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Apostles offers a fresh perspective on the role of apostles today. His presentation is truly significant, greatly important and one of the best available. Thoroughly scriptural and practical, the explanation of apostolic function, preparation, mentoring, and authority is excellent, bringing much needed balance and biblical reference to today's discussion. Author Bill Scheidler is the author of several books including *The Local Church Today*, *Apostles, Present Day Truths and Principles of Church Life and Growing Strong Churches*. This is a Book About Discipleship. It is a journey through the scriptural memory of Mary, starting with Mary's and the women disciples' presence in the Upper Room and at Pentecost. Presenting Mary as a model of Christian discipleship solely on the Annunciation has limited her influence to private spirituality. This image has been used to silence and severely limit the role of women in the church. Marie Azzarello presents a new reflection whereby a renewed image of Mary's discipleship can speak more clearly to the reality of women and men trying to live their commitment as disciples of Jesus Christ. This renewed image arises when the Annunciation and visitation are reconnected to Pentecost. These scriptural reflections on Mary provide a prophetic, dynamic image of discipleship that can serve as a model for the contemporary church, one that is entirely consistent with the principles of the Second Vatican Council. *The Spiritual Disciplines Pamphlet* explains the classic spiritual disciplines that help us follow Jesus: Scripture reading, prayer, fasting, worship, solitude, and evangelism. *The Spiritual Disciplines Pamphlet* makes an excellent handout or Bible study on Christian maturity for a small group or Sunday school class. It addresses questions such as: What does it mean to be Jesus' disciples in the twenty-

first century? Do spiritual disciplines look different in an electronic age? How can spiritual disciplines be a joy, not a legalistic burden? Includes an explanation and advice on these Spiritual Disciplines: • Bible Reading/Study • Prayer • Fasting • Worship • Service • Solitude • Discernment • Evangelism Each Spiritual Discipline includes: • Examples from people in the Bible • Tips for getting started • How each discipline helps us to have a Christ-focused life Discussion Questions • Scripture Reading: Read two of the Bible passages from the list on page 5. In your opinion, what is the message of these passages? Read the section on "The Disciplines Today." Some people love to read the Bible; others see it as a challenge. What ideas might work for those who struggle? • Prayer: Read one of the Psalms listed at the top of page 6 and pick one other Bible passage in that section. What is the writer of the Psalms expressing in his prayer? Is he being honest with God about his emotions and problems? In what way does this change your view of prayer? What attitude should we have? What kinds of prayers should we avoid? Pick one of the ideas in "The Disciplines Today" and share how you might apply it. • Fasting: Choose two of the passages at the top of page 8 to read. Why did these people choose to fast? Now look at the quote. How can we keep our focus on the right thing? Fasting is one of the most neglected of the Spiritual Disciplines, but it is excellent for teaching us self-control. Look at the tips. How might you practice the discipline of fasting? • Worship: People worship in many ways as we can see from the biblical examples at the top of page 9. Which of these suit your personality and circumstances the most? Look at the first point under "The Disciplines Today." In practical ways, how can we develop the right attitudes? When we worship in a group, the experience is often different from our private times of worship. What are the benefits of each? • Service: Jesus could have forced and bullied everyone into obeying him. Yet he did not. He chose to be a servant. Pick one of the passages from the Biblical Basis section at the top of page 10, and explain how Jesus' leadership is different from the kind of leadership found in the world today. Read the tips on page 10. How will you serve others in a way that imitates Jesus? • Solitude: Many biblical leaders sought to be alone with God. Pick one of the examples on page 11 and note anything of interest to you. If you are the type of person who likes having a lot of noise in your life, how do you practice solitude? What are the benefits of going off by yourself and praying and resting? • Discernment: Look at the examples of biblical discernment at the top of page 12. Read both of the last two bullet points in the Biblical Basis section. What does discernment mean and how does it look today? Some people seem to have the spiritual gift of discernment, but all believers can be more discerning in general. Why is it important to discuss issues with other believers? • Evangelism: Read all of the points at the top of page 13. What did Jesus teach? Look at the tips. What do you see as the most important? It is often easiest and most natural to share your own story with close friends. Do you ever sense an opportunity to discuss spiritual matters? Perfect for discipleship or small groups. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to make people his followers and to guide them as disciples. Disciples of the Holy Spirit helps Christians to understand the work of the Holy Spirit, to clarify the role of the Spirit in their lives as believers, and to guide them along moral paths so they may embrace the Spirit's gifts

