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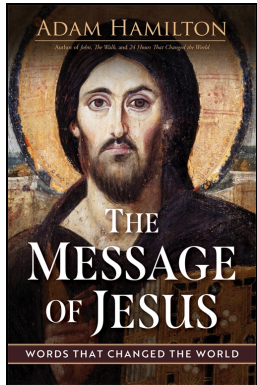
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Seasonal



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Other components for the study include a leader guide, and teaching video are available.

Sales Points

- Focuses on the words and teachings of Jesus
- Adam Hamilton at his very best, on a topic he knows and has taught and written for many years
- Explores the words of Jesus and major themes of his teachings across all four Gospels
- Highlights the impact of Jesus's words on our lives and on the world

Author Biography

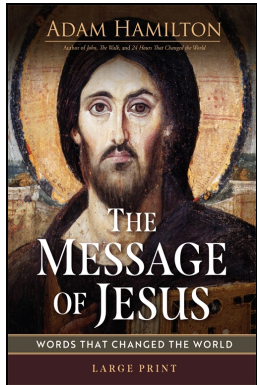
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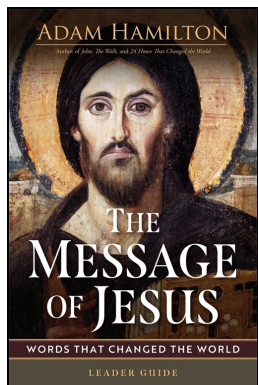
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The Message of Jesus Leader Guide Words That Changed the World

Description

A fresh encounter with the words of Jesus.

This Leader Guide contains everything needed to facilitate a 6-week study on *The Message of Jesus*, by Adam Hamilton. Helps include opening prayers, summaries, discussion questions and more.

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Other components for the study include a leader guide, and teaching video are available.

Sales Points

- Readers will look at the novel and hit Broadway Musical, *Les Miserables*, through the lens of faith alongside countercultural examples of justice, poverty, freedom, and love.
- Readers will learn to examine culture more closely, in order to rediscover and reinvigorate their Christian faith.
- A six-week study perfect for Lent and beyond.
- DVD features the teaching of Matt Rawle in 8-10 minute sessions.
- Leader Guide includes complete session plans for facilitating the study.

Author Biography

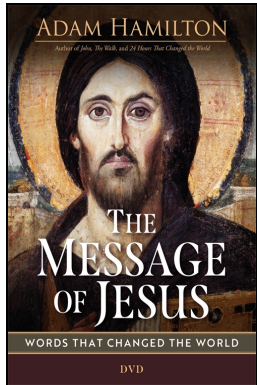
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The Message of Jesus DVD Words That Changed the World

Keynote

This Lent ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love.

Description

A fresh encounter with the words of Jesus.

Video sessions feature Adam Hamilton walking viewers through the key points of *The Message of Jesus* in six engaging video sessions based on the book.

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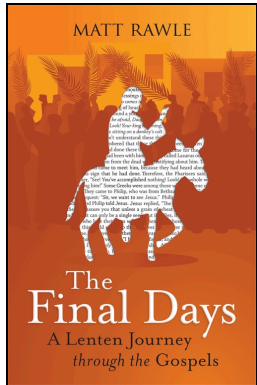
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The Final Days A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels

Description

This Lent ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love.

The four New Testament Gospels aren't the same story, but they offer the same Resurrection hope. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John devote most of their story detailing Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, all highlighting Jesus' triumphant entry into the city, the suffering and humiliation of the cross, and the empty tomb come Sunday morning, but the stories they tell aren't quite the same.

Each Gospel offers a different lens through which we understand Jesus' Passion. One portrait reveals Jesus to be in control, while another emphasizes his suffering. In one story Jesus offers hope to the thief on the cross, and in another Jesus only receives derision. These different perspectives aren't a reason to dismiss the Gospels; rather they reveal an abundant, diverse, and complementary picture of God's work in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Other components for the study include a leader guide, and teaching video are available.

