



**The Conversation
is growing.**

**Discover new
ways to Open
Scripture.**



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

How fluent are you?

Open Scripture.
Engage Scripture.
Grow Faith.

The Book of Faith Initiative calls “the whole church to become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered, and sent by the Word.”

Build Biblical Literacy and Fluency

Familiarize yourself with these new Book of Faith resources and begin to discover how to engage your congregation.

You'll find thought-provoking formats that are designed to maximize the benefit of community interaction in all of your group settings. Whether your members are fully immersed in Bible Study or hesitant to join one, you can utilize the flexible system, with pieces that can be used in a series or independently, to encourage and stimulate Bible conversation with *your* group.

Overview of the Book of Faith Bible Studies

Each session explores primary Bible texts from four different contexts—historical, literary, Lutheran, and devotional. These particular ways of exploring a text are not new, but used in combination they provide a fuller understanding of and experience with the text.

Additionally, with the commitment to discussion, activity, and frequent engagement with Scripture, the active, learner-oriented approach helps participants develop greater biblical fluency.

Learn More

For help finding the right resources for your congregation, explore the Book of Faith Resource Selection tool at bookoffaith.org or call Customer Care toll-free at **800-328-4648**.



leader training

Leading in Faith

Foundational Training DVD, \$29.99
ISBN: 978-0-8066-9566-2
Level: All

Simple and Effective Tools to Help Train Leaders

Because we know that developing trained leaders in your congregations is a key component to your success in building biblical fluency, we've developed effective training resources to help nurture and grow skilled leaders.

Leading in Faith

Leading in Faith is a video series designed to help leaders of all experience levels develop effective skills for facilitation Bible study. The DVDs feature seven 5–7 minute videos for leaders to watch individually or together in advance of their course of study.

Some of the topics include teaching the Book of Faith Initiative four-method approach, building trust, and using new technology. Be sure to check out this resource to help your leaders reach their full potential.

Bible Study Course Kit Session Preparation Materials

Be sure to keep an eye out for session preparation materials available in each course kit. Because we know Bible study session preparation time needs to be simple and effective, each kit contains the tools to help teachers quickly prepare thought-provoking lessons that encourage conversation.

Developing leaders is critical to building fluency.

Are your leaders prepared?



Lutheran Study Bible Is the Foundation



Lutheran Study Bible
Hardcover, \$34.99
(Pictured on the left.)
ISBN: 978-0-8066-8059-0

Paperback, \$24.99
(Pictured on the right.)
ISBN: 978-0-8066-8060-6

Quantity discounts are available
for purchases of 10 or more.

If you haven't heard already, *Lutheran Study Bible* is the must-have companion for every Bible study participant. The highly respected NRSV translation is accompanied by new introductions, notes, and articles written by over 60 Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians. The Bible is designed to invite readers to literally "get on the same page" and experience God's Word with the same sound background material when studying the Bible together.

Reader-friendly, inviting,
and engaging Bible Study
companion.

Foundational Courses

Three foundational courses enable you to jump-start your congregation with the Book of Faith Initiative. Each course has a unique approach, so check out which method will work best to engage your congregation.

Opening the Book of Faith Course

Opening the Book of Faith Course is the foundational course for the Book of Faith Initiative for more experienced Bible study participants. It outlines practical methods to studying Scripture and then reinforces the basics of scriptural interpretation with four integrated studies. An animated DVD video with background music is included to help engage viewers, particularly young adults.

Rediscovering the Book of Faith Course

Rediscovering the Book of Faith Course explores how the Bible came to be our book of faith by providing a succinct introduction of the creation, collection, and canonization of Scripture. This course is highly effective for people new to the Bible and as a precursor to Bible study. An animated, narrated video is included to provide a multimedia experience for younger adult participants.

Making Sense of Scripture **NEW!**

Making Sense of Scripture is an introductory course on the Bible designed in an innovative question and answer format. It's a dialogue that covers seven big questions about the Bible and encourages readers to not be afraid to have questions or doubts when reading Scripture.

A supplemental DVD features author, David Lose, presenting material to start the conversation and bring focus to the book's seven major questions about the Bible.

Foundational Course kits include a print leader guide, learner guide, and a session DVD. Unique to the Foundational Courses, the DVD is included to use at the beginning of each session as a conversation starter with your group.