and bear fruit to the glory of God. Author George P. Kimber taps his knowledge and experience from nearly six decades of discipleship as an evangelist, pastor, teacher, and professor to explain the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. He outlines God's need for disciples in today's challenging times. He tells how the Holy Spirit empowers individuals to follow Jesus' unique model of discipleship. He describes the ethics of discipleship that Jesus taught in his Sermon on the Mount and that his apostles carried out in their ministries. He reinforces the truth that godly love underlies all of the Holy Spirit's work in the lives of disciples. Disciples of the Holy Spirit will guide you both in understanding how the Holy Spirit's gifts and fruits come to life in your discipleship and in applying moral principles to the faithful practice of the Spirit's gifts. In the end, you will come to know the Holy Spirit and its holistic work in your life. There is a "missing link" in most churches today. There is a significant gap between membership and active involvement in ministry. What is missing is what Jesus modeled in His earthly ministry—disciple making. In the absence of this model from Christ, churches struggle to maintain membership and ministry. Underequipped members lack the enthusiasm and insight to truly be a part of active ministry. The reverse is also true—when members are trained as active disciples, the ministry potential of the church can follow that of the early Christian church outlined in the book of Acts. Yes, the model works, as the Holy Spirit works in the transformed lives of today's disciples as He has throughout the history of the church. This book will give you practical insights for developing a discipleship process in your church. The latest book in the successful Understanding Jesus Today series deals with the role of discipleship in Christianity. James Dunn explores the original meaning of discipleship in the early Church and then discusses what discipleship should mean for Christians today. The evidence in the Gospels regarding the requirements of discipleship, including the beliefs and daily character of the life of a disciple, are explored and a firm basis upon which a tradition of discipleship can be defined is found. Important questions addressed are: To whom was Jesus's call to discipleship primarily directed? What were the characteristics of the community of disciples that formed around Jesus in His lifetime and how has the character of that community, which has become the Christian Church, changed over time? How does modern discipleship measure up against discipleship in the early Church? The book is based on the best of current scholarship but is written at a popular level. Covenant Discipleship Groups have a long history of helping Christians grow as disciples. Based on the early Methodist class meetings, Covenant Discipleship Groups provide a way for Christians today to be accountable disciples of Jesus Christ. Q&A's Q: WHAT IS A COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP GROUP? A: Covenant Discipleship Groups consists of up to seven persons who meet together for one hour each week to hold themselves mutually accountable for their discipleship. They do this by means of a covenant that they have written. Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP GROUP? A: Covenant Discipleship Groups are intended solely for mutual accountability and prayerful support for living as disciples in the world. They are not where our discipleship happens but where we make sure that it happens. Q: WHY DOES THE GROUP NEED A COVENANT? A: The covenants we make with one another help us keep our covenant with

God. We make covenants with one another because we live in a world that has yet to accept God's salvation. We constantly face temptations to turn away from God, and we need some means of mutual support. John Wesley and the early Methodists understood this need and saw that nothing short of binding themselves to mutual accountability would suffice. By the grace of God, they agreed to watch over each other in love. Q: WHY JOIN A COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP GROUP? A: By joining with other Christians in a weekly meeting, members of Covenant Discipleship Groups learn to center their lives on Jesus Christ by following his teachings and supporting one another in living out the basics of Christian discipleship. Q: WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME IN A COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP GROUP? A: You will become more aware of God's grace in your life. You will find new ways of serving God and your neighbor. You will find your understanding of God's will greatly enhanced. Q: How WILL THIS BOOK HELP ME? A: This handbook is primarily a practical reference manual for starting, developing, sustaining, and incorporating Covenant Discipleship Groups into the mission and ministry of the church. There has been an intense and growing debate in recent years regarding "dominionism" and what it means for Christians' involvement in business, politics, education, entertainment and other realms of societal influence. Now Dr. Peter Wagner brings Spirit-inspired clarity to the conversation with this essential guide