

VISION AND STRATEGY



Learn Christ Resources Brochure

Learning more about Jesus
Christ in order to become
more like Christ

How to use this Brochure

The resources in this brochure have been chosen to help with steps 1-6 in the box opposite.

Some resources will help with more than one of these steps. To choose a resource that will be most helpful to you, it is suggested that you **decide which of the steps you would like to pursue** and then **what kind of resource you would like to use** - a book, study guide, audio-visual or digital resource. Some resources can be used together and this has been indicated for you. This is not a comprehensive list of resources. It is a spring board into the **'Learn Christ'** strategy. More resources will be featured in future editions of the Vision and Strategy Newsletter. Please send us your recommendations.

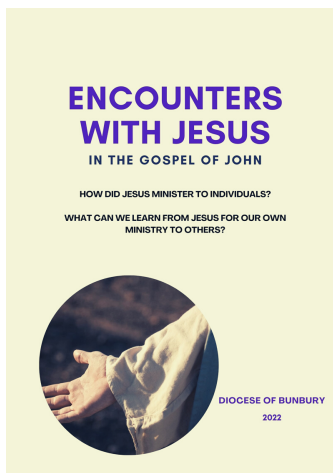
What does it mean to 'Learn Christ'?

- 1. To learn about Christ** through reading the Bible, listening to the teaching of wise Christian leaders, and discussing what we are learning with others.
- 2. To be taught in Christ**, as Christ dwells in us through the Holy Spirit.
- 3. To be at peace and confident in our relationship with God and the Holy Spirit, through Christ.**
- 4. To experience** the height, depth and breadth of **God's love for us.**
- 5. To put off the old ways** of thinking and behaving and **put on Christ's righteousness and a renewed mind.**
- 6. To become more Christlike**, living a life of love

Diocesan Resources



These resources are free and available on the Diocesan Website



What is it?

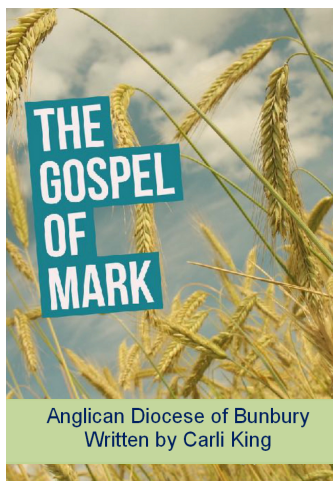
A study guide for individuals or small groups. Each study considers personal encounters with Jesus described in the Gospel of John, It specifically looks at how Jesus ministers to (serves) each person and how we can learn to do the same. There are 11 studies altogether.

Why use it?

This study is useful for anyone wanting to **grow in steps 5 and 6 - learning to**

Resources that could be used alongside:

Audio-Visual Resources: The Chosen and The Lumo Project (P3)



What is it?

A 6-week study guide for individuals or small groups covering the whole of the Gospel of Mark, designed to be used with the Lumo Project Gospel of Mark video. It focuses on who Jesus is: Healer, Master of Wisdom and Nature' Messiah, Son of Man, Rejected Cornerstone and Triumphant King

Why use it?

This study is especially useful for anyone wanting to **grow in steps 1 and 3 - learning about Christ and being confident in our relationship with Christ**

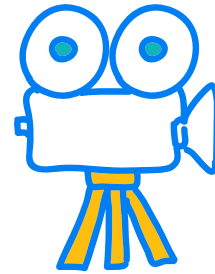
Resources that could be used alongside:

Audio-Visual Resources: The Chosen and The Lumo Project (P3). Timothy Keller's Book, "King's Cross" (p8).



Resources for Advent on the theme of 'Learn Christ'. More information will be available in the spring.

Audio-Visual Resources



The Chosen Series 1 and 2



What is it?

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. It is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus and his disciples.

Why use it?

It is useful for anyone wanting to **learn more about the life of Christ** and his first disciples. It 'puts flesh' on the bones of the Bible accounts and explores Jesus through the eyes of those around Him. It gives a **fresh perspective for those who know the stories well already**.