Sales Points

- Provides an overview of the Passion accounts in the four Gospels
- Compares the details of the four accounts with attention to similarities and details and how those affect or interpretation and personal faith
- Makes the academic work of comparative biblical studies accessible to all in a conversational, teaching approach with personal stories and reflections
- Dives into the heart of faith, challenging perceptions, and seeking truth among the varied narratives of the Gospels

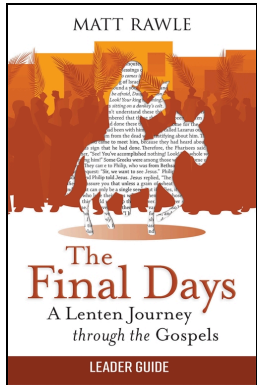
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The Final Days Leader Guide A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels

Description

This Lent ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love.

The Leader Guide contains discussion questions and session plans for a six-week study of *The Final Days* by Matt Rawle. It includes opening and closing prayers, optional activities, and session goals for each week and is designed to be used with the book and DVD.

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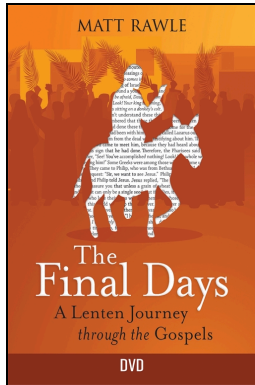
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The Final Days DVD A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels

Description

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The DVD features lessons taught in Matt Rawle's entertaining and charismatic style. It is designed to be used the book and leader guide for a six-week Bible study. All sessions are closed captioned.

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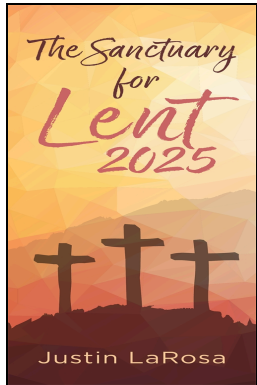
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The Sanctuary for Lent 2025

Description

A Convenient and Affordable Lenten devotional for the entire church.

The Sanctuary for Lent 2025 contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a short prayer or practice—all based on the Revised Common Lectionary. This annual favorite helps readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection. Along with being a great congregational resource, it is an excellent gift for family, friends, and those your congregation connects with through outreach.

Sold in packs of 10, booklets are designed to fit in a #10 envelope, enabling churches to include them in mailings, and making it easy to share with visitors or others the church wishes to reach during the Lenten season. Also available as an ePub.

Sales Points

- Promote community and individual growth with this churchwide resource
- Connect daily with your congregation with ready-to-use Lent devotional emails
- Draw closer to God's loving gift of Jesus Christ through daily devotions and spiritual practices
- Daily Lenten devotions and uplifting prayer with 12-point type
- Help prepare congregation's hearts and minds during the season of Lent

Author Biography

Justin LaRosa is a United Methodist Deacon and a licensed clinical social worker. He has served Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa since 2005, first as the Minister of Discipleship and now as the Director/Minister of The Portico, a community gathering space where people come together for conversation, connection, and community change. Justin has co-authored three studies for Abingdon Press: *A Disciple's Path: A Guide for United Methodists*; *A Disciple's Heart: Growing in Love and Grace*; and *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas*. He and his wife Caroline have a daughter, Isabella, and a son, Russell.

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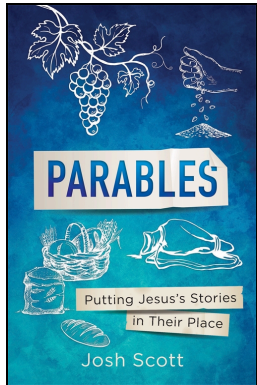
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Ministry Resources



Parables Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place

Description

Read the stories of Jesus in a new light.

When Jesus taught in parables, he was doing more than telling simple morality tales. His stories were grounded in the world in which he lived and his vision of the Kingdom of God. This book explores six parables that give us a window into Jesus's message and movement, and, once they are heard in their own context, ask what they might mean for us today. Parables include: the New Wine and Wineskins, the Mustard Seed, the Leaven, the Wedding Party, the Workers in the Vineyard, and the Wicked Tenants.