for believers who want to impact our world for God's kingdom. This invaluable study examines powerful strategies God has revealed to His people in recent days and answers persistent questions with clear, biblical wisdom: Is wealth a legitimate tool of the church? How do today's workplace apostles lead in spiritual battle? Does God allow His people to make some decisions about the future? How is dominion theology operational in our world today? This groundbreaking study lays a biblical, theological and inspirational foundation for the mandate God has given His people. Have you ever wondered if Apostles still exist in today's church? Are the twelve that walked with Christ Jesus during His earthly ministry the only Apostles in the Bible? When it comes to Paul, how did he become an Apostle? What are the requirements for one to become an Apostle? Is there a ranking order of authority in the church? If so, what is the ranking authority of an Apostle? If you want answers to these questions, then this book is for you. Get ready to find out if Apostles exist in today's church. God is about to release into the earth a powerful increase of the apostolic and prophetic anointings, and restore the apostolic nature of the church itself! Every Christian needs to prayerfully consider the message of this book, and hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Things are changing, and God is about to act again in history. The Apostolic Revelation unveils a series of dynamic concepts that are crucial to the life of the church and the restoration of its apostolic power. It establishes benchmarks for the apostolic ministry, and gives definition and substance to the new apostolic wineskin of the church. Here is a revelation of apostolic methods, and God's heart for the church and its leadership. In this study, today's apostolic message is harmonised with and grounded in the apostolic revelation of Christ given to Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. This work is the result of 13 years of inquiry, searching the mind of the Spirit regarding the place of apostles today, and seeking to understand what it means for the church to be the mature apostolic church prepared for the coming of Christ. Apostolic

grace is for every believer. This book seeks to equip you to receive a greater grace, and prepare you for the astounding days ahead. C. Peter Wagner said "After reading *The Apostolic Revelation*, I want to congratulate you for it. It is a brilliant book. I would not hesitate to classify it as the premier biblical theology of the apostolic movement. This book ranks up there with the very best of the exploding literature on the subject." A distinguished scholar looks at seven different New Testament churches after the death of the Apostles. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved. Are apostles amongst us today? According to a growing section of the church, the answer is yes. This book investigates and appraises that idea seeking answers to the following questions in the context of the church in the USA and particularly Britain: Is there a robust scriptural justification for the charismatic apostolate (CA) that most charismatic groups are proclaiming? How widespread is this belief and why has it become more commonplace? What kind of apostles are being advocated by influential popular teachers? What does church history and tradition have to offer to this idea? Is there a way to endorse and embrace ecumenically the CA? Does the CA have a future in the universal church? These are important questions to answer for the sake of the church's mission and health. This study describes the lives of the twelve disciples called by Jesus Christ for training, repentance, and transformation into effective and spirit-filled apostles. They were charged with establishing the Church of Jesus Christ in the hostile world of Jewish, Greek, Roman, and many other groups of intense unbelievers. They were laymen, untrained in deep Jewish doctrine but practiced as businessmen and filled with zeal for the Jewish Messiah to return. They wanted to be a part of his new kingdom and expected major roles in ruling Israel. They became the first of many converts to see that the Jews had missed the heart of God's message and the new message was that they would die to their own minds, wills, and emotional structures and replace it with the will of their Father through the Holy Spirit. Jesus taught them for more than ten thousand hours of practical ministry, teaching, and supernatural endowment during their time together. This is considerably more hours than it takes to achieve a doctorate in theology today. In this time, they were still incapable of standing up to the Jewish authorities, until endued with power from on high at Pentecost. These secrets, which the apostles found in their ministries, will help the disciple who is serious about transforming his or her life and knowledge of the Gospel into effective ministry. Theological education is at a global crossroads. Although many traditional programmes struggle to maintain student enrolment, today's environment gives exciting opportunities to serve the global church in ways that are multi-level, accessible, and educationally effective. TEE for the 21st Century utilizes missiological, educational, and sociological perspectives to explore theological education by extension (TEE) as a powerful contemporary tool for equipping the global church for its global mission. Multi-authored by a global team of discipline experts, brought together by the Increase Association, this book speaks to the real-life training needs of today's church. Addressed to leaders, teachers, and practitioners, it offers a robust framework for critically evaluating the impact of TEE on the formation of whole-life disciples in a wide variety of contexts and locations. With a proven track record across Asia, Latin America, and

