

DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY RESOURCES

Many parish leaders find that attending a single seminar or retreat day is only able to provide a brief overview of some of the key elements to discipleship and evangelization. Spending time reflecting, praying, and learning both individually and as a group will help ensure you take the concepts from theories and apply them in practice in your parish. We have compiled a list of resources we recommend for both individuals and groups to help you on your path toward missionary discipleship. For parish leaders, your first step would be to go through the Alpha small group process. For parish leadership, Alpha is the next step to continue your *Disciples on the Way* journey.

DISCIPLESHIP METHODOLOGY



Burning Hearts Disciples. Based on *Living As Missionary Disciples: A Resource for Evangelization*, USCCB
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The Encounter, Accompaniment, Community, Mission methodology is outlined in the USCCB document *Living as Missionary Disciples: A Resource for Evangelization*. The appendix includes reflection questions for each of the four methodology areas.

Additional resources can also be found in the New Evangelization Library on the website for the Diocese of Green Bay.

All resources for download can be found at: www.burningheartdisciples.org/greenbay or www.gbdioc.org/disciplesontheway

ENCOUNTER - DISCOVER JESUS

The purpose of evangelization is to lead people to encounter Christ.

PARISH SMALL GROUP - ALPHA

Alpha is series of interactive sessions designed to present the Gospel and the essentials of Christian faith in a dynamic way that reaches the hearts of men and women today. Each session includes a meal, a video talk, and small group discussion. Alpha is intended to build upon the Discipleship Formation Seminar by helping people grow in their own journey as disciples. Details of Alpha, including training information, curriculum and overview of Alpha can be found at www.gbdioc.org/discipleresources

GROUP SHARING - KERYGMA ENIGMA EXPERIENCE

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Spend some time as a group unpacking The Kerygma Experience presented at the Discipleship Seminar. The *Encounter & Conversion Handout*, particularly the questions on the final page, can be a great source of discussion for your team. (available for download)

Consider sharing:

- Which movement of the kerygma was the hardest for you? Why?
- Which movement of the kerygma was the easiest for you to relate to? Why?
- What insight came to you through this experience that was new or different for you?
- What do you need in order to continue to grow as a disciple?

GROUP SHARING - KERYGMA DEFINED

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Spend some time as a group looking through the *Kerygma Defined* handout used during the Discipleship Seminar. Consider using the Scripture references and quotes from Church documents and saints on this handout for Lectio Divina prayer together. The questions on the back side of the page, can be a great source of discussion for your team. (available for download)

BOOK STUDY - JESUS: THE STORY YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

DEACON KEITH STROHM

In *Jesus: The Story You Thought You Knew*, Deacon Keith Strohm invites you not just to read about Jesus, but to have a transformative encounter with him. This isn't a book of theology, or an abstract story with little impact on your real life. It is the story that can and will transform you if you re open to it. In these pages, you will discover who you truly are and what you were created for. You will meet Jesus, not simply as an historical figure, but as our living and present Savior and friend. Reflection and discussion questions are included at the end of each chapter.



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BOOK STUDY - UNDER THE INFLUENCE: THE TRANSFORMING EXPERIENCE OF ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

JOE PAPROCKI

Many Catholics feel catechized but not “evangelized”, meaning they know about Jesus but do not feel they know him personally. The bridge between where we are and where we want to be in our faith journey can be confusing without the right guidance. In *Under the Influence of Jesus*, best-selling author Joe Paprocki explains complex spiritual concepts with engaging discussion so that “everyday” Catholics can integrate and articulate their faith and live the Gospel in a way that is simple, compelling, contemporary, liberating, and life-changing.

RETREAT DAY - KERYGMA: A PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

BARB MASON REED - PROCLAIM! PUBLICATIONS

Kerygma is a Catholic Bible-based retreat which gives the participants the opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus through hearing and responding to His Word and renewing the gifts and graces received in Baptism & Confirmation. Although it uses both Scripture and Church teaching to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ, it is not an academic study of salvation history but rather an opportunity for the many Catholics who do not know the basic Gospel message to experience its life-changing effects.

SERIES - JESUS IS LORD

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CENTER AT TEXAS A&M

Jesus Is Lord is a 6 week series that seeks to provide a place for Catholics to once again meet Jesus and deepen their relationship with him. The goal of *Jesus Is Lord* is the same as the *kerygma*, or preaching, of the early apostles: we hope to meet the Lord with others and deepen our commitment to be his faith-filled disciples. St. Mary’s Catholic Center’s website includes videos, spiritual exercises, and reflection questions for each week. <https://aggiecatholic.org/jesusislord>

SERIES - CCO DISCOVERY STUDY (LEVEL ONE)

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH: ST. JOSEPH PUBLICATIONS

The CCO Faith Study series is a collection of five thematic studies that simply and clearly explain the truths of the faith and practically outline important principles for Catholic living. The strength of these faith studies is in their didactic and intentionality. Their purpose is to bring people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, leading to a conversion which orients their entire life to God. The leader guide content is comprehensive, easy to understand share and offers practical suggestions on how to lead.

Level One - Discovery is a 6-week study that leads you through a simple but personally challenging look at the Gospel message.



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