

Faith † Hope ♥ Love In Action

Spiritual Growth Study

For the Love of God: John's Letters

This in-depth study of John's Letters seeks to answer key questions concerning who wrote the letters, to whom were they originally written and what they mean to us today. The study also explores the common references such as polarity between life and death, light and darkness, truth and falsehood found in the Letters and in the Fourth Gospel.

The emphasis in 1st John lies on love of God and of one another - a love that expresses the hope of believers for what is to come. The commandment of love applies to all groups. The study explores how 2nd John talks about Truth and Love and 3rd John talks about unity in love. Together, the study of John's writings shows us the complexities and difficulties of our constant calling -- to keep Truth and Love.

Study Leaders:

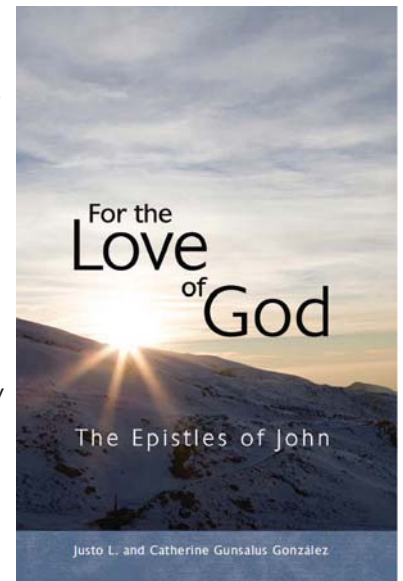
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General Issue Mission Study

Joy To The World: Mission In The Age of Global Christianity

This study explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context

of Christianity as a world-wide religion. It invites us to look at why we are involved in mission and how we proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. What are the biblical mandates for mission? Does Christ call each of us to be his evangelist? The study draws on the New Testament model of Jesus Christ and on Methodist history as sources for our understanding of mission and evangelism. Contemporary practices of world mission will be examined through models rooted both in scripture and history: mission of hospitality, mission of healing and mission of reconciliation - all ways of celebrating God's intention to bring hope and wholeness to the world through Jesus Christ.

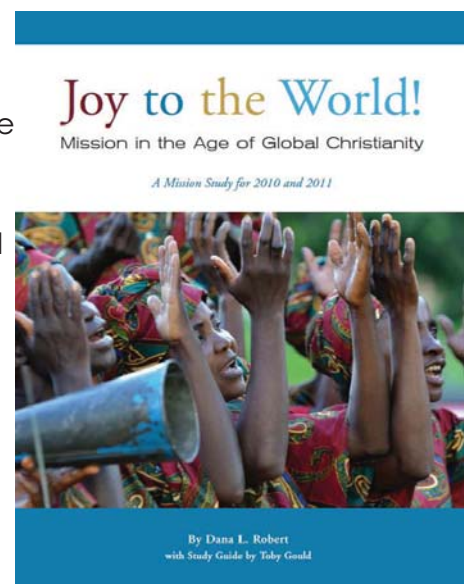
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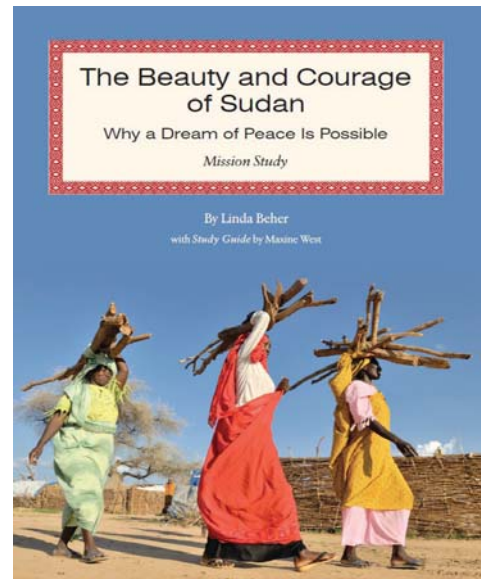
The Beauty & Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peace is Possible

This study offers an extended portrait of Sudan. Explore the history that began in Bible times; the main ethnicities, languages and religions of the country; issues resulting in years of war; colonialism's impact and resulting challenges; and how Sudanese women contribute to the culture and the peace process. As Westerners, we will be challenged to understand and to find ways that people of faith can embrace and affirm the Sudanese people as they struggle to realize their dream of peace.

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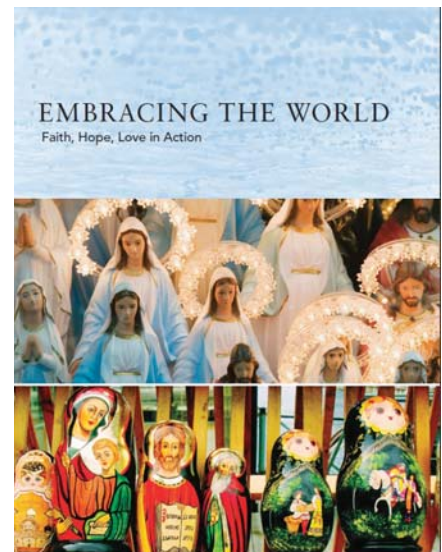
Embracing the World: Faith, Hope & Love in Action

The focus is on the importance of short-term mission trips in this age of globalization and will include a field trip to Wesley Rankin Community Center for a day of hands-on mission work.

Study Leader:

SOCM - Nancy Gilmore

WCME - Marcie Moore



Hugging the World: Faith, Hope & Love in Action

The study includes Biblical lessons, hands-on activities and a story of children on a hot air balloon journey around the globe to explore God's mission in various countries and cultures.

Study Leader:

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