

Exploring Christ Suggested Materials Worksheet

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EXPLORING CHRIST GROWTH CATALYSTS

- Sunday Services
- Small Groups
- Discovering Christianity Workshop
- Discovering Baptism Workshop
- Discovering EBC Course
- Discovering Membership Course
- Sunday Serving
- Personal Bible Reading
- Personal Prayer

Welcome

This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with the Spiritual Transformation booklet that describes the how we can grow in our journey of faith. If you have not yet read that booklet, please do so before attempting to use this worksheet.

Here you will find suggested materials and resources that you can use to help you grow. They are designed to be used in addition to the workshops, courses, small groups, Sunday services and serving opportunities that we have available at EBC to help us in our spiritual journey. The resources and materials listed here are split into the four different growth catalysts that are explained in the booklet. We will be adding more resource ideas to these sheets in the future so please do keep checking for new additions. The books listed here are all available from the church library which is located in the church office. If you have suggestions for other resources that you have found helpful, please do let us have them.

If you have questions or need clarification please do contact Chris Porter or Steph Littlejohn via the church office on 01344 487744 or email officestaff@ebc-bracknell.org. We hope that these resources will be of help as you continue on the journey of faith!

Calayst 1: Beliefs and Attitudes

Books:

"The Case for Christ" Lee Strobel
(a simple and easy to read introduction to the historical evidence for the existence of Jesus)

"The Case for Faith" Lee Strobel
(a simple and easy to read introduction why the Christian faith makes sense)

"Questions of Life" by Nicky Gumbel
(an introduction to the basic beliefs of Christianity and how to start living a Christian life)

"Challenging Lifestyle" by Nick Gumbel
(looks at the basics of following Jesus including how to pray and how to give in a simple way)

"What's So Amazing About Grace" Philip Yancy
(a powerful book that explains God's grace and how we can show it to others)

"Who is This Man" John Ortberg (talk also available on CD from the church office)
(looks at the impact Jesus has made on the world that we live in and asks who is this man?)

Podcasts/Audio:

EBC Talk Series: Jesus 3D (Sept 2009), What If He Meant It (June 2009), The Shack (May 2010), The Prodigal God (Oct 2010), Christianity For Dummies (Sept 2011), The Story (Sep 2012)
(these are available from the Resources: Sunday Sermons section of the EBC website or on CD on request from the church office)

Catalyst 2: Organised Church Activities

Books:

“The Volunteer Revolution” Bill Hybels
(explains the power of being a volunteer and serving in a local church”

“Rediscovering Church” Bill and Lynne Hybels
(the amazing story of Willow Creek Community Church and a vision for the church as the hope of the world)

Podcasts/Audio:

EBC Talk Series: Who Stole My Church? (Jan 2011), Christianity For Dummies (Sept 2011), Walking in His Footsteps (Jan 2012)

(available from Resources: Sunday Sermons section of the EBC website or on CD on request from the church office)

Calayst 3: Personal Spiritual Practices

Books:

Chapter 18 of the book “Does God Believe in Athiests” by John Blanchard

“The Bible for Dummies” by Jeffrey Geoghegan and Michael Homan

“Christian Prayer for Dummies” by Richard Wagner

“Too Busy Not to Pray” Bill Hybels

Podcasts/Audio:

EBC Talk Series: Life in the 21st Century (March 2009), Christianity for Dummies (Sept 2011)

(available from Resources: Sunday Sermons section of the EBC website or on CD on request from the church office)

Other:

Youversion app for iphone, android, ipad available at www.youversion.com
(fantastic app that has multiple versions of the Bible on it plus suggested Bible reading plans on topics and themes, it also contains audio versions of the Bible for those who prefer to listen rather than read)

Sacred Space website www.sacredspace.ie
(has a daily prayer and sometimes includes reflections on life and God)

Bible reading notes

(Janet Roe who you contact via the church office, is able to get hold of different types of Bible reading notes that are designed to help you read the Bible and reflect on it. There are different types of notes that will suit different people.

Calayst 4: Spiritual Activities with Others

Books:

“Winning with People” by John Maxwell
(great book on how to build better relationships with friends, work colleagues and family)

Podcasts/Audio:

EBC Talk Series: Winning With People (April 2009)

(available from Resources: Sunday Sermons section of the EBC website or on CD on request from the church office)