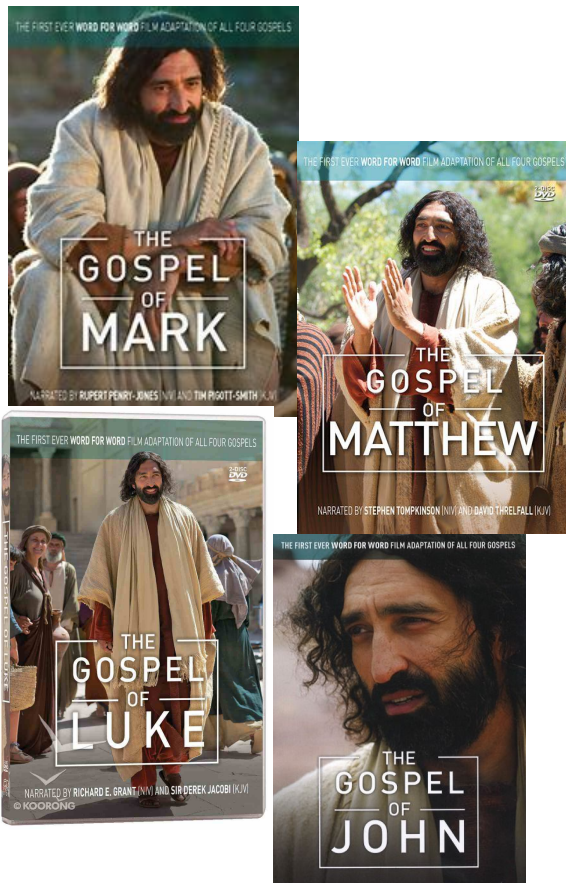
Where can I get it?

The Chosen is available on DVD from Koorong. It can also be watched free via The Chosen App or the website: <https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen>

Resources that could be used alongside:

Study Guides: 'What does it mean to be Chosen?' (Series 1) and Blessed are the Chosen (Series 2)

The Lumo Project



What is it?

LUMO is an audio-visual presentation of the four Gospels, taking each of the New Testament Gospels unedited and unabridged as the script.

Why use it?

It is useful for anyone wanting to **learn more about the life of Christ through reading the gospels**. It is a good for those who like to hear scripture read aloud with accompanying visuals. It is possible to cover larger sections of the gospel than are usually read in one go, giving a broader sweep of the narrative.

Where can I get it?

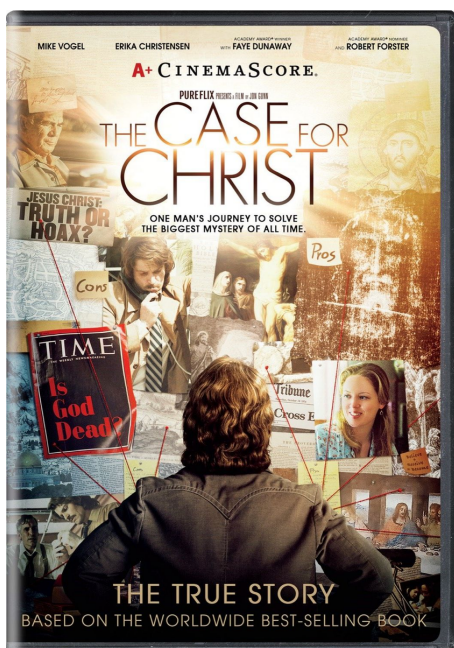
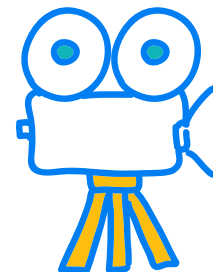
DVDs are available of each gospel or they can be watched online via You Tube or the Lumo Project Website: www.bible.com/videos/collections/6-lumo-project-the-complete-collection

Resources that could be used alongside:

Diocesan Study guide: The Gospel of Mark (p2)

Free reading plans and group studies for the gospels of Mark and John are available on the Lumo Project Website (lumoproject.com)

Audio-Visual Resources



What is it?

The Case for Christ is a movie based on the true story of atheist and investigative journalist Lee Strobel, who attempts to disprove his wife Leslie's newfound Christian faith. After completing a thorough investigation for almost two years he finds the historical evidence for Jesus is compelling, and then finds a new faith in Christ.

Why use it?

