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Designing Hybrid Faith Formation

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Imagining a new vision of forming faithful disciples in today's world

Innovate
Designing innovative faith formation for all ages, families, and generations

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Inspiring people to grow into a faith for a lifetime

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- **Innovate:** Designing innovative faith formation for all ages, families, and generations
- **Inspire:** Inspiring people to grow into a faith for a lifetime

I hope you find the resources helpful to your ministry!
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Hybrid Faith Formation

Designing Hybrid Faith Formation for the Post-Pandemic World

For decades the church and faith formation have relied on in-person, fixed-time gatherings, events, and programming offered in physical spaces. The pandemic disrupted this “oldway” model, and pushed us to experiment with new models. Hybrid models of church and faith formation integrate in-person gatherings at church or in family groups or small group meetings with online content with a rich menu of faith forming experiences. Hybrid models hold together two important values: the importance of in-person relationships and faith forming experiences, and the importance of being responsive to the complexity of people’s lives and their religious-spiritual needs. Hybrid models expand faith formation opportunities for everyone, allowing leaders to become much more strategic about when, where, how, and for what we gather people because we can now integrate online with in-person faith forming. This webinar presents a variety of models for developing a hybrid future for lifelong faith formation in 2021 and beyond.

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What Are We Learning

- **We are focusing on our people**—their needs, struggles, life issues, and more. We are becoming more person-centered.
- **We are expanding our vision** of where church and faith formation happens. We’ve moved from a church-building mindset to a multi-space approach where faith forming happens at home, in online spaces, in small groups, in mentoring relationships, in independent learning, in the world.

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What Are We Learning

- **We are using new approaches** (and tools, methods, and media)—many of which have been available to us for a decade—that the pandemic has motivated (forced?) us to use as integral to faith formation.
- **We are offering faith formation in synchronous** (real time) and **asynchronous** (on your own time) formats with Online and Hybrid approaches—thereby expanding the opportunities for people to engage in faith forming experiences.

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What Are We Learning

- **We are making faith formation mobile**—bringing faith formation to where people live using the new digital tools, methods, and media. We are creating playlists of faith forming content for all ages.
- **We are usually traditional tools in new digital ways.**
- **We are using social media platforms for connection and sharing.** We are connecting and communicating with people of all ages, sharing and discussing faith and spirituality, engaging people to share what they are learning and how they are practicing their faith through videos, images, stories, and more.

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*How do we create
a church and
faith formation
that is...*

Adaptive
Responsive
Resilient
Flexible
Inclusive

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A Time to
Reinvent
Reimagine
Innovate

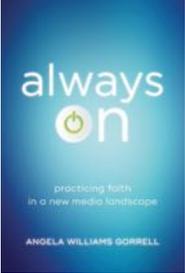


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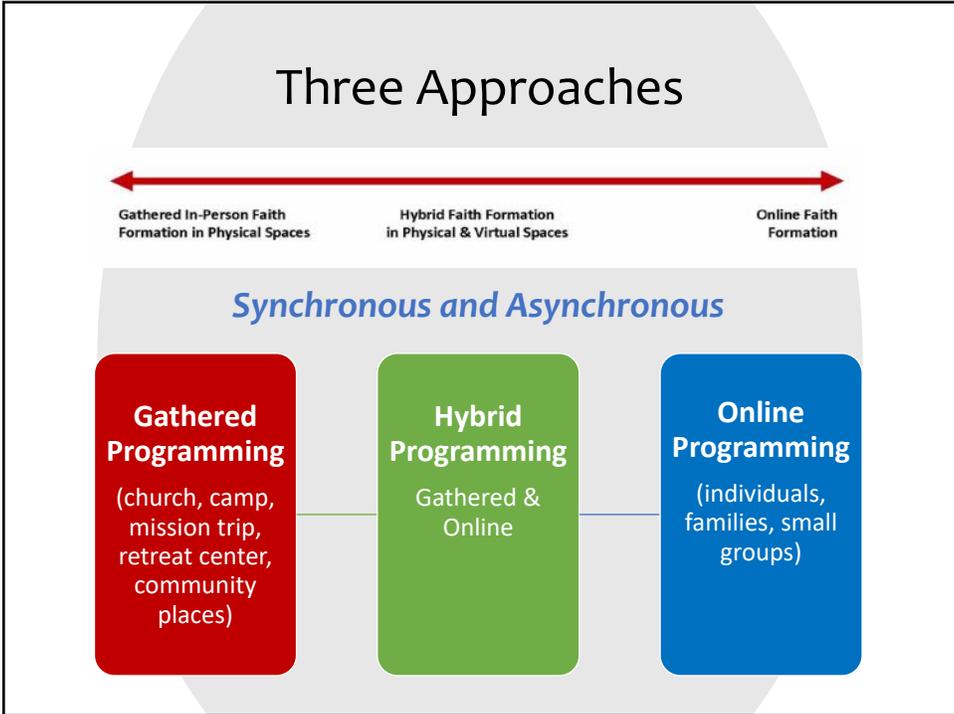
Hybridity

Recognizing online actions as meaning-filled helps Christian communities to consider our current online and in-person reality in terms of its hybridity, rather than in terms of digital dualism (think of online as virtual and in person as real). "Hybridity," describes "the coming together of online and offline, media and matter, or more dynamically. . . . the interplay between the online and offline dimension." Most Americans live hybrid lives because our online and offline lives have been integrated. Interactions online shape offline experiences, and offline communication and practices shape people's online engagement.