Africa, TEE has a role to play in the future of the church, empowering every member to fulfil their God-given calling to ministry and mission. Dann Spader is a disciple-maker who has spent his adult life exploring what it means to take someone from being a seeker to making disciples themselves. Over 750,000 people in 80 countries have been trained to make disciples through organizations he has led. Through studying the life of Christ and His disciple-making methods, Dann developed 4 Chair Discipling, a simple picture for others to follow. Jesus' last words on earth had a few very specific instructions: Go, make disciples, baptize, and teach. But what does that mean for us today? Well, it's not easy. But it is simple. Teacher and leader Dann Spader explains disciple-making as a process of moving people through four chairs, from someone seeking to know more about Christ to someone who makes disciples themselves. Chair 1: Come and See (John 1:39) Chair 2: Follow Me (John 1:43) Chair 3: Become a Fisher of Men (Matthew 4:19) Chair 4: Go and Bear Fruit (John 15:16) In the process of His four-year ministry, Jesus realized that different people are at different stages of growth and development, and He works to challenge each of them to the next level. In 4 Chair Discipling, you'll get a clear and simple picture of how to follow in Jesus' footsteps and do the same thing. Learn how to implement the Like Jesus series into your small group, ministry and church to build a culture of disciple-making. Use the Like Jesus App and Digital Access platform for videos, assessment, engagement, real-time metrics are more, download today: <http://LikeJesus.church> This book, by Wolfhart Pannenberg, is an exploration of the historical interpretation of the Apostles Creed in order to demonstrate the relevance of its articles for the present day. How do we move from ever-increasing religious activities to passionate and powerful experiences of God? How do we recognize and disarm the limiting beliefs and distorted self-image that holds us back? These are the things that keep us from embracing our true selves. They hinder us from enjoying the amazing promises of God and the adventures to which God beckons us? In "Walk This Way: The Spirit-Led Life," author Byron Parson reveals the exciting lives awaiting us as we correct erroneous views of God and open up to His unique plans and leadership in our lives. The author unpacks the power of acceptance and couples it with reminders of the multitude of blessings ALREADY available to believers. Byron has created an incredible pathway to declutter our unhealthy and sometimes harmful views of God. He offers a warm and sensitive approach to the most powerful relationship we can have on Earth. "Walk This Way" successfully navigates the thin line between deep spiritual concepts and on-the-spot practical advice. It dives into the depths of the reader's fundamental beliefs and emotions. It provides a roadmap that, when followed, has the power to change believers from dutiful followers into transformative reflections of God's love, mercy, and power. It is a guide for how we can see our Creator in new ways no matter how old our relationship with Him. Byron is delighted to invite you on this exciting adventure of discovery and breakthrough to new heights in your spiritual life. Here's what you can expect to gain along the way if you can muster the courage to look inside your heart and stay open to the powerful truths of God: * Understanding and awareness of the great influence your view of God has on your life * Practical tools for identifying and overcoming false beliefs * Straightforward process for accepting empowering truths * Skills and

emotional space to bring forth untapped abilities* Access to the Spirit's wisdom for guidance and inspiration in all aspects of your life* Healing, wholeness, and transformation through intimacy with God Preached at Enfield, Connecticut on July 8, 1741, this is perhaps the greatest sermon ever preached in America—and is certainly among the most well known. Owing to its forthright dealing with God's wrath and His intense hatred of sin and the sinner, it is also one of the most controversial. Indeed, for more than three-quarters of the sermon Edwards lays down a relentless stream of the most vivid and horrifying descriptions of the danger facing unregenerate men. While it is difficult to read such graphic language, there is abundant hope in the sermon's conclusion. Edwards puts it this way, "And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open and stands calling and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners." While those who would rather ignore God's justice in favor of His mercy condemn Edwards and his sermon, those who were present and actually heard him preach that day reacted in a decidedly different manner. According to the diary of Reverend Stephen Williams who attended the sermon, "Before the sermon was done there was a great moaning and crying through the