It is a great way to **learn more about the historical evidence about Jesus and the resurrection**. It is also inspiring to watch one man's personal journey from unbelief to faith in Christ.

Where can I get it?

The Case for Christ is available on DVD from Koorong and online from Amazon and other sites.

Resources that could be used alongside:

Lee Strobel's books, 'The Case for Christ' (with group study questions included) and 'The Case for Christ for Kids'.; The Alpha Course (p7)



What is it?

This two DVD set brings together 30 of today's leading authors, academics, broadcasters, and evangelists to explore the many ways in which Jesus changed the world - and why it matters. Topics covered include the value of all people, role of women, democracy and care for the poor. Interviewees include Eric Metaxas, John Ortberg, Rico Tice, Rodney Stark, Miroslav Volf, and Christine Caine.

Why use it?

This is a resource for those looking to **become more like Christ and make a difference in the world**.

Where can I get it?

The DVDs are available from Koorong. The films can also be watched online via olivetreemedia.com.au by paying for a subscription.

Resources that could be used alongside:

'Jesus the Game Changer' Discussion Guide; Schools Edition and resources for a 'church campaign' available via the Olive Tree Media website.

Digital Resources



What is it?

Two sermons by American Pastor Rick Warren

Why use it?

Rick Warren gives very practical advice for how to become more like Jesus. These two talk focus on **having the mind of Christ and Learning to Love like Christ.**

Where can I get it?

The sermons are available on You Tube:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=9b44Ghr_zQk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=cl29RyvJLX0

Resources that could be used alongside:

Rick Warren has his own You Tube Channel with numerous other sermons to help 'Learn Christ'.



What is it?

Pray As You Go is a daily prayer session, designed to help you pray. Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. It aims to help you to:

- become more aware of God's presence in your life
- listen to and reflect on God's word
- grow in your relationship with God

The style of prayer is based on Ignatian Spirituality.

Why use it?

This resource can help with steps 2,3 and 4 in our 'Learn Christ Framework: to be taught in Christ, to experience Christ's love and grow in relationship with Christ

Where can I get it?

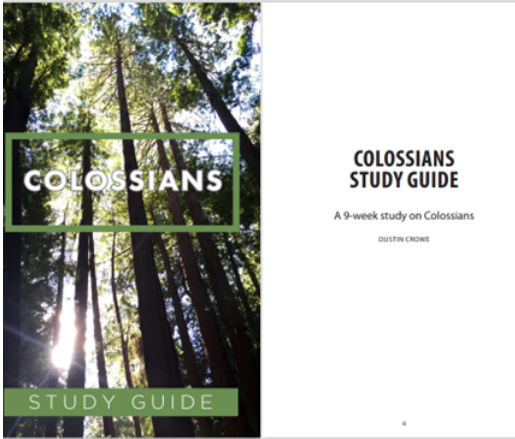
Download the Pray as you Go App or go to the website:
pray-as-you-go.org

Resources that could be used alongside:

Pray as you go also has resources to help you learn Ignatian reflection practices, including Lection Divina, the Examen, Imaginative Contemplation and retreats.



Study Guides



What is it?

A 9 week study guide on the book of Colossians, focusing on the person of Jesus and what it means to follow him, written by American Pastor Dustin Crowe

Why use it?

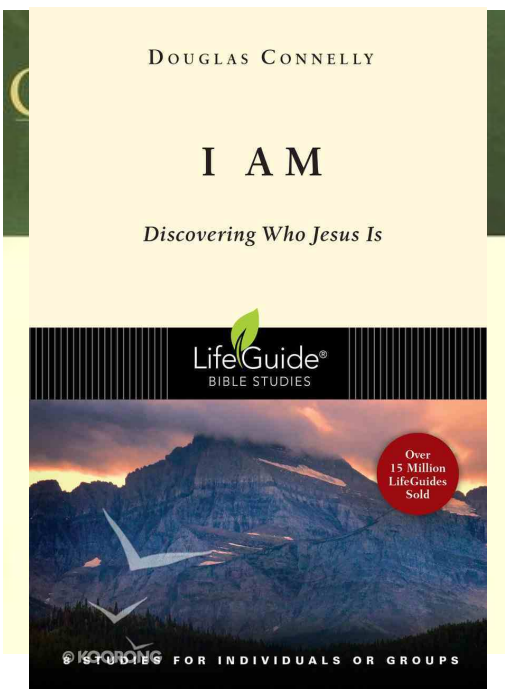
For steps 1,3,5 and 6 of 'Learn Christ'. In particular to learn more about Christ, to be confident in your relationship with Him and th 'putting off' and putting on'.

