

The following study sets and DVDs are available to borrow from the diocesan office. You may borrow a set for preview or to use while facilitating a group. Do not mark in the books. Participants or parishes purchase the study sets for individual use. Participants will also need their own Bibles.

VIDEO-BASED COURSES (RECOMMENDED FOR BEGINNERS)

Video-based courses offer valuable and wide-ranging information about two different biblical topics. The video is itself the commentary, and each session includes prayer services, video lectures, and discussion. (There is less reading required for these courses.)

These courses may be used in either four 2-hour sessions or eight 1-hour sessions.

What You Will Need

The use of each video-based course requires:

1. Video Lectures (DVD available to borrow from diocese)
2. One Leader's Guide for each facilitator (available to borrow from diocese)
3. One Participant's Book for each participant and facilitator (containing prayer services, outlines of each lecture, and questions for home study and group discussion) (for purchase from Liturgical Press)

These courses are more informational than other studies. Each course includes prayer services, video lectures, group discussions, and home study. Video-based courses can be used at any time in the course of study and do not require prior use of Little Rock Leadership Training.

Overview of the New Testament

Overview of the New Testament introduces participants to the world of the early Church and the writings that emerged from the Christian communities. The courses suggest ways to connect our lives with the world and experiences of the early Church. This course may be used in either four 2-hour sessions or eight 1-hour sessions.

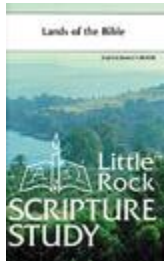


Overview of the New Testament—Participant's Book

Order one Participant's Book for the selected study for each person. (Only Leaders need an Answer Guide. DVD and Answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese.) Both they and the participants will need their own Bible.) ISBN: 978-0-8146-2615-3 Price: \$4.95

Lands of the Bible

Lands of the Bible invites participants to take a visual and spiritual journey to the Holy Land. This course will identify key places and landscapes of the Bible which will speak their own inspiring message for the spiritual life. This course may be used in either four 2-hour sessions or eight 1-hour session.



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GENERAL STUDIES

For Beginners And Everyone Who Wants A Firm Foundation In God's Word.

Introduction to the Bible (DVD and answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese)

Open the Bible with newcomers and experienced Bible students alike. Participants will become comfortable finding their way around the Bible, develop a better understanding of its themes and writing styles, and gain clear insights about Catholic use and interpretation of the Bible.



This study set has 7 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 6 lessons. The Study Set includes a Study Guide by Catherine Upchurch and a commentary, "Introduction to the Bible, A Catholic Guide to Studying Scripture," by Stephen J. Binz. ISBN: 978-0-8146-1716-8 Price: \$13.25 per participant.

The Gospel According to Matthew (DVD and answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese)

The extensive teaching sections of this Gospel were used to instruct Christians in the early centuries of the church. This study will acquaint you with the Master Teacher.



This study has 10 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 9 lessons. The Study Set includes the Study Guide by Little Rock Scripture Study Staff and the New Collegeville Bible Commentary The Gospel According to Matthew, by Barbara E. Reid (Liturgical Press). Price: \$13.25 per participant. ISBN: 978-0-8146-3133-1

The Gospel According to Mark (DVD and answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese)
The earliest account of Jesus' life focuses on the Paschal events and will draw you into an examination of what it means to follow Jesus, even in his suffering.



This study has 10 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 9 lessons. The Study Set includes the Study Guide by Little Rock Scripture Study Staff and the New Collegeville Bible Commentary The Gospel According to Mark, Marie Noonan Sabin (Liturgical Press). ISBN: 978-0-8146-3146-1 Price: \$13.25

The Gospel According to Luke (DVD and answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese)
Marked by the compassion of Jesus, the Gospel stories of Luke demonstrate the universal nature of Jesus' mission. Luke's focus on God's faithfulness will encourage you to trust.



This study has 12 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 11 lessons. The Study Set includes a Study Guide by Little Rock Scripture Study Staff and the New Collegeville Bible Commentary, The Gospel According to Luke, by Michael F. Patella (Liturgical Press). ISBN: 978-0-8146-3135-5 Price: \$13.25

The Gospel According to John and the Johannine Letters (DVD and answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese) Written in a poetic and symbolic style, John's Gospel and letters prayerfully reflect on Jesus and his eternal relationship to the Creator. This study invites you to meditate on God's overwhelming love.



This study has 15 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 14 lessons. The last 3 sessions cover the Johannine letters, making it possible to adapt the study to 12 sessions by concentrating the study only on the Gospel of John. The Study Set includes a Study Guide by Little Rock Scripture Study Staff and the New Collegeville Bible Commentary, The Gospel According to John and the Johannine Letters, by Scott M. Lewis (Liturgical Press). ISBN: 978-0-8146-3138-6 Price: \$13.25

The Acts of the Apostles (DVD and answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese)
The excitement of Pentecost enlivens the early believers in their struggles to establish communities of faith—struggles surprisingly like those today. You will meet two of the early Church's most significant leaders in the persons of Peter and Paul.