Opening the Book of Faith
Course Kit, \$39.95
ISBN: 978-0-8066-8064-4
Level: Intermediate—Advanced

Rediscovering the Book of Faith
Course Kit, \$24.99
ISBN: 978-0-8066-8066-8
Level: Beginner—Intermediate

**Making Sense of Scripture:
Bible Basics**
Course Kit, \$39.99
ITEM: ED013562
Level: All

"Questions are...the mark
of the kind of curious,
searching, seeking faith
that you will find all over
the pages of Scripture."

—David J. Lose
Author of *Making Sense of Scripture*



Explore each
book as a book
of faith.



Books of Faith Bible Studies

In-depth
study ideal for
experienced
groups.



A straightforward approach to a book-by-book journey through the Bible, *Books of Faith* is ideal for a Bible study group that has some experience with the Bible. These studies provide a fresh perspective on Scripture as participants explore the key themes and texts in the books of the Bible. Each book of the Bible reveals a unique story or message of faith. Many core themes, story lines, and characters are shared by several books, but each book is its own book of faith. Exploring these books of faith in depth opens up the variety and richness of God's written word.

Of particular note, while this Bible study format is familiar, these studies are unique. By having participants explore rich material through the learner-centric approach and four different contexts in every lesson, participants will gain a fresh perspective on Scripture.

Courses

Genesis

Eight Session Course Kit, \$42.99
ITEM: ED013540

Exodus

Six Session Course Kit, \$32.49
ITEM: ED013542

Numbers

Four Session Course Kit, \$21.49
ITEM: ED013544
Available July 2009

John

Eight Session Course Kit, \$42.99
ITEM: ED013539

Romans

Six Session Course Kit, \$32.49
ITEM: ED013541

Galatians

Four Session Course Kit, \$21.49
ITEM: ED013543
Available August 2009

1 John

Four Session Course Kit, \$21.49
ITEM: ED013536

Every course kit includes: a leader guide, learner guide, and a session preparation DVD for leaders to watch before preparing the lessons. The kit components are also sold separately.



**Read the
Stories.
Learn about
yourself.**

People of Faith Bible Studies

Invite new participants to discover Scripture.

People of Faith is a series designed to explore Bible characters in the belief that the stories of God's people are also about us. These stories tell us who we are—and who God is for us. Each session focuses on a specific character in the Bible in a way that is appealing and fun. This series is a great way to build familiarity and understanding of the major characters in the Bible.

Each study is four sessions long and moves chronologically through the Bible. Explore the whole series (16 characters) for a great overview of the Old Testament.

Courses

A Gardener, Two Travelers, and a Cheat

Adam, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob
Four Session Course Kit, \$21.49
ITEM: ED013558

A Lamenting, A Dreamer, and Two Pretty Good Leaders

Rachel, Joseph, Moses, Joshua
Four Session Course Kit, \$21.49
ITEM: ED013559
Available July 2009

A Great-Grandma to a King, a King-maker, a King, and a Royal Pain

Ruth, Samuel, David, Elijah
Four Session Course Kit, \$21.49
ITEM: ED013560
Available August 2009

A Prostitute, Two Prophets, and Poor 'Ol Job

Gomer, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Job
Four Session Course Kit, \$21.49
ITEM: ED013561
Available August 2009

Every course kit includes: a leader guide, learner guide, and a session preparation DVD for leaders to watch before preparing the lessons. The kit components are also sold separately.



Connect your
group with
worship.

Together in Faith Bible Studies

Great as a
lectionary or
thematic study.



Together in Faith follows the Revised Common Lectionary. While a lectionary guided connection with the Bible typically occurs in the context of worship, the thematic approach of *Together in Faith* can link the gathering of small groups with the congregation's gathering around the word. Online worship ideas are provided so that preachers and worship planners can create congregation-wide experiences around each of the *Together in Faith* units.

Together in Faith can also be used as a theme-based study for congregations that use thematic worship. These studies are suited well for engaging more worshippers in Bible study. *Together in Faith* provides intriguing themes to help worshippers dig further into the Bible. You can use the small group session materials in a series or as a stand-alone study for anytime use.

For more ideas on how this format can fit with your worship plans, check out the *Together in Faith* planning calendar at bookoffaith.org.

Courses

God's Will for Life *Studies in Mark*

Three Session Course Kit, \$16.49
ITEM: ED013557

God's Extraordinary Church *Studies in Ephesians*

Six Session Course Kit, \$32.49
ITEM: ED013555

God's Standard or Gold Standard? *Studies in Proverbs*

Three Session Course Kit, \$16.49
ITEM: ED013556

Every course kit includes: a leader guide, learner guide, and a session preparation DVD for leaders to watch before preparing the lessons. The kit components are also sold separately.



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