

Additional Resources to Help You Go Deeper

Resources on the Basics of Christianity

Foundations of the Christian Faith by James Montgomery Boice

Church History in Plain Language by Bruce L. Shelley

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

Christianity: A Very Short Introduction by Linda Woodhead

Jesus: A Very Short Introduction by Richard Bauckham

Basic Christianity by John Stott

Knowing Christianity by J.I. Packer

Christianity an Introduction (Third Edition) by Alister E. McGrath

Jesus and the Gospels by Craig Blomberg

Erasing Hell: What God Said about Eternity and the Things We've Made Up by Francis Chan

“Basic” video series (1—7) by Francis Chan Available on RightNow Media:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/348>

Christianity: What It Is and Why It Matters booklet. Available at

http://www.crossroadschurch.ca/downloads/sb_crossroads/ChristianityBooklet.pdf

Section 1: Living Godly Lives

Conversation 1: Listening to God

- *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby
- *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer
- *Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus* by Lois Tverberg
- “How to Read the Bible” from *The Bible Project*. Available on RightNow Media:
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/240001?episode=1>
- “Our Anchor: God’s Story” from the *Uncharted* CrossRoads Church sermon series, August 2015.
<http://www.crossroadschurch.ca/2015sermons>

Conversation 2: Talking to God

- *Your Ears Will Hear* by Steve and Evy Klassen
- *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* by Philip Yancey
- *A Hunger for God* by John Piper
- *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God* by Rueben P. Job
- *Sacred Rhythms* by Ruth Haley Barton

Conversation 3: Your Identity In Christ

- *Transformed* by Caesar Kalinowski
- *You Are The Beloved* by Henri J. M. Nouwen
- *The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning
- *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper
- *Finding the Will of God: A Pagan Notion?* by Bruce Waltke

Conversation 4: The Role of the Holy Spirit in Your life

- *Soul Cravings* by Erwin McManus
- *Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit* by Francis Chan
- *The Promised Power: Experiencing the Union of Word and Spirit* by Roc Bottomly
- "Biblical Themes: Holy Spirit" video by The Bible Project: <https://thebibleproject.com/all-videos/biblical-themes/>

Conversation 5: Staying on Track (Temptation and Confession)

- *Gods at War: Defeating the Idols that Battle for your Heart* by Kyle Idleman
- *Tempted and Tried: Temptation and the Triumph of Christ* by Russell Moore
- *Passion and Purity* by Elisabeth Elliot

Section 2: Loving Each Other Deeply

Conversation 6: Redefining Love

- *Furious Longing of God* by Brennan Manning
- *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan

Conversation 7: Finding Where You Fit

- *Decision Making and the Will of God* by Garry Friesen
- *Blessed are the Misfits* by Brant Hansen
- *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook* by Randy Clark and Mary Healy
- *Spiritual Gifts* by Thomas R. Schreiner

Conversation 8: Serving and Encouraging One Another

- *Building Up One Another* by Gene Getz
- *Serving Without Sinking* by John Hindley
- *Serving, Leading and Loving* by Pam Ross
- *Improving Your Serve* by Charles Swindoll

Conversation 9: Participating in Christian Community

- *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- *A Fellowship of Differents* by Scot McKnight
- “Covenant Community” video series by David Platt available on RightNow Media:
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/182691>

Conversation 10: Healthy Relationships

- *Relationships* by Les and Leslie Parrott
- *Gospel-Powered Parenting: How the Gospel Shapes and Transforms Parenting* by William P. Farley
- *Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas
- “Living Life Together” video series by Shauna Niequist. Available on RightNow Media:
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/138575>

Section 3: Giving Priority to the Last, the Lost, the Least, the Little, and the Nearly Dead

Conversation 11: Sharing What Jesus Has Done for Me

- *Multiply: Disciples Making Disciples* by Francis Chan
- *Evangelism in a Skeptical World* by Sam Chan
- “Speak Life” podcast available here: <https://speaklife.org.uk/slp/>
- “Threads” video series by David Platt. Available on RightNow Media: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/167564>
- *Alpha*, a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. (Alpha is offered at CrossRoads Church and other churches throughout the year.)

Conversation 12: Praying for God’s Heart, Understanding and Direction

- *AHA: The God Moment that Changes Everything* by Kyle Idleman
- *How Christianity Changed the World* by Alvin J. Schmidt
- *The Mission of God’s People* by Christopher J.H. Wright

Conversation 13: Giving of Ourselves and Our Resources

- *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership* by Ruth Haley Barton
- *The Grace of Giving* by John Stott
- *A Spirituality of Fundraising* by Henri Nouwen
- *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn
- *Giving to God* by Mark Allan Powell
- “Biblical Themes: Justice” video by The Bible Project: <https://thebibleproject.com/all-videos/biblical-themes/>

Conversation 14: Praying Regularly for Three People

- *Prayer* by Timothy Keller
- *Prayer: Finding the Heart’s True Home* by Richard Foster
- “A Different Kind of Prayer” video. Available on RightNow Media: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/illustration/125132>

Conversation 15: Minute-Longer Conversations

- *Communicating For Change* by Andy Stanley
- *Love Like Jesus* by Judah Smith
- “Conversational Evangelism” video series by David Geisler. Available on RightNow Media: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/202091>

Section 4: Delighting Ourselves in the Lord Through Worship

Conversation 16: Worship at All Times

- *How's Your Soul?* by Judah Smith
- *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence
- "Work as Worship" video. Available on RightNow Media:
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/VideoElement/100863>

Conversation 17: Coming Together Weekly in Worship

- *Why Bother with Church* by Sam Allberry
- "Doctrine: The Church" video by Francis Chan. Available on RightNow Media:
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/581?episode=7>
- "Basic Series: We are the Church" video by Francis Chan. Available on RightNow Media:
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/351?episode=1>.

Conversation 18: Setting Apart One Day in Seven to Rest in the Presence of Jesus

- *Experiencing The Presence of God* by A.W. Towzer
- *The Rest of God* by Mark Buchanan
- *The Radical Pursuit of Rest* by John Koessler
- *Invitation to Retreat* by Ruth Haley Barton
- *Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner

Conversation 19: Worshipping God Through the Psalms

- *Praise Habit* by David Crowder
- *Praying the Psalms* by Walter Brueggemann
- "Psalms: Read Scripture Old Testament" video by The Bible Project:
<https://thebibleproject.com/all-videos/read-scripture-old-testament/>

Conversation 20: A Posture of Thanksgiving

- *Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better* by Brant Hansen
- *Choosing Gratitude* by Nancy Leigh DeMoss
- *The Power of Being Grateful* by Glenn Langohr