Other components for the study include a leader guide and teaching video are available.

Sales Points

- Examines selected parables in historical and cultural context
- Sheds light on how Jesus's original listeners would have understood the stories
- Includes personal stories and reflections in a discussion of the interpretation of the parables
- DVD features Josh Scott teaching and exploring the parables in his open and engaging style

Author Biography

Josh Scott has been a pastor for the last two decades, spending 14 years leading a progressive church in rural Kentucky before moving to Nashville and serving as the Lead Pastor at GracePointe Church in April 2019. Josh is an active voice in the conversation of imagining the future of progressive Christianity, with the focus of his work on reimagining, reframing, and reclaiming faith through a progressive Christian lens, while making those concepts and ideas practically accessible. Josh is the author of the upcoming *Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place*, releasing in April 2024. He lives near Nashville, TN with his wife, Carla, and five kids.

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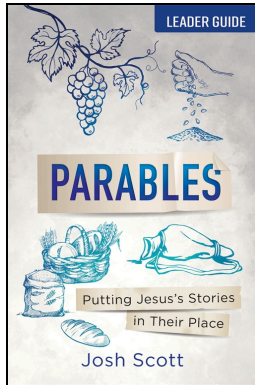
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Parables Leader Guide Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place

Description

Read the stories of Jesus in a new light.

The Leader Guide contains discussion questions and session plans for a six-week study of *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place*, by Josh Scott. It includes opening and closing prayers, optional activities, and session goals for each week and is designed to be used with the book and DVD.

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Other components for the study include the book, *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place*, and teaching video are available.

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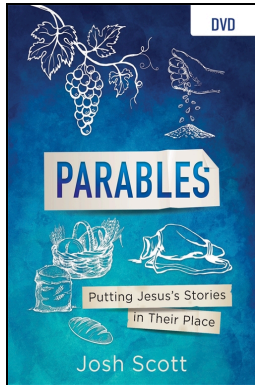
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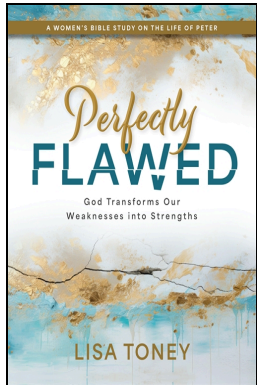
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Perfectly Flawed Women's Bible Study God Transforms Our Weaknesses into Strengths (A Women's Bible Study on the Life of Peter)

Description

We are all flawed, but God can turn those weaknesses into strengths.

The apostle Peter's passion and imperfections make him one of the Bible's most loved and relatable people. Even when Peter gave up, gave in, and gave out, Jesus was there for him. Join Lisa Toney as she follows Peter through his time with Jesus, from the beginning of Jesus's ministry to the Resurrection and through Pentecost, where Peter begins to live into his call. Along the way, discover the raw honesty of a man who veered from staunch devotion to moments of doubt, mirroring our own human struggles.

In the six-week Bible study *Perfectly Flawed*, we see that there is an unparalleled power Jesus gives that can only be found in our weakness. We discover the strength of Jesus that is available to each of us. Learn to persevere in your faith, live confidently, and boldly step into God's purpose for you. See how Peter's story is an invitation to embrace imperfection, find strength in the relentless grace of God, and discover how each one of us is perfectly flawed but still deeply loved by God.

The participant workbook includes five daily readings for each week, combining the study of Scripture with personal reflection, application, and prayer.

Other components for the Bible study include a Leader Guide and teaching video available on.