whole House, 'what shall I do to be saved; oh, I am going to hell, etc.'" The diary goes on to indicate that Edwards had to interrupt his sermon and come down to minister to those who were under such awful conviction. And so, in spite of what the scoffers might think or say, "the amazing and astonishing power of God" was manifested among the people that day—with many falling not into the hands of an angry God, but into the arms of a mighty Savior. In this small, lucid gem of a book, the controversial Swiss theologian Hans Kung offers his thoughtful explanation of what the ancient profession of Christian faith can mean for us today. In doing so, Kung also flings a challenging response to the new Catechism of the Catholic Church, for 'Credo' is a fresh answer to the conservative stance of today's Vatican - a salvo that cannot be ignored. While controversy inevitably surrounds all of Kung's books, 'Credo' is his most accessible and straightforward work to date, written simply for all readers. It is the summation of a lifetime of theological thought by one of Christianity's most profound and original thinkers - a book that reaches out to non-Catholic Christians, as well as to Jews, Moslems, and those of the Eastern religions, and that gives everyone the dignity he or she deserves. Kung asks the big questions: Can we still believe in God? In the Virgin birth? In the divinity of Jesus? In his resurrection? In eternal life? And Kung also asks many unusual questions: Did Auschwitz disprove the existence in God? Is there any real difference between Jesus and the Buddha? Is resurrection from the dead un-Jewish? Must the Church be undemocratic? The answers he gives are, as always, profound and unexpected. This is not a book just for Catholics or even just for Christians, but a book for anyone with an interest in how religion can be integrated into contemporary life. Here is a great modern intellect - at his most reader friendly. Making Disciples is a 13-session mentor-based confirmation program that pairs confirmands with adult mentors and guides them through a variety of learning experiences that will strengthen the student's understanding of the faith while connecting him or her with the community of believers in a personal way. It can be used as a stand-alone program, or in conjunction with your current curriculum as a special

experiential unit. This is a confirmation program that is more like a process and less like a reading assignment, more engaging and congruent with the nature of the Christian faith than existing programs. Using an "apprenticeship" approach to confirmation Will Willimon produced a series of learning experiences where adult mentors and confirmands are both teachers and learners at the same time. This time-tested approach has been extensively revised and updated for usage in today's churches that take seriously Christ's command to be engaged in disciple making. The bulk of the Mentor Guide is exactly the same as the Confirmand's Journal. You are encouraged to work through the activities right along with the confirmands and to complete the activities and writing assignments just as he or she does. By working along with your confirmand you will demonstrate the need to keep learning and growing. Topics explore the basics of Christian faith: •God •Jesus •the Holy Spirit •worship •the Bible •gifts •ministry •baptism •spiritual life •death and resurrection •the church Our common belonging to Christ through baptism creates a bond that transcends the historic and theological differences among the churches; and the mutual recognition of baptism has emerged as a cornerstone of the modern ecumenical movement. Yet significant differences--some threatening the search for the unity of the Church--remain. This book explores the significance of baptism for the churches, and the ecumenical movement, today. Descriptive articles explain the understanding and practice of baptism within a wide range of Christian churches and confessions; these are complemented by baptismal liturgies from many churches, examples of mutual recognition agreements, and reflections on topics such as the role of baptism in increasingly secularized societies. The volume is enhanced by survey articles by prominent liturgists, reviewing the current opportunities--and challenges--facing the churches in the area of baptism. This book will be an important resource for all who wish to explore the understanding and practice of baptism, and its role in the life of the churches and of the ecumenical movement today. Christians today are on a rescue mission. Each of us is called to get involved in God's plan to make disciples. A former California lifeguard, Neil Cole weaves together his personal experiences of saving lives with biblical principles for how to make and multiply disciples. Cole shows how to create Life Transformation Groups that can help a Christian grow in a safe and transparent relationship with one or two other spiritual pilgrims. Full of heroic and even humorous stories, Ordinary Hero captures readers' imaginations and hearts and doesn't let go until they want to make a difference and know how to go about doing it. Have you ever had that sinking feeling that you were missing out on something very valuable in your ministry but just couldn't put your finger on it? Well, these resources for adventures in service to God for the church are valuable assets to those seeking a dynamic experience in God's Kingdom work. To invest yourself in Larry Spencers Ministry of Helps Manual and Workbook can enhance your ministry and greatly format your service with usable hands on tools that complete your tool chest. Bring these practical things home and put them to work. Great results have already been seen from individuals who respect God's Word and value what it can bring to the Board room as well as to the church service. You will not be sorry you invested in this training for you and your ministry team. Rev. Lloyd Tremain, Paradise Community Church of the Nazarene A thorough, practical and much needed

