



Just a reminder: MARC is closed on Wednesdays

Victory At Jerusalem (DVD0281): In this documentary, viewers travel back in time to visit, site by site, the climactic last days of Jesus Christ. The resource traces Jesus' steps leading up to the crucifixion and retells in full the tale behind his resurrection. Sites include the Mount of Olives, Bethany, Jerusalem, Kidron Valley, the Upper Room, Gethsemane, Potter's Field, Golgotha, the Garden Gate, and Herod's Family Tomb. This resource provides an excellent summary and overview of the death and resurrection of Jesus. (1DVD; 4 sessions; 14-21 min./session; NO guide; for Sr. High & up)

Journey Toward Forgiveness (DVD0282): This hour-long ABC Network Television documentary powerfully demonstrates that those who are able to embark on a process toward forgiveness—though heart-rending and difficult—find it to be the path to inner healing. Stories include: a family whose daughter was abducted and murdered; a family dealing with their daughter's death by a drunken driver; a story of a couple facing the husband's terminal illness; a story of racial injustice and healing; a Native American massacre; and one man's journey from rage to forgiveness after the Oklahoma City bombing. Three of the stories have expanded versions on the DVD. (1DVD; 7 stories; 7-10 min./story; Study guide; 58 min. total running; for adults)



Vol. 8 No. 2
FEBRUARY 2007

2007 MARC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Please renew or start your subscription now! Fill out the form on back page and mail it back to us with your dues. Thank you and Happy New Year!

36 Parables series: For nearly 2,000 years, the parables of Christ have instructed and inspired. Now, these powerful stories are re-told in a way that will immediately grab viewers' attention. Each DV contains short films depicting three beloved parables in modern settings and situations. Special features include Why Parables?, background documentaries on each parable, and Scripture related to each parable.

Cyan (DVD0283): Features the parables of the rich fool (Luke 12:16-21), the new wine in old wineskins (Luke 5:34-39), and the two sons (Matthew 21:28-32).

Yellow (DVD0284): Features the parables of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37), the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), and the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10).

Purple (DVD0285): Features the parables of the friend at midnight (Luke 11:5-8), the shrewd manager (Luke 16:1-13), and the barren fig tree (Luke 13:6-9).

(3 DVDs; 9 parables; 5-12 min./parable; Study guide; for Sr. High & up)

Morning Coffee Series #2: Unity (DVD0286): This second volume in a new series has a bold, yet easy-on-the-palate blend of exotic and interesting flavors that will spark discussion in your group about the basics of the Christian faith. In this second helping, you'll go a little deeper into what makes the universe tick. Have you ever wondered about the end time? The power of God's (and your) Word? Why there are so many churches and denominations. Sessions are: 1. Revelation: Making right what got all so twisted; 2. Word: Words that create, words that tear down; 3. Unity: In Christ there is no east or west. (1 DVD; 3 sessions; 5-9 min./session; Discussion guide; for Sr. High & up)

Invitation to Romans (DVD0280 or VT3255 & VT3256): This 8 week, in-depth, high commitment Bible study explores several key themes, including: Paul's emphasis on communal salvation, the centrality of God's righteousness, and the implication of Paul's speaking as a Jew with a message addressed to Gentiles. This study is also modeled after the Disciple Bible study and based on weekly group meetings of 60 to 90 minutes. Sessions are: 1. An Orientation to Romans; 2. The Righteousness of God and the Faith of Jesus; 3. Abraham, Father of All; 4. Christ, the New Adam; 5. Sin, Law, and Grace; 6. Divine Purpose and Human Responsibility; 7. The Salvation of Israel and the Nations; 8. Love and Humility are the Making of God's Kingdom. (1 DVD or 2 VHS; 110 min.; Leader's & participant's guides; for adults)

TO FIND LENTEN BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES:

Go to www.marc-web.org.