Sales Points

- Shows readers that God can turn their weaknesses into strengths
- This demonstrates that Peter's mistakes show how we are all perfectly flawed and that God can still use us
- Views Peter's life, legacy, and letters through the lens of his time with Jesus, his anointing by the Spirit, and his letters that God inspired
- Gives readers practical ways to fight the need for perfection
- Uses Jesus's unparalleled commitment to Peter to reveal to readers the love, loyalty, and leadership God offers us daily

Author Biography

Lisa Toney loves to speak and write about ways to build easy, intentional, and powerful faith habits to live for Jesus. As a professor of spiritual formation at Hope International University, diving into "why this is helpful for one's life" is right up her alley. For over twenty years as a full-time pastor, she's listened, learned, taught, and served side-by-side with the church. Her company, Faith Habits, provides classes, coaching, and media to encourage engagement with God. She has a degree in communications from Taylor University and an M.Div from Fuller Theological Seminary. Lisa speaks at events nationwide such as Women of Faith and the Aspire Women's Events. She is the author of *Thrive: Live Like You Matter*, *The Scripture Challenge*, *The Wholehearted Psalms Devotion series*, and *Perfectly Flawed: God Transforms Our Weaknesses into Strengths*.

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Perfectly Flawed Women's Bible Study Leader Guide

God Transforms Our Weaknesses into Strengths (A Women's Bible Study on the Life of Peter)

Description

We are all flawed, but God can turn those weaknesses into strengths.

The *Perfectly Flawed* Leader Guide outlines six small group sessions complete with prayers, summaries, discussion questions, and video viewer guides. The leader guide will support group leaders of all experience levels in creating strong learning communities.

In *Perfectly Flawed*, Lisa Toney shows how the apostle Peter's passion and imperfections make him one of the Bible's most loved and relatable people. Even when Peter gave up, gave in, and gave out, Jesus was there for him. Join Lisa as she follows Peter through his time with Jesus, from the beginning of Jesus's ministry to the Resurrection and on through Pentecost where Peter begins to live into his call. Along the way, discover the raw honesty of a man who veered from staunch devotion to moments of doubt, mirroring our own human struggles.

In the six-week Bible study *Perfectly Flawed*, we see that there is an unparalleled power Jesus gives that can only be found in our weakness. We discover the strength of Jesus that is available to each of us. Learn to persevere in your faith, live confidently, and boldly step into God's purpose for you. See how Peter's story is an invitation to embrace imperfection, find strength in the relentless grace of God, and discover how each one of us is perfectly flawed but still deeply loved by God.

Other components for the Bible study include a Participant Workbook with daily readings and teaching video available on DVD.

Sales Points

- Shows readers that God can turn their weaknesses into strengths
- This demonstrates that Peter's mistakes show how we are all perfectly flawed and that God can still use us
- Views Peter's life, legacy, and letters through the lens of his time with Jesus, his anointing by the Spirit, and his letters that God inspired
- Gives readers practical ways to fight the need for perfection
- Uses Jesus's unparalleled commitment to Peter to reveal to readers the love, loyalty, and leadership God offers us daily

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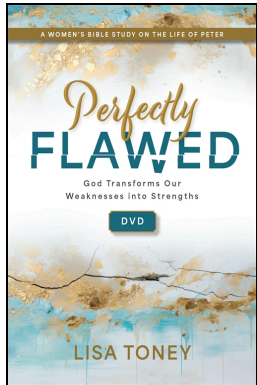
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Join Lisa Toney and dive into the transformative journey of Peter, the apostle whose fiery passion and undeniable imperfections make him one of the Bible's most loved and relatable people. These 20-minute teaching sessions are available on DVD.

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Other components for the Bible study include a Participant Workbook with daily readings and a six-session Leader Guide.

Sales Points

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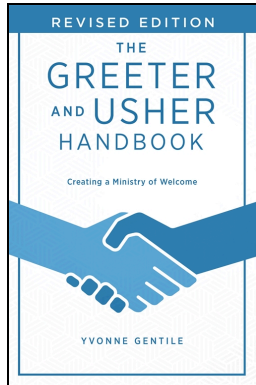
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The Greeter and Usher Handbook - Revised Edition

Creating a Ministry of Welcome

Description

Equip your greeters and ushers for radical hospitality.

The Greeter and Usher Handbook provides a guide to the responsibilities of those who are generally the first faces visitors encounter in church: the usher and the greeter. Intended for training use by church staff or volunteers, the text covers responsibilities related to all aspects of creating a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and new members.

