

Mastering Motherhood⁺

You are invited to be part of Mastering Motherhood⁺. Whether you are a new mother, one who has seen their children off to college and having babies of their own, or someone who doesn't have children but would enjoy a Thursday morning study with other women, you are welcome!

Mastering Motherhood⁺ seeks to provide love, support, encouragement and friendship to women seeking to follow the Lord in the adventure of mothering. Each week the ladies come together as a large group for brunch and devotions after which they break off into small groups and study different books.

Spring 2017 Kickoff Brunch

January 26, 2017

WHFC Room 227 • 9:15 am - 11:30 am

Mastering Motherhood+ will not meet on **March 23rd** and this session will conclude on **May 18th 2017**. Several of the books being studied don't build upon the previous week's discussion and even if they do, you can join a MM+ small group at any time throughout the school year.

The study books are available for purchase at the Kickoff Brunch and the following several Thursdays while supplies last.

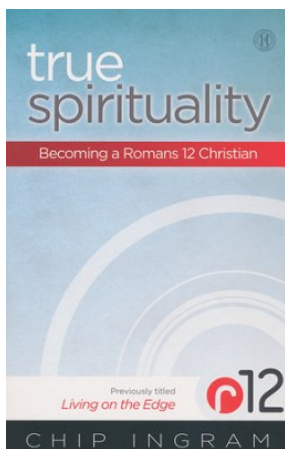
NOTE: There is no need to register children for the Spring 2017 Session.

Check out the following book descriptions of the eight small groups available to you:

True Spirituality: Becoming a Romans 12 Christian

By Chip Ingram

Leaders: Marilyn Shilling, Marnie Mekruit, Julie Radaker; Book: \$12

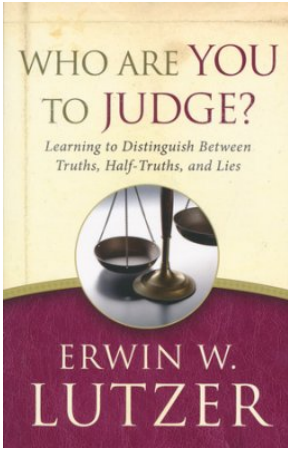


A launching pad for your spiritual journey, this inspiring book provides clear, specific, and practical guidelines for becoming a Christian who lives like Christ.

Christians today live in a world that is activity heavy and relationship light. The result is spiritual emptiness. We struggle to know what God wants *from* us and *for* us . . . and we're unsure what a real relationship with God really looks like. But that was never God's idea. HIS idea of faith is not about rules or religion— it's about relationship. That's where God tells us to start. In Romans 12, God gives us a clear picture of what Christians should look like at the root level. If you're ready to move from "in" to "all in," then you're ready to become a Romans 12 Christian.

The next steps of your journey toward true spirituality start here.

Who Are You to Judge? Learning to distinguish between truth, half-truths and lies
by Erwin Lutzer Leaders: Deb Ruminski, Suzanne Yarborough, Kim Judge; Book Cost: \$11



Can I judge without being judgmental?

We live in a world that tolerates everything but judgment. What we don't realize is that right judgment is the key to right living. *Who Are You To Judge?* is Lutzer's word to a culture that hates being told how to live and to a church called to purity.

After explaining the difference between judging and being judgmental, Lutzer guides Christians in discerning various critical issues, including miracles, matters of doctrine, and godly engagement with entertainment and culture. With a passion for biblical truth and intolerance for lies, Lutzer is compelling and gut-honest. *Who Are You to Judge?* calls us to not only embrace the truth, but also to live according to it, speaking the truth in love to a world so desperately in need of both.

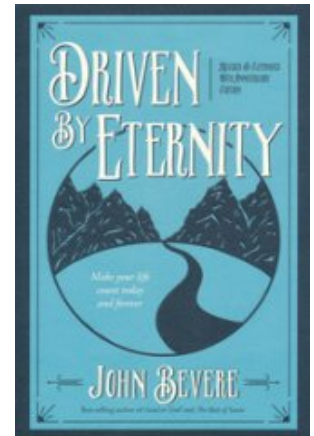
Driven By Eternity - Make Your Life Count Today and Forever

by John Bevere Leaders: Esther Fowler, Beth Lydic, Devone Lansing; Book Cost: \$10

One day you will stand before God and give an account of your life. The most important question you can ask yourself now is, will you be ready?

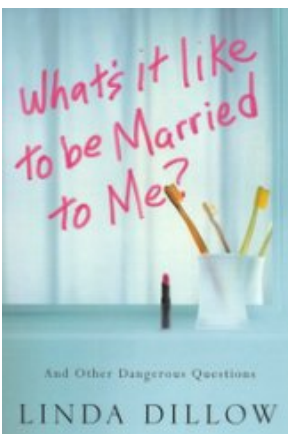
Most Christians know their response to the cross determines *where* they will spend eternity. But did you know that *how* you'll spend eternity is determined by what you do in this life? God wants you to discover your calling—He's not trying to keep you in the dark. In fact, He longs for you to find the meaning and purpose that comes with knowing why you've been placed on this earth.

In *Driven by Eternity*, best-selling author John Bevere uses an eye-opening allegory and extensive Scripture to unveil how our daily choices shape our eternal existence. A video will be used with this study. Life beyond the final breath is much more than a destination. Don't wait until it's too late. Discover your God-given destiny and make your life count both today and forever.



