, (3) new forms of worship, (4) a commitment to membership, (5) equipping lay people for ministry, and (6) spiritual leadership. Slaughter believes that church leaders are inspired to work tirelessly when they hear or learn of good-news stories. He also believes that covenants, Christianity training, and an innovative small-group structure are vital in producing high-commitment members.

A Different Kind of Christmas Feb 11 2021 Every

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Dare to Dream Apr 15 2021 Are your goals too small? Are you living the “just get by” plan? Or is there a greater “God dream” for you that, if lived to the fullest, could permeate and inform every move you make? *Dare to Dream* is a startling and inspiring new program by popular author and pastor Mike Slaughter that draws on the Bible and a lifetime of ministry to help us discern God's dream for us and learn to live it out, prayerfully and enthusiastically.

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first - Devotional Apr 27 2022 Help your church create a culture and a lifestyle of giving.

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The New Adapters Oct 29 2019 Learn how new and young pastors from across the country are translating eight time-tested principles of church leadership. Adam Hamilton and Mike Slaughter introduce each principle and discuss its importance in their ministries. Author Jacob Armstrong then shows how the principle works in new contexts today. *The New Adapters* is full of energy, wisdom, and stories of hope. "If you have wondered what adaptive leadership looks like in practice, here it is. Jacob Armstrong offers a road map for reaching the mission field, writing with honesty, clarity, humility, and a heart attuned to the gospel. He invites us into a conversation with Adam Hamilton and Mike Slaughter that is both substantial and practical. Gather a team around you and let this book guide you to become New Adapters!" —Bishop Bill McAlilly, Nashville Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church "The New Adapters is a fantastic read — a clarion call for what is needed in congregations today. It will immediately start to shift the way you think about ministry." —F. Douglas Powe Jr., Professor and Associate Director of the Center for the Missional Church, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC "A wonderful, hopeful, and practical volume for pastors, laity, and judicatory leaders who want to facilitate and participate in adaptive change. Armstrong draws wisdom from practitioners while refusing to offer a cookie cutter for the church." —Elaine A. Heath, McCreless Professor of Evangelism, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX "This practical book should be in every church leader's library. Armstrong invites us to reclaim our love for the church, practice Holy Spirit dependence, and become New Adapters in living the mission of

Jesus Christ. Jacob is calling us toward a new kind of church, one that gives me hope for the future!" —Bishop Mark J. Webb, Upper New York Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church

Hijacked Jan 13 2021 Rescue your church from the infiltration of partisan politics. Especially in this election season, the political discourse within our country grows more rancorous and increasingly uncivil. During the last several decades there has been a growing tendency to conflate one's theological commitments with one's political ideology. As a consequence, partisan politics has infiltrated our churches and political commitments are creating unnecessary divisions. Perhaps of most concern, these trends generally tend to obscure the properly holistic nature of the Gospel of Christ and turn people off to Christianity altogether. Too often, it often seems politics has more influence than theology. Sadly, this leads to division, where decisions on church direction, and even the content of teaching, gets determined more based on partisan politics than on sound biblical and theological factors. *Hijacked* explores this phenomenon, offers analysis, and proposes a way forward.

Masaru Sep 28 2019 In the mid-16th century AD, Christianity arrived in Japan. Heralded by daring Jesuits from Spain and Portugal zealous to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the four corners of the earth, Christianity soon took root in that distant land. At that time, Japan was fractured among warring states as feudal lords known as daimyo vied for supremacy. From the first day, the Catholic faith found surprising acceptance among Japanese of all social status and within fifty years, Japanese converts known as Kirishitans numbered in the hundreds of thousands. But with the advent of a unified Japan under the powerful Tokugawa shogunate in the early 17th century, things began to change. While the Tokugawa shoguns appreciated European weapons and trade goods, they had little use for the foreign religion, whose success came to be viewed with increasing suspicion and hostility. Shiro Nakagawa comes from a family of recent converts living near Hitoyoshi castle on the island of Kyushu. A young man of the samurai class, Shiro studies to be a healer, but has also heard the call to

become a Catholic priest. His plans for the future, however, are disrupted when the Shogun in Kyoto orders all churches closed throughout Japan. All gaijin priests are to be expelled from the country. All Christian practices and images are summarily banned. This order leads to widespread persecution, abuse and even slaughter of Christians throughout the islands. When the small church of Saint Michael in Hitoyoshi is closed, its priest Fr. Olivera arrested, and his friend Kumiko brutally attacked, Shiro knows he must take action. Along with his boyhood friend, Tomi, Shiro embarks on a mission to rescue Fr. Olivera and defend the helpless Kirishitans of southern Kyushu. Along with an army of ronin and outraged villagers, Shiro captures the castle at Yatsushiro, sheltering tens of thousands of Christian refugees. But even as the spark of justified resistance begins to burn, Shiro and his comrades know that it's only a matter of time before the Shogun's army descends upon Yatsushiro in full force deploying new and terrifying European weapons. Masaru is an historical novel which paints the travails of the first Japanese Christians in brilliant colors. Author Michael T. Cibenko utilizes his expert knowledge of Japanese culture and language to create a memorable and authentic epic of early Christian Japan which entertains the reader while effortlessly conveying a lesson on this fascinating and complex period of history.

We Are the Church--Let's Act Like It Jun 25 2019 Many people think the church has become a social club with little impact on the world. That is not God's plan for the church. *We Are the Church... Let's Act Like It* takes readers through the book of Acts, looking at what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ, the world-changing church that Jesus intended. Problems in the church are nothing new. The book of Acts is full of them. In *We Are the Church...* Linda Tower Pevey offers the church practical and biblical ways to live out its mandate to be a church that positively impacts its community and the world.

We Are the Church... Let's Act Like It is a 7-week study that helps readers see the biblical vision for the church and a vision for what the church can be today. In it Pevey offers encouragement that the church can truly be a transformative presence in the world, just as the early church was in the book of Acts.

Real Followers Mar 15 2021 Many Christians, disillusioned with lives of spiritual mediocrity that have been dampened by today's rampant materialism and cafeteria spirituality, are asking the same question: "Where is the substance that can move our church beyond ho-hum Christianity?" Today's public fascination with angels, New Age spirituality, and the paranormal is likewise spurring Christ's followers to look for greater and deeper life transformation through their faith. *Real Followers: Beyond Virtual Christianity* shows how an ordinary church can be transformed into a radical community—a fellowship of everyday people who began looking for meaning and searching for authenticity. Michael Slaughter describes a movement that is hooked in various generations, from buster to boomer to builder. This resource also includes discussion questions. Key Features: • Readers examine culturally relevant concepts to ask the age-old question: "Will you give up your right to yourself, take up the cross, and radically follow Jesus?" • Readers are presented with a workable example of how to grow their church, with examples from Ginghamburg Church • Contains case studies of real people who have begun a "migration in the wrong direction" • Includes discussion questions Small groups will • learn what it really means to find their destiny as Christ's followers • be inspired to take doable steps toward becoming authentic Christ followers

Change the World Feb 23 2022 Linking Bible study to global mission and local service projects, this six-session small group resource enables congregations to discuss and act on the imperatives of scripture. DVD and Leader's Guide