Angela Gorrell, *Always On*



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**THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY**
at the slate project

We are an experiment in Christian community,
recognizing that people gather both online and
face-to-face in order to follow Jesus.

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1 #BreakingBread
Christian worship rooted in the ancient and the arts, with a home-cooked meal, unique community, and prayers.
Mondays, 6pm(ish)
Cathedral of the Incarnation,
4 E. University Pkwy, Baltimore.
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2 #WakeUpWordUp
Recovering the bible as a story worth telling.
Tuesdays, 10am.
Nancy by SNAC,
131 W. North Ave., Baltimore.
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3 ENGAGING IMAGES
We create unique image-based content on Wednesday (#WednesdayWisdom) and Thursday (#Tbt) that looks to engage with a 21st-century Christianity.
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4 ONLINE WORSHIP
#SlateSpeak
A live-chat on Twitter, with a beautiful, progressive, radical bent, welcome to everyone. (Yes, you.)
Thursdays, 9pm ET.
Use the digital bookmark
#SlateSpeak on Twitter to follow.

5 AUDIO/VIDEO CONTENT
We release a monthly video/podcast (first Saturdays) that engages with different relevant topics in our world and our church, and provides resources for our partners in ministry to use.

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Mondays What: [#BreakingBread](#) (Dinner Church)
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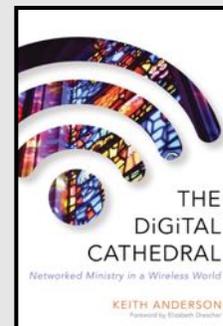
Wednesday What: [#SlateReads](#) (Live Tweet Chat- Book Discussion)
Where: Twitter-- use the digital bookmark #SlateReads
When: 8 PM EST

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Where: Twitter-- use the digital bookmark #SlateSpeak
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Check out our *daily digital content* on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

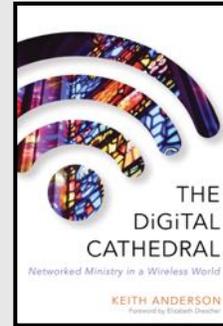
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...the cathedral was not just a monumental building, as we often think of it today, but rather a networked, relational, incarnational community that included people with a surprising range of beliefs and practices. Within premodern cathedral grounds were breweries and bakeries, granaries and gardens, monasteries and markets. Beyond the walls, the cathedral proper extended to the forests, fields, and villages where a diverse array of ordinary believers found the sacred in their waking and their sleeping, their toils and their leisure. People lived life fully “in cathedral”—in relationship to one another within an expansive, everyday understanding of “church.”



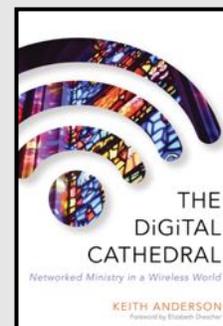
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Well, today, the places that are “in cathedral” are both local and digital—coffee shops, pubs, and parks; Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram—as well as in the digitally-integrated connections people with smartphones and tablets make between their local participation and their digital networks.



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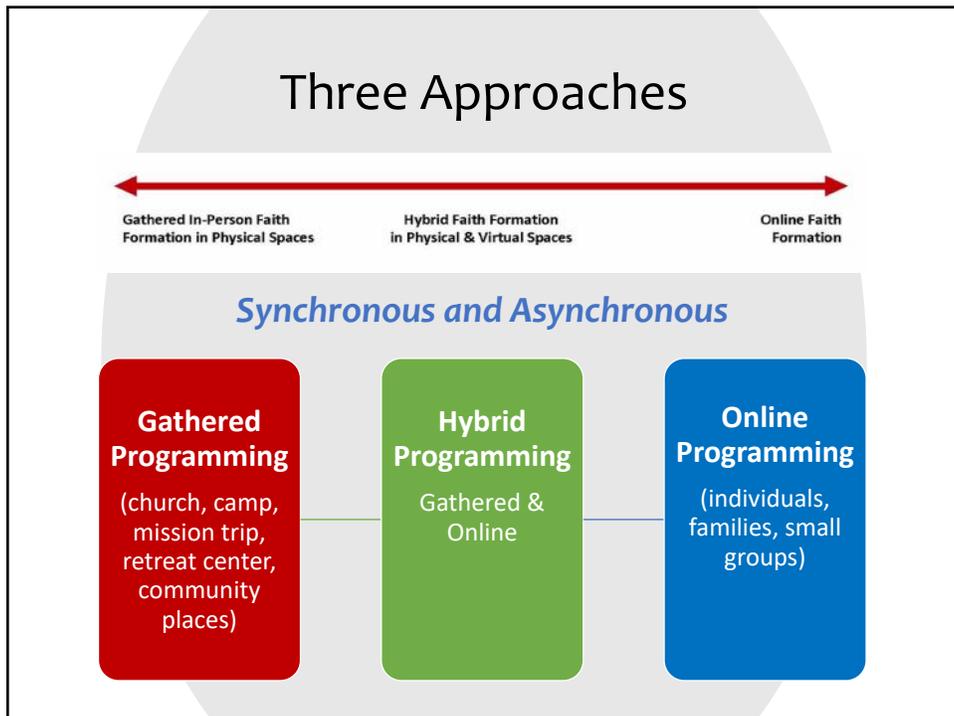
What if we were to reclaim this larger sense of “cathedral” and “church”—one that encompasses our daily working and living, that includes both local spaces like pubs, coffee shops, and parks, but also digital gathering spaces such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube? How can we understand all of these online and offline spaces as part of an expansive, networked whole? And how would this shift our practice of ministry, our leadership, and our assumptions about the loci of spiritual practice?