This Revised Edition includes updated position descriptions and best practices reflecting a greater use of online resources and an emphasis on the greeter's and usher's role in safety and security.

Sales Points

- Greeters and Ushers will be equipped to serve with confidence, generosity, and a clear grasp of how to welcome all visitors and members alike
- Churches will be equipped and empowered to surprise and delight guests, leaving them eager to return.
- Based on key principles and best practices for Greeters and Ushers that have made Church of the Resurrection such a welcoming and fast-growing congregation
- Includes position descriptions and other useful tools for greeters and ushers.
- Revised Edition contains updates based on increased use of digital tools, as well as changed practices after the COVID pandemic.

Author Biography

Yvonne Gentile is the Guest Experience and ShareChurch Lead Director at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection. Before joining church staff in 2011, Yvonne worked in an executive leadership capacity in retail, where she discovered the power of radical hospitality. She has been part of Resurrection since 1996 and served in numerous volunteer roles at Resurrection until 2011, when she joined the staff team, including leading the Spiritual Gifts Team, the Leadership Development team, and serving on the Committee on Nominations. She has led workshops and teaching events nationally on spiritual gifts, leadership development, building exceptional teams, volunteer management best practices, and radical hospitality. She is co-author of several books, including *Serving from the Heart*, *Leadership from the Heart*, and *Leadership Essentials*.

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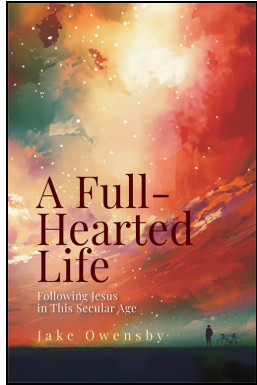
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Leadership



A Full-Hearted Life Following Jesus in This Secular Age

Description

Meaningful answers for life's big questions.

Everyone must ask life's big questions. Even people who reject any hint of the supernatural and insist that nothing exists apart from matter will have to find meaning for themselves. To put this another way, the defining mark of our secular age is not the absence of belief, but rather the effect on our consciousness of the sheer number of competing belief systems. That effect is fragilization.

And so, belief is fragile. We don't have to believe what we believe. We could believe something else entirely.

This book articulates how believing in Jesus gives us a sense of who we are, why we're here, what the good life is, and how to move toward that good life.

This is not traditional apologetics, offering logical proofs that God exists or that Jesus is God incarnate or that all those alternative belief systems are false. Put simply, the aim of this book is to help you see for yourself and to explain to others how Christian belief and Christian practice can make life meaningful.

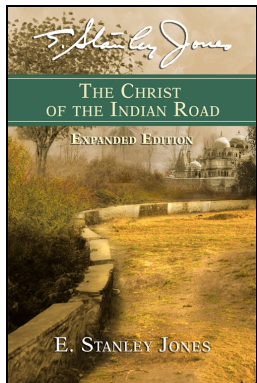
Sales Points

- Engaging, accessible, and helpful for laypeople
- Provides a logical and accessible framework for faith formation
- Thought-provoking questions and exercises included with each chapter; useful for individual and group study
- Explains clearly what disciples believe and do
- Scripture is used throughout the book

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The Christ of the Indian Road

Description

For those searching for truth and a map to help lead them down the path of The Way.

For more than one hundred years, E. Stanley Jones has led the way in evangelism by contextualizing Christ in the existing culture, wherever that may be. In *The Christ of the Indian Road*, he recounts his experiences in India, where he arrived as a young and presumptuous missionary who later matured into a veteran who attempted to contextualize Jesus Christ within the Indian culture. He names the mistake many Christians make in trying to impose their culture on the existing culture. Instead, he makes the case that we learn from other cultures, respect the truth that can be found there, and let Christ and the existing culture do the rest.

In his book *Ordinary Man, Extraordinary Mission*, Stephen Graham, a biographer of Jones, wrote: *The Christ of the Indian Road* was a frontal assault on the cultural prejudices of most European and American Christian missionaries in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Jones was one of the first Western Christians to realize that in Asia, Africa, and Latin America the Christian gospel was often betrayed by being enmeshed with the economic and political self-aggrandizement of Western nations. In so doing, Jones declared his moral and intellectual independence from Western political and religious imperialism.