New Edition. This study has 10 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 9 lessons. The Study Set includes a Study Guide by Little Rock Scripture Study Staff and the New Collegeville Bible Commentary, The Acts of the Apostles, by Dennis Hamm (Liturgical Press). ISBN: 978-0-8146-3134-8 Price: \$13.25

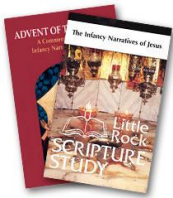
Letters from Prison (DVD and answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese) (formerly Paul's Captivity Letters) In these letters of encouragement, correction, and instruction written from prison, Paul lovingly inspires and challenges us to greater discipleship.



New Edition (formerly Paul's Captivity Letters)

*This study has 10 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 9 lessons. It is a study of Philippians, Colossians, and Ephesians. The study guide also contains a bonus 3 additional lesson study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. The Study Set includes a Study Guide by Little Rock Scripture Study Staff and the New Collegeville Bible Commentary, First Thessalonians, Philippians, Second Thessalonians, Colossians, Ephesians, by Vincent M. Smiles (Liturgical Press). **ISBN: 978-0-8146-3147-8** Price: \$13.25*

The Infancy Narratives of Jesus (DVD and answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese) This study focuses on the connection between the Old and New Testaments. Deepen your longing for the Messiah's coming again and ask God to be Emmanuel, "God with us."



*This study has 4 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 3 lessons. The Study Set includes a Study Guide by Jerome Kodell, O.S.B., and a commentary, Advent of the Savior, by Stephen J. Binz (Liturgical Press). **ISBN: 978-0-8146-2652-8** Price: \$11.25*

The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus (DVD and answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese)

This study compares the particular insights found in the passion and resurrection accounts of the four Gospels. Examining these events, the core of our faith, will challenge you to incorporate both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily living. Ideal as a Lenten/Easter study.



*This study has 7 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 6 lessons. The Study Set includes a Study Guide by Stephen J. Binz and a commentary, The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus, also by Stephen J. Binz (Liturgical Press). **ISBN: 978-0-8146-1655-0** Price: \$12.25*

Exodus (DVD and answer guide may be borrowed from the diocese) The Exodus is the central event of the Old Testament. Its themes of liberation, wilderness, passover, covenant, and God's dwelling are central to the entire Bible.



*This study has 10 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 9 lessons. The Study Set includes a Study Guide by Catherine Upchurch and a commentary, "The God of Freedom and Life", by Stephen J. Binz (Liturgical Press). **ISBN: 978-0-8146-3612-1** Price: \$13.25*

INTERMEDIATE STUDIES:

For those who wish to take a step beyond the basics. These studies are most effective after the General Studies have been completed. Borrow DVD and the study set for the leader from the diocese, order participant books from Liturgical Press.

New Job

The plight of Job leads him to challenge the religious wisdom of his age as he begs God to explain his suffering. His friends accuse him of sin, but by journeying with Job through his affliction we are compelled to ponder innocent suffering and the ultimate value of friendship with God. Study is 7 sessions.

New Life Eternal

The biblical promise of eternal life appears late in Scripture, but it blossoms into fullness with the resurrection of Christ. Explore the growing nature of the hope of those who have called upon the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the past, and the crystallization of our hope for eternal life in the victory of Christ over death. Study is 7 sessions.

Spirituality of the Gospels

In *Spirituality of the Gospels*, the modern quest for spiritual fulfillment is met with profound insights from the gospels and the enduring examples from the lives of the saints it has inspired, both ancient and contemporary. Study is 7 sessions.

Revelation

This study invites the modern reader to revisit a volatile period of history through apocalyptic, symbolic writing. Enter into the struggle between good and evil and experience God's ultimate triumph. Study is 8 sessions.

Praying the Scriptures

This study explores the always relevant ways God has transformed history and invites participation through praise, thanksgiving, and the many other ways Scripture teaches prayer. Study is 7 sessions.

The Way of Justice and Peace

This study helps us to reflect on God's call to holiness and our response, the requirements of discipleship, and the lasting rewards of following the way of justice and peace. A good foundation for anyone growing in public discipleship. Study is 6 sessions.

IN-DEPTH STUDIES:

For those ready for more extensive study of the Word of God. . Borrow DVD and the study set for the leader from the diocese, order participant books from Liturgical Press

Women in the Old Testament

These women have rich stories that are vital to God's relationship with the covenant people. This study introduces readers to women whose stories offer courage and insight. Study is 10 sessions.

Women in the New Testament

Enter into discussion and prayer about expectant faith, what it means to be touched by Jesus, and the meaning of discipleship through the lives of the women who lived in the first generation of Christianity. Study is 8 sessions.