



All Resources are New!

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## Small Group Study/Sunday School

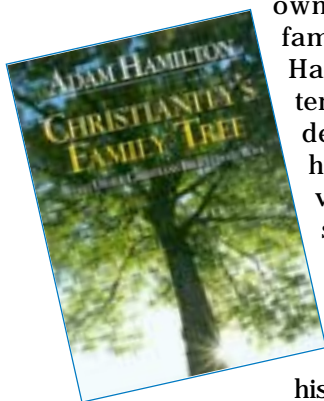
**On Earth As It Is In Heaven: Making It Happen (DVD0371-0372):** Tired of routine and self-centered church life that makes little impact on the surrounding world? Here is a study that presents a Biblical agenda for a mission-oriented church, understands the call of the gospel to participate in God's work in the world and mobilizes believers to see their essential role in the advancement of the reign of God.

Sessions are: 1. God's All-Encompassing Agenda; 2. God's Agenda and the Church; 3. The Transforming Story; 4. The Church is Failing to Fulfill God's BIG Agenda; 5. Worldview Shift; 6. The Cost to the Church; 7. The ABC's of Culture; 8. The Spread of Ideas; 9. The Church as a Window; 10. Kingdom Math; 11. The Gates of the City; 12. The Discipline of Serving Others. (2 DVDs; Twelve 20 min. sessions; workbook; for adults)

**Living The Good Life Together #3: Hospitality: Risking Welcome (DVD0374):** What does it mean to give and receive welcome? What can we learn from it? Why is it risky? In this study David O. Jenkins helps us to understand why hospitality is basic to our lives as Christians. Topics include: Receiving Welcome; Risking Welcome; Risking Worship; Risking Justice. (1 DVD; Six 7-12 min. sessions; Leader's & Study/Reflection guides; for adults)

**Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why (DVD0373):** This

video study presents a welcoming, inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Comparing the Christian family to our



own extended families, Adam Hamilton contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith. He gives a brief history, outlines

major beliefs, and describes some things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian faith. The eight sessions are: 1. Orthodoxy: Mystery, Liturgy, and Tradition; 2. Catholicism: Sacrament and Mass; 3. Lutheranism: Word and Faith; 4. Presbyterianism: The Sovereignty of God; 5. Anglicanism: Common Prayer; 6. Baptists: Baptism, Conversion, and Scripture; 7. Pentecostalism: The Power of the Spirit; 8. Methodists: People of the Extreme Center. (1 DVD; Eight 15-20 min. sessions; Pastor's guide with CD-Rom; Leader's guide; Participant's book; Abingdon Press, ©2007; for adults)

**Where Do I Go Now, God?: Restless Heart #1 (DVD0375):**

This is a 6-week study for young adults that will help them reflect upon who they are, upon what they want to do with their lives, and upon God's presence and care in the midst of their vocational journey. Six topics are: 1. Inside Out: Expectations: identifies the tensions that exist between an inner sense of values and calling and the expectations of others; 2. Passion and Vocation: explores listening to inner passions as a way of listening for God; 3. Trusting the Gifts: explores trusting that God's purposes move through their gifts; 4. Listening in the Shadows: explores the role that our needs, anxieties, and places of brokenness play in helping us listen for God; 5. Somebody's Calling Your Name: explores claiming vocation as we engage in acts of service and justice; 6. Taking Risks: explores taking the risk to change as an invaluable tool for moving for experiencing greater trust in God and greater awareness of God's call. (1 DVD; Six 5-8 min. sessions; Leader's & study guides; Abingdon Press; for Young Adult)

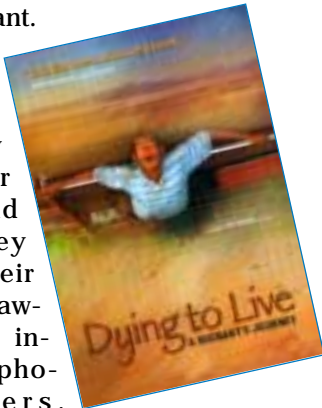
**Today: Nooma #17 (DVD0350):**

So many of us spend a lot of time and energy wishing things were how they used to be. We're tempted to think that our best days are behind us. But if we're too hung up on the past, we fail to live our lives to the fullest here and now. (1 DVD; 11 min; study guide; Zondervan, ©2007; for Sr. High & up)

## Social Issues

***Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey (DVD0377):*** This DVD is a profound look at the human face of the migrant.