Biblically sound treatment. Wish it had been available 20 years ago when I could have used it to a great positive effect. Dan Wilderman, Retired Assemblies of God Pastor, the order and practical instruction presented will benefit all organizational levels of any Christian Church today. John Steffensen, Radio Host, Christ Today KKXX Radio Chico CA. Hopefully this manual will lay the groundwork for pastors and churches to spread the burden and get others involved in the work of the ministry. I once had a pastor that was often unprepared for a service because he was busy helping a parishioner with some needed chore, or church maintenance, or the myriad other duties needed to keep a church going. The result was that the church stayed the same size. Some leave; others enter. But no growth was apparent despite the considerable preaching talents of the pastor. God is apparently making sure he has only the amount of people that he can handle. We learn that the ancient church had some of the same challenges we face today. Acts 6:14 says, Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. (Read this as doing manual labor.) Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; (the manual labor) but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. It was even bringing strife to the local body. What did they do? And what was the result? The first thing the apostles did was pick out people they knew to be wise and that had had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and appointed them to do practical ministerial duties (the manual labor). This freed up the apostles so they could minister the Word of God. Wow, God's way is so simple, and our grandiose plans just waste time and get nothing done. Pastors need to learn from the apostles and appoint over this business so the pastors have more time to do the spiritual work that promotes God's church. This manual gives a road map for accomplishing the goal of choosing and training people and tips for managing them. Suppose for a moment that Jesus really is interested in every aspect of your life. Everything - the dishes and the dog and the day job and the drudgery of some of the stuff you just have to do, the TV programme you love, the staff in your local supermarket as well as the homeless in the local shelter, your boss as well as your vicar, helping a shopper find the ketchup as well as brewing the tea for the life group, the well-being of your town and the well-being of your neighbour ... Suppose the truth that every Christian is a new creature in Christ, empowered by the Spirit to do his will, means that Christ is with you everywhere you go, in every task you do, with every person you meet ... Suppose God wants to involve you in what he's doing in the places you spend your time day by day ... Suppose your whole life is important to Christ ... He does. These seven studies will help you explore and live out the marvellous truth that the gospel is an invitation into whole-life discipleship, into a life following and imitating Jesus. This title is brought to you by Keswick Ministries and follows the theme of the 2015 Keswick Convention. Find out more at <https://www.keswickministries.org> The Gift of Healing for Today's Believer describes the gift in itself, explains if it still operates in modern times,

who has this gift, how it works, and when it will end. All Christians possess the gift of healing. It just needs to be "turned on." Now you too can operate in this gift, and I can help you! It also speaks about other related topics and how they are intricately intertwined to work together. The author explains certain scriptures which have been misinterpreted by major Christian denominations and mistranslated by the original translators of the Bible. A leading expert in the field of Christian missions encourages the church to recover the apostolic imagination that fueled the multiplication of disciples in the first century. J. D. Payne examines the contemporary practice of Western missions and advocates a more central place for Scripture in defining missionary language, identity, purpose, function, and strategy. He shows that an apostolic understanding of the church's disciple-making commission requires rethinking every aspect of missionary engagement. The book includes end-of-chapter discussion questions and action steps to help pastors and church leaders develop an apostolic imagination. The Spirit moves the church into the world. What can the book of Acts tell us about how the church should operate today? John Stott describes the Spirit-motivated, world-changing mission of the early church and applies its experiences to the modern issues that churches face every day. The 'postcards' that John wrote to the churches of 2 and 3 John are packed full of useful instruction and exhortation. John sent these 'postcards' on ahead of hoped