Where can I get it?

This free resource is available from Dustin Crowe's website: indycrowe.com/resources-on-colossians/

Resources that could be used alongside:

A number of supporting resources are available on the same website, including a link to purchase Dustin Crowe's Devotional Study book called "Finding Satisfaction in Christ" via Amazon.



What is it?

An 8 week study guide on the the "I Am statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John

Why use it?

For steps 1,2,3,4 and 5 of 'Learn Christ'. In particular to learn more about Christ, to be confident in your relationship with Him and receive molre of His love for you.

Where can I get it?

The study guide is available from Koorong or online iva ivpbooks.com/the-i-am-sayings-of-christ

Resources that could be used alongside:

The Lumo Proejct Gosospel of John video (p2)
Dustin Crowe's excellent summary article, 'The 7 "I AM" Statements of Jesus: OT Background & NT Meaning. Available online at indycrowe.com/2019/02/13/the-7-i-am-statements-of-jesus-ot-background-nt-meaning



Study guides produced by the Diocese of Bunbury are detailed on P2

Courses



What is it?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each video talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha courses can be run online or in person:

Why use it?

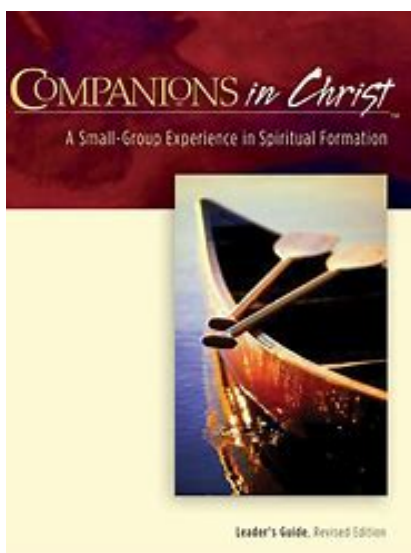
Alpha is perfect for anyone **exploring faith in Jesus for the first time but is also a great way for Christians at every stage of faith to refresh their understanding of the Christian faith and how to live it out.**

Where can I get it?

All the resources you need to run an Alpha course are available free via The Alpha Course Australia website: www.alpha.org.au/

Resources that could be used alongside:

The short booklet 'Why Jesus?' by Nicky Gumbel
The Youth Alpha Course - <https://alpha.org/youth/>
The Case for Christ DVD (p4)
John Dickson's Book, "Jesus: A Short Life" (p8)



What is it?

'Companions in Christ' is a small group resource for spiritual formation. It offers the opportunity to focus on your relationship with Christ. The course comprises daily individual readings and resources for a weekly small group meetings.

Why use it?

Steps 3,4,5 and 6: Grow your relationship with Christ, experience Christ's love and become more like Christ.

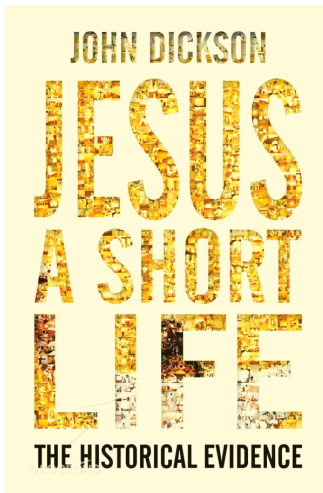
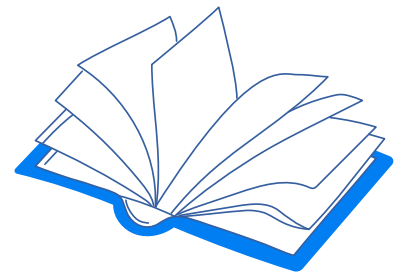
Where can I get it?