It explores who these people are, why they leave their homes and what they face in their journey. Drawing on the insights of photographers,



theologians, church and congressional leaders, activists, musicians and the immigrants themselves, this film explores the places of conflict, pain and hope along the US-Mexico border. It is a reflection on the human struggle for a more dignified life and the search to find God in the midst of it all. (1 DVD; 33 min.; University of Notre Dame; for adults)

***Forged By Fire (DVD0378):***

This is a five-part DVD which explores watershed events in U.S. history through the eyes of those who experienced them. These seldom-told stories are significant examples of how The United Methodist Church has advocated for racial-ethnic communities in situations of social crisis. The DVD explores the Japanese-American internment camps, the Underground Railroad, the Trail of Tears, Pacific Island immigration and Hispanic/Latin American border crossing and immigration. (1 DVD; 48 min.; General Board of Church and Society; for adults)

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***Invisible Children (DVD0341):***

In the spring of 2003, three young Americans traveled to Africa in search of such a story. What they found was a tragic story where children are the weapons and the victims. This film exposes the effects of a 20-year-long war on the children of North Uganda. Tens of thousands of civilians have been mutilated or killed by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Northern Uganda for 20 years. Since 1986, the leader of the LRA, Joseph Kony, has

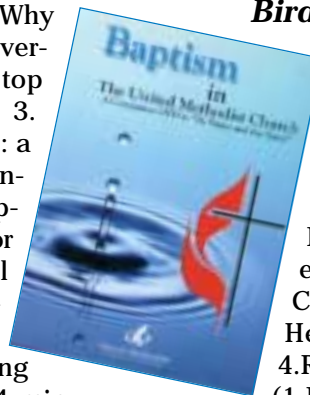
## UMC Resources

***By Water and the Spirit: Making Connections for Identity and Ministry (BK0089):***

*By Water and the Spirit* is the official teaching document of The United Methodist Church on the sacrament of baptism. This study edition includes the full text of the official document, adopted by the 1996 General Conference, arranged in a six-session study guide to help small groups of older youth and adults live the baptismal covenant as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. (1 Book; 59 pp.; Discipleship Resources, 1997; for Sr. High & up)

***Baptism in the United Methodist Church (DVD0376):***

This is a companion DVD to "By Water and the Spirit." Five segments are: Baptism: Personal Stories (All ages): reflections on the meaning of baptism as it is lived out each day; 2. Why Do We Baptize? (Adults): an overview of baptism by today's top scholars and church leaders; 3. How Do We Baptize? (Adults): a focus on the liturgy and meaning of Christian baptism; 4. Baptism for Youth (ages 12-18): for confirmation classes, small groups and retreats; 5. Baptism for Children (ages 9-11): for Sunday school or evening programs. (1 DVD; Five 8-14 min. segments; UMC; for all ages)



abducted and brainwashed more than 20,000 boys and girls to fight as child soldiers in his militia, with roughly 12,000 abductions occurring since 2002. As a result, 250,000 children in all of Northern Uganda currently receive no education; 737 schools (60% of the total) are non-functioning because of the war, leaving the schools that are functioning grossly overcrowded, with 300 students for every one teacher. (1 DVD; 50 min.; for Jr. High & up)

***Bishop's Katrina Recovery Appeal (DVD0334):***

This DVD presents four short, inspirational and motivational clips to help your church respond to the continuing need of our sisters and brothers in the Gulf Coast area. (1 DVD; 10 min.; UMC; ©2007; for Jr. High & up)

***The Truth of Abuse and Neglect (DVD0337):***

This is a new abuse prevention video produced in 2007 by the West Michigan Conference Abuse Team. It covers abuse/neglect, domestic violence, abuse prevention for local churches and reviews basics of the policy adopted by West Michigan Conference and Michigan Child Protection Law. (1 DVD; 45 min.; for adults)

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness: Red Bird Missionary Conference 2007 (DVD0339):***

This DVD captures the essential programs and the wide variety of ministries of the Red Bird Missionary Conference: 1. Overview; 2. Churches & Outreach; 3. Henderson Settlement; 4. Red Bird Clinic/Mission. (1 DVD; 50 min.; leader's guide; for Sr. High & up)

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