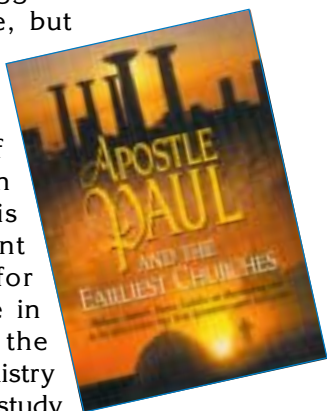
Click on "Browse Resource" on top menu.

Click on "Adult Lent/Easter Resources" under "Seasonal Resources" in the Featured Categories box on the left side of the page.

Apostle Paul and the Earliest Churches (DVD0287):

Beginning with the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, this production reenacts Paul's three missionary journeys on Anatolian soil (modern Turkey). Viewers will not only see key archaeological sites in each city that the Apostle Paul visited as well as the natural, rugged Anatolian countryside, but

also experience with Paul himself the birth of the Christian church. It is an excellent resource for going more in depth into the life and ministry of Paul. The study guide containing four units does not specifically follow the film but follows chronology of the Book of Acts. (1 DVD; 48 min.; study guide; for adults)



For Youth

Green Series: This progressive ministry resource features pro athletes, artists, and band members speaking directly to teens about topics facing young people today. A leader's guide provides materials and information to guide discussion anywhere from 1 to 4 weeks depending on how deep leaders want to go into the topic with their groups.

Dealing With Temptation (DVD0288): Features pro skateboarder Brian Sumner and hip-hop artist Da' TRUTH; **Power of the Tongue (DVD0289):** Features surfer Matt Beacham and members of Olivia the Band; **Consequences of Sin (DVD0290):** Features pro skateboarder Christian Hosoi and members of The 7 Method. (3 DVDs; 10-12 min./vol; Leader's guide; for Jr. & Sr. High)

Jacob's Ladder Series (DVD0291-0296): This new series for youth brings the Old Testament alive. The storyline surrounds a group of young teenagers, "the teen pack," who discover a mysterious old lighthouse and the even more mysterious keeper, Rafael. Through the lighthouse, the young teens are transported to Bible times where they interact with timeless characters and

learn of a loving God who cares for His people through all the ages. Episode 1: Gideon, Reluctant Hero; 2: Gideon, Warrior by Faith; 3: Naomi and Ruth; 4: Ruth and Boaz; 5: The Invitation 6 & 7: Samuel's Destiny — Part 1 & 2; 8: A King for the Hebrews; 9: Saul Takes Charge; 10: The King Needs Help; 11: Death Waiting; 12: David on the Run; 13: A New King (6 DVDs; 30 min./episode; Study guide; for ages 10-15)

The Dating Game: Highway Visual Curriculum #6 (DVD0297):

In a culture where premarital sex is no longer viewed as taboo and the anonymity of chat rooms and online dating is more popular than ever, our students need help focusing in on what matters in relationships. Whether they are asking tough questions about dating or wondering what the Bible says about the topic. What does God say about dating?; What's God got to do with going out?; Dating—what's the point? This installment of the Highway Visual Curriculum will help you start discussions that will lead to learning. Each of the five sessions contains elements to help you customize material for middle school, high school, and even general church use. (1 DVD; 5 min./session; Leader's guide; for Jr. High & Sr. High)

MICHIGAN AREA RESOURCE CENTER

Sarah Heh-young Baek, Director

PO Box 6247 • Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6247

Toll-free 1-888-217-1905 • email: marc@wmcumc.org

2007 MARC SUBSCRIPTION FORM

- Annual Fee \$30.00: a charge with up to 200 members
 \$60.00: a charge with 201-400 members
 \$90.00: a charge with 401 or more members

Check here also in order to get half price if your church has not subscribed to MARC for the past 5 years.

Your subscription fee is based on the membership of your church/charge reported in the 2006 Conference journal. Churches in a charge may combine memberships to join as a charge or each church may join individually.

Church/ Charge Name _____ District _____

Church Address _____

Name of Pastor _____ Contact Person _____

Make check payable to: **West Michigan Conference Treasurer**

Mail to: **MARC-Annual Fee, PO Box 6247, Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6247**