

# DAUPHIN WAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## CURRICULUM RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GROUP LEADERS

**\*RATING SCALE: 1 (DO NOT RECOMMEND) – 5 (STRONGLY RECOMMEND)**

Curriculum Title & Author	Reviewed by:	Demographics	*Rating	Pros	Cons	Notes
Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study by Richard Byrd Wilke and Julia Kitchens Wilke	Small Group Study	Mixed Ages; Men & Women	5	Study covers the entire Bible in 34 weeks. It was life-changing for all of us, although several dropped out near the beginning. Our group bonded well, and prayed for each other daily.		
Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Pricilla Shirer	Small Group Study	Mixed Ages; Women	5	Relating an Old Testament study to our modern day lives.		Would recommend this study to any age women's group.
Adult Bible Studies published by Cokesbury	Sunday School Class	Adults (50+); Men & Women	3	Studying the bible.	Poor leadership guide; No audio/visual material.	This material allows for a variety of teaching levels. Allows more teachers than more in depth material. It is designed for the variety of UMC Sunday schools from urban, suburban and rural. Not very challenging.
Dare to Dream by Mike Slaughter	Sunday School Class	Adults (40-60); Men & Women	5	The book has weekly exercises, easy to read chapters and an excellent leadership guidebook.		
Dare to Dream by Mike Slaughter	Life Group	Young Adults (25-40); Men & Women	5	The author gives a clear step-by-step plan to create your own mission statement.	The entire process can be a bit overwhelming.	
Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore	Sunday School Class	Young Adults (25-40); Men & Women	3	Good conversation generated about topics.	There was not a sufficient leader's guide, making preparation difficult.	
Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore	Life Group	Adults (40-60); Women	4	The stories and plain, common sense lessons.		
Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore	Sunday School Class	Adults (40-60); Men & Women	4	It was a good study that brought about lively discussion without having		

				to do a lot of prep time.		
The Lord's Prayer by Mary Lou Redding	Sunday School Class	Young Adults (25-40); Men & Women	4	It made us think about the Lord's Prayer in a different way, breaking out each section and understanding it as a communal prayer.		
What's So Amazing About Grace by Phillip Yancey	Small Group Study	Mixed Ages; Men & Women	5	Much meat in the book. We covered 3-4 chapters per week, but could easily have done 1-2.	There was no leader's guide (there may be now).	Have done this study 2-3 times at 2 different churches. Always a big hit!
Christianity's Family Tree by Adam Hamilton	Small Group Study	Mixed Ages; Men & Women	4	Well put together study. Hamilton's approach is extremely inclusive.		
Christianity's Family Tree by Adam Hamilton	Sunday School Class	Mixed Ages; Men & Women	4	Hamilton does not criticize other denominations. He leads us to understand that all Christians are our brothers and sisters in Christ.		
Love Does by Bob Goff	Life Group	Young Adult (25-40); Men & Women	3	Good stories, enjoyable read, great for motivating a group to jump into service projects.	Sometimes hard to get conversation going. Really takes an effort to look at and use the study guide.	
Five Conversations You Must Have with Your Daughter by Vicky Courtney	Small Group Study	Young Adult (25-40); Women	5	We enjoyed her thought-provoking discussions and scripture references to navigating some of the tough issues we face with our girls.	Vicky loves to read excerpts from old (100 yrs) magazines, which while humorous, do not really relate to present-day situations.	This is not a deep study in terms of learning from the Bible; it is more of a group discussion on how to raise our daughters His way. We changed the last class and invited a panel of moms of various ages (mature-daughters grown and married; middle age-college age girls and us-moms of teens) to answer questions from the group regarding everything from cell phones, dating, discussing sex, drinking, etc. It was great and we asked our group to email

						us questions ahead of time as prompts to get started. We loved this session!
Five Conversations You Must Have with Your Son by Vicky Courtney	Small Group Study	Young Adult (25-40); Women	5	Interesting take on our culture's influence upon today's young men. Some accurate, some questionable, in my opinion (that society is emasculating men today). She had some very great books to reference, which I ordered and they were great side reads! Vicky also presented interesting research on hormones and how they affect our emotions, especially when it comes to sex outside marriage. Very powerful!	Again, Vicky loves to reference her old magazines dating back 100 years or more. While amusing, they are not very applicable in today's rapidly moving digital age.	This is not a deep study in terms of learning from the Bible; it is more of a group discussion on how to raise our sons His way. We changed the last class and invited a panel of moms of various ages (mature-sons grown and married; middle age-college age sons and us-moms of teens) to answer questions from the group regarding everything from cell phones, dating, discussing sex, drinking, etc. It was great and we asked our group to email us questions ahead of time as prompts to get started. We loved this session!