Participants books and leaders guide are available from www.upperroom.org/companions

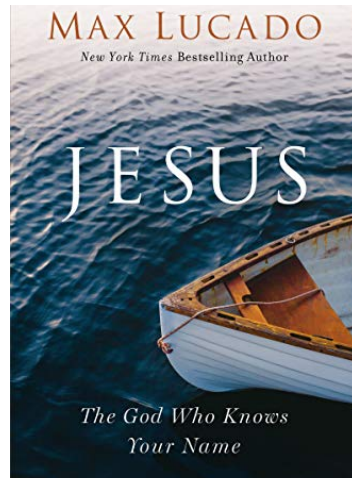
Resources that could be used alongside:

A range of further resources are available on the Upper Room website including devotionals, youth resources and recommended reading

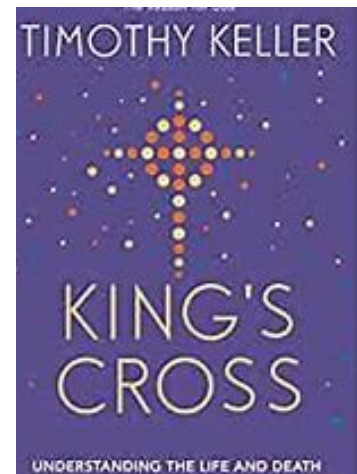
Books



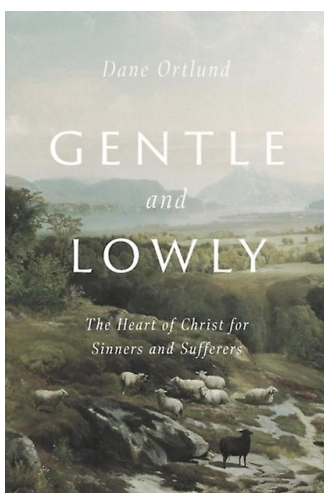
An excellent book presentation of the historical evidence for the existence of Jesus. Great for both Christians and inquirers to learn about the historical person, Jesus of Nazareth. Also by John Dickson: "A Doubter's Guide to Jesus". (Step 1)



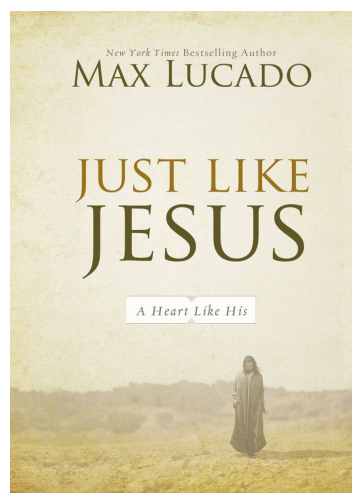
Max Lucado explores the life and character of Jesus and dives into the heart of Jesus towards the reader. Max writes "Don't settle for a cursory glance or a superficial understanding. Look long into the heart of Christ . . ." Companion video study guide also available.



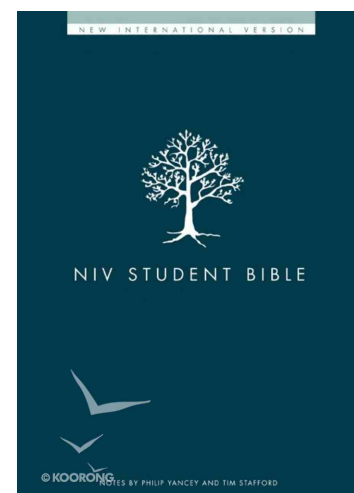
Tim Keller takes an extended look at the life of Christ. Basing his study on the Gospel according to Mark, Keller explains how Jesus' identity as king and his death on the cross have consequences for the whole cosmos and for the individual person. (Steps 1,2 and 3)



Jesus said he is "gentle and lowly in heart." This book reflects on these words, exploring the question, "What is Jesus' heart for you?" A great resource for step 4 - learning more about Jesus' love for you.



God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be just like Jesus. This book explores how we can engage with God's wonderful ways of transformation and become more like Christ (steps 5 and 6).



An excellent way to read the gospels. The Student Bible contains introductions to each book, in-text Insights and Highlights, suggests reading plans, explains difficult verses, points out important facts, and encourages reflection. Also available in NRSV version.