What it's like to be Married to Me? and other Dangerous Questions

by Linda Dillow Leaders: Diane Morosko, Colleen Sargent, Valerie Woods; Book Cost: \$12

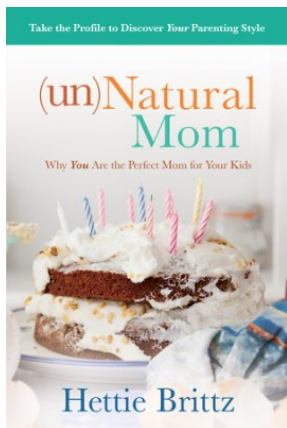


This isn't what I dreamed about. Can't my marriage be better than this? Yes! Who you become as a wife can impact the intimacy, passion, and joy in your marriage. But how do you get there? In this study, Linda Dillow challenges you to ask yourself risky questions: What does it feel like to be my husband? What is it like to make love with me? Why do I want to stay mad at him? Extremely intimate and honest, Linda shares the best and worst things she has done in her nearly fifty years of marriage as she leads you into God's heart for what your marriage could be. With guidance for making your own Marriage Purpose Statement, this book is about knowing the difference between having a desire for a better marriage and setting the goal of having a better marriage—as you look in the mirror to see how you can change. In fact, this is not a book about marriage at all. It is a book about how to live out your marriage, day by day and year by year, as you become the wife you long to be and watch it impact your marriage.

(un)Natural Mom - Why You Are the Perfect Mom for Your Kids

by Hettie Brittz

Leaders: Sheila Steer, Christine Reynolds, Cindy Warren; Book Cost: \$11



Do you feel like you're the only mom who serves store-bought birthday treats, dreads school plays, and misses the days of going to the bathroom by herself? *unNatural Mom* gives you permission to say that mothering doesn't always come naturally to you. Self-proclaimed unnatural mom Hettie Brittz helps you

- Recognize how unrealistic our culture's standards of mothering are
- Move beyond the myths of "supermom"
- Complete the *Parenting Style Assessment* to determine your own style
- Understand and forgive the mothers who hurt you
- Embrace your capabilities as well as your challenges

Come find new hope in discovering that every mother has unique gifts. In Christ, the "unnatural" mom becomes the supernatural mom who is just right for her family!

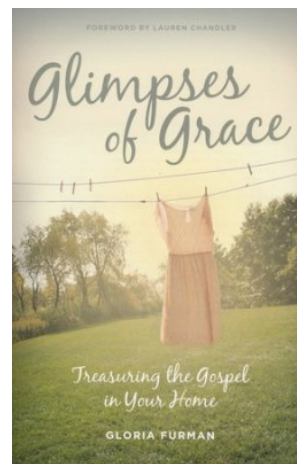
Glimpses of Grace - Treasuring the Gospel in Your Home

by Gloria Furman

Leaders: Cherie Zamecnik, Josi Brobeck, Christina Smelcer; Book Cost: \$11

Sometimes life feels a lot like a burden—day-in and day-out its the same chores and tasks, challenges and discouragements, anxieties and responsibilities. Dust bunnies show up on the stairwell, social commitments clutter the calendar, and our families demand daily attention and care. At times, just catching our breath seems like an impossible feat.

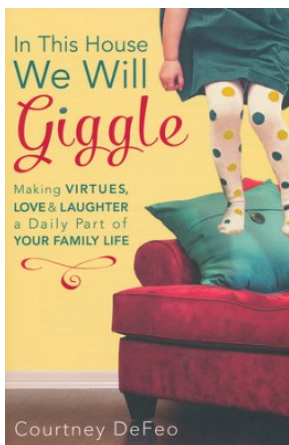
So where is God in all of this? Does he care about the way we unload the dishwasher or balance the budget? Do the little things like changing diapers or cooking meals make a difference? And how can we use our spheres of influence for God's glory and our joy? Whether you are a stay-at-home mom or a working woman splitting time between the office and home, Gloria Furman—writer, pastor's wife, cross-cultural worker, and mom—encourages us to see the reality of God's grace in all of life, especially those areas that often appear to be boring and unimportant.



In This House, We Will Giggle - Making Virtues, Love and Laughter a Daily Part of Your Family Life

by Courtney DeFeo

Leaders: Carol Hiscott, Shanelle Harris, Robin Polack; Book Cost: \$9



What do indoor picnics and funny face contests have to do with loving Jesus? More than you realize! As a mom in the throes of parenting, Courtney DeFeo believes that instilling virtues in children starts with laughter, not lecture. That perspective propelled her to create this idea-packed book, in which she offers motivating reflections, real-life stories, and a sandbox full of inventive ways to help you turn your kids' hearts toward God.

Each chapter focuses on one virtue that is key for developing your child's character. Along with insights into how this virtue plays out in the nitty-gritty of life, Courtney includes a memory verse, activity ideas, and discussion questions to reinforce that virtue throughout the month. *In This House, We Will Giggle* shows you how to capture the hearts of your children through *fun*—so that they experience the goodness of Christ, the joy of following Him, and the difference they can make in the lives of others.

Proverbs Bible Study

Leaders: Marie Beaver, Lynn Pierce, Dawn Borris; Book \$0

Our world yearns for how-to guides and the secret to a fulfilled life. However, no truth is man-made. The wisdom that God granted to King Solomon is the same wisdom that would benefit us today—if only we would seek it. The book of Proverbs offers principles to develop godly character daily. From the dangers of speaking without listening to the satisfaction inherent in fearing the Lord, we will unpack the Scriptures in ways that will help you apply these spiritual truths.

Your Bible (in the translation of your choice) is the only book necessary to be part of this small group. During our small group time, we will read our way through the book of Proverbs. We will discuss the wisdom presented and how to embed it in our lives. We will conclude our meetings with prayer that with the Lord's help we might apply this wisdom in our lives and the lives of those we love.

Holy Bible



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