

## Amplify Recommended Resources

*This list by no means captures all the studies listed on Amplify, but we hope it will serve as a starting point to studies we think your group will benefit from.*

**Animate: Bible** - Eric Elnes, Phyllis Tickle, Rachel Held Evans, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Jose Morales, Will Willimon, Jay Bakker (7 week study)

*Animate: Bible* is an adult faith formation series that explores seven big conversations about the Bible, including the canon, history, testaments, Gospels, genre, interpretation, and grace. Resources include dynamic videos, a creative journal, and complete Facilitator Guide.

**Animate: Practices** – Brian McLaren, Sara Miles, Mike Slaughter, Phyllis Tickle, Shane Claiborne, Enuma Okoro, Doug Pagitt (6 weeks)

*Animate: Practices* is an introduction to the central practices of the Christian faith, why they are important, and how we can take part in them today. Sessions feature perspectives from Christian thought leaders on topics such as prayer, worship, money, and service. The Journal includes pages at the end of each session that guide participants through six different ways that they can practice the discipline during the following week.

**Fear of the Other; No Fear in Love** – William H. Willimon (5 week study)

There is a distinctively Christian way to engage the so-called “outsider” and “stranger.” Tolerate one another. Wait. Isn’t that supposed to be love one another? It’s one thing to genuinely love people who are more or less the same as we are, but what about those who are not only strangers, but are people who live completely different lives? Will Willimon invites you to look more closely at the Gospel’s command to love—because to genuinely love those considered to be “Other,” or outside the mainstream Christian culture, may be the hardest thing for people of faith to do.

**Half Truths; God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say** – Adam Hamilton (5 week study)

Join Adam Hamilton in Exploring Popular Sayings that Miss the Point. You’ll learn that although they capture some element of truth, when compared to the wisdom found in Scripture, they’re really just popular sayings.

**Making Sense of the Bible; Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today** – Adam Hamilton (6 week study)

The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

**Moses; In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet** – Adam Hamilton (6 week study)

Turn your reluctance into boldness by walking in the footsteps of Moses.

It doesn’t get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses’ life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God’s calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning

author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life.

**Reckless Love; Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor** – Tom Berlin (6 week study)

Love God more deeply by learning to love your neighbor better

Maybe we have it a little backward. As Christians, we strive to follow Jesus' teaching to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength which, in turn, we hope will help us better love our family, friends, and leaders...our neighbors. But what if we turned that around and put the emphasis on loving our family, friends, leaders, and, yes, our neighbors? Might we then find that becoming a better neighbor leads us into the deep and loving relationship we're striving to have with God? In *Reckless Love*, you will consider how to follow the Greatest Commandment and learn how your love for the people around you can completely renew your faith and give you a new experience of loving God.

**The Call; The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul** – Adam Hamilton (6 week study)

Walk Beside the Great Apostle

From the road to Damascus to the sun-drenched lands of modern-day Greece and Turkey to a Roman prison, go with Adam Hamilton as he follows the journeys of Paul in this study about Christianity's greatest teacher and missionary.

**The Wesley Challenge; 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith** – Chris Folmsbee (3 week study)

Renew your passion and discover deeper commitment to God in just 21 days.

Wesley who? The Wesley Challenge not only offers an introduction to our denomination's founder, John Wesley, in a practical and accessible way, the series engages small groups to work through twenty-one questions studied over three weeks to help renew passion and discover a deeper commitment to God and others—one that is more authentic, vulnerable, and soul-shaping.

**Unafraid; Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times** – Adam Hamilton (6 week study)

We know Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid," but with everything going on in the world, how is it possible not to be anxious? In this five-week study based on his book *Unafraid*, Adam Hamilton explores the worries and fears most of us experience. Your small group can learn to identify fears and discover practical steps for overcoming them...all in the light of Scripture and a faith that promises again and again that we can live with courage and hope.

**Why; Making Sense of God's Will** – Adam Hamilton (4 week study)

Bring fresh insight into an age-old question of how to understand the will of God.

Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike?

In *Why?*, Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world.