for, and longed for face to face visits: in 2 John to 'the elect lady and her children' and in 3 John to 'the beloved Gaius'. Both churches had their problems. The problem in the church of 2 John concerned deceiving deviants from outside the church - 'men who will not acknowledge the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh', whilst the problem addressed in 3 John was concerned mainly with a dreadful dictator from within the church - 'Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge my authority'. These problem personalities from the first century will ring many present-day bells with us in the twenty-first century. In John's 'postcards', we encounter doctrine, duty, affirmation of truth, and warning against error. We meet love and discipline along with affection and sternness. Overriding everything, as everywhere in the Bible, we glimpse something of the supernatural glory of God in contrast with the sinful humanity He sent His Own Son to save. If you thought this was a book just to read, then think again! At the end of each chapter there is a set of thought-provoking and stimulating questions, each of which could be the subject of a Bible study group. Acts is the sequel to Luke's gospel and tells the story of Jesus's followers during the 30 years after his death. It describes how the 12 apostles, formerly Jesus's disciples, spread the message of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean against a background of persecution. With an introduction by P.D. James "In offering an overview of the church this handbook provides concise information on Disciples heritage, thought, worship, mission, and structure, making it a valuable resource for both church members and members-to-be, and for those who simply want to know more about the church."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved Excerpt from The Rise of the Current Reformation, or a Study in the History of Theology of the Disciples of Christ The "Current Reformation" was a familiar name used at the time for the religious movement which has resulted in the "Disciples of

Christ" or "Christian Churches." It is adopted as the title best expressive of the phase of this phenomenon of modern church history set forth in this book. The work, as will be evident to every reader, is written from within the movement and in confessed sympathy with it. On the other hand, the writer has earnestly tried to tell the truth. As far as possible, the words of the original authors have been made to speak for themselves. The writer has interpreted his duty as a narration, not praise or blame. He gladly acknowledges the excellent work done by Dr. W. E. Garrison, "Alexander Campbell's Theology"; by Dr. Errett Gates, "The Early Relation and Separation of the Disciples and Baptists," and the "History of the Disciples"; also the service done by C. A. Young, in the publication of "Historic Documents Illustrating Christian Union"; but his own researches have been independent of these and for the most part prior in time. They have been, as the book will show, with the original sources as far as these are attainable on this Western Hemisphere. This book was first written as a Doctor's Thesis in the University of Chicago. Having been added to out of the practical work of the class-room and convention floor in California, its author has taken the occasion of the Texas Christian Lectureship, 1905, to place it in final form. The limitations of the work are freely recognized at many points. The writer invites a frank criticism and will gladly recognize any errors which the reader may be able to point out to him. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works. A revised edition of a Disciples classic, A Handbook for Today's Disciples (Fifth Edition) is an overview of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as the denomination approaches 2020. This handbook provides concise information on Disciples history, thought, worship, mission, and structure - a valuable resource for lifelong Disciples, newcomers to the Disciples' ministry of Christian unity, and those who simply want to know more about the church. Cummins, a noted Disciples historian, illustrates his summaries of Disciples traditions with excerpts from Disciples documents and scripture, bringing a major American religious movement into sharp focus. The last supper with Jesus was a momentous occasion for the disciples. This was the last intimate time Jesus had with His disciples, and has been called Jesus' Final Discourse. Some biblical scholars refer to it as Jesus' Last Will and Testament to His Church. Jesus knows that this is the last time He is physically going to spend with you. He knows He's going to die. What does He need to say? What lessons has He taught you that He needs to underscore? How does He need to relate? What actions does He need to take to make clear who He is and what He has tried to communicate? His words in the Upper Room were as monumental for his twelve disciples then as they are for His contemporary disciples now. In this seven-week study, Maxie Dunnam leads readers through John 13:1-17 to this most precious legacy of Jesus' teaching, the

distillation of His thought and message--what He really wants us to hear. We are His modern friends, to whom He speaks as lovingly as He did to His friends in the Upper Room. Knowing all of this, will you listen to Him?

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