Introduced by a foreword by Leonard Sweet, this expanded edition includes essays by church leaders reflecting on the impact of Jones's revolutionary approach to discovering the Jesus already present in each culture and what those learnings mean for the church today. Contributors include: Theodosius Mar Thoma XXII Metropolitan; Rev. John J. Thatamanil; Very Rev. Abraham O. Kadavil, Corepiscopos (Kadavil Achen); Rev. Dr. Shivraj Mahendra; General Secretary Roland Fernandes (UM Board of Global Ministries); and Dr. Sathianathan Clarke.

Sales Points

- 100th Anniversary Edition
- Sold more than 1 million copies worldwide after publication in 1925
- 3.5 million copies of all 27 books sold; translated into 30 languages
- A first-hand account of the India that E. Stanley Jones encountered a century ago. The evolution in Jones's thinking resulting from his actual experiences
- The reader will come to understand that one aspect of discipleship is discovering how to use the richness of another culture to work for, not against, one's mission. The reader will be able to make connections in his or her own life when encountering people from various cultures and value aspects of those cultures

Author Biography

Called "the world's greatest missionary evangelist" by Time magazine in 1938, E. Stanley Jones (1884-1973) spent 70 years presenting Jesus Christ as the universal Son of Man without the trappings of Western culture. His message had a life-changing impact on the millions of people who heard him speak or read his books.

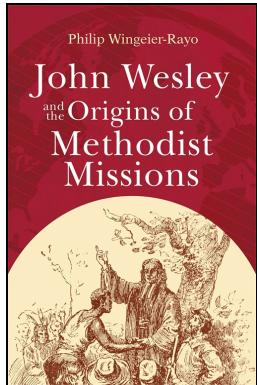
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John Wesley and the Origins of Methodist Missions

Description

Learn how Methodism became a worldwide mission.

It is broadly understood that John Wesley was the founder of the Methodist movement that spread around the world in the eighteenth century. He is known for being a missionary in Georgia, his “heart-warming” experience at Aldersgate, field preaching, and the famous quote “the world is my parish.” It is also assumed that Wesley was a proponent of world missions and helped spread the Methodist movement around the world. This study examines this assumption and, after a closer look, reveals John Wesley’s reluctance to send missionaries overseas. The book uncovers several examples of Wesley’s rejection of world missions and occasions when he thwarted plans. Wesley undermined the efforts of Thomas Coke, the Father of Methodist Missions, who wrote an appeal to send missionaries abroad.

John Wesley and the Origins of Methodist Missions reveals that it was unheralded lay people, ordinary immigrants, merchants, planters, soldiers, enslaved persons, and former slaves, who carried Methodism with them to such far-off places as Antigua, Maryland, New York, Gibraltar, Nova Scotia, and Sierra Leone. Persons such as Nathaniel Gilbert, Sophia Campbell, Mary Alley, and Bessie started a multiracial Methodist Society in Antigua—the first outside of Europe. These lay people, and several others, were not officially commissioned or authorized by Wesley to plant Methodist societies. Rather they traveled on their own, motivated by the love of God and neighbor, to share their faith with others. It was only after these Methodist societies were established, and after multiple appeals, that John Wesley and the British Conference conceded to send missionaries to assist. John Wesley was not anti-mission. He was very missional in his context in England and his message of God’s grace was at the heart of the Methodist movement. Yet he was cautious and reluctant to send missionaries overseas. This book offers some reasons for his hesitancy and highlights the stories, challenges, and successes of these pioneer men and women who spread Methodism around the world.

Sales Points

- Looks at John Wesley’s personal experience and understanding of mission, and why he discouraged world mission
- His views on mission are put into context by looking at world mission leading up to the birth of the Methodist movement.
- The book shares about the beginnings of Methodist Mission and then offers a brief history of missions in countries around the world and with individuals at home and abroad.

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