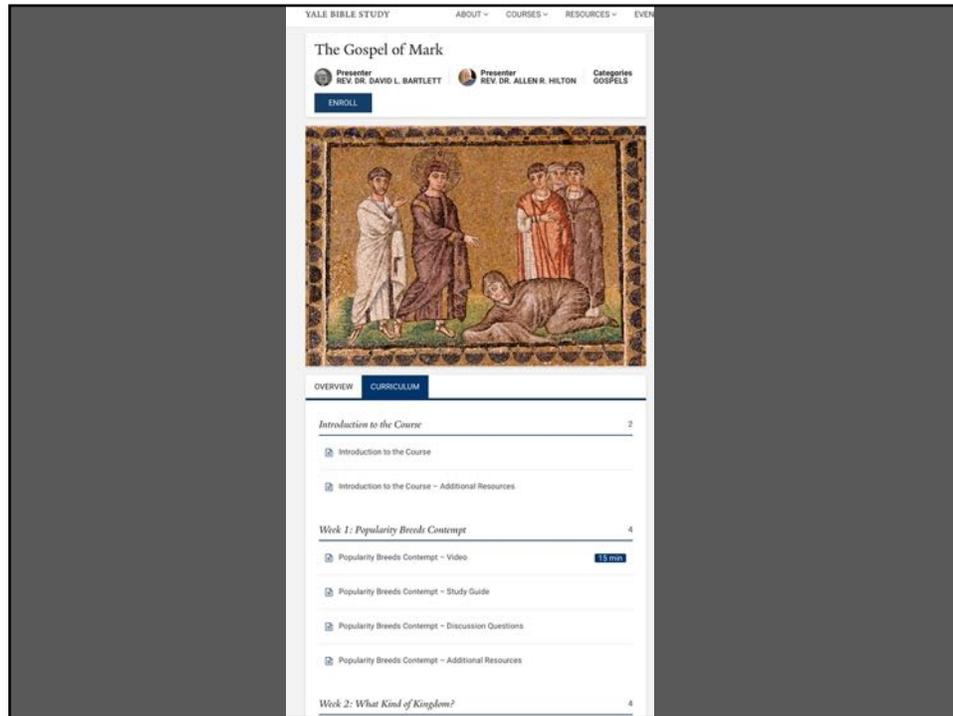
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Bible Study: Gospel of Mark

Sessions

1. Popularity breeds contempt
2. What kind of kingdom?
3. Thou art all compassion
4. Dense disciples
5. Who is he? Who are we?
6. A healthy insomnia
7. A soldier's epiphany
8. The empty tomb effect

Programming Options

- ✓ Gathered
 - ✓ Large group
 - ✓ Small group
- ✓ Online
 - ✓ Independent learning
 - ✓ Small group learning by online (Zoom)
- ✓ Hybrid
 - ✓ Complete the online session on your own + meet in small group

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Hybrid #1 From In-Person to Online

Worship & Online Formation

- Participate in weekly worship (in-person or live streamed).
- Engage in faith forming activities using an online playlist on Sunday's theme: prayers, readings, video, podcast, art, music, creative activities, conversations, action ideas, etc.

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JANUARY 6, 2020
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

God's light shines through Jesus.

EPIPHANY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Epiphany celebration.

Monday **Matthew 2:1-12** **The wise men worship Jesus**
Isaiah 60:1-6 **The glory of God shines on the people**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR EPIPHANY

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. **Isaiah 60:1 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Epiphany:
Dear God, in Jesus you show your glory to the nations. Come, Holy Spirit, bless all the nations of the world with peace, joy, and love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Lord God, as the star shone over Bethlehem to reveal the presence of your Son, may this meal remind us that this food is a gift of your love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the light of Christ bring you peace and joy.

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JANUARY 6, 2020
HYMN FOR EPIPHANY
Rise, Shine, You People!

God's light shines through Jesus.

EPIPHANY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Why do some people fear other people they don't know?
- How does the light of Christ help us to conquer our fears?
- A star led the wise men to Jesus. What leads you to Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 2:1-12.
People of another religion and another part of the ancient world used astrology to guide them to Jesus, and it worked. God wants the world to be blessed by the light of Christ that shines from Bethlehem to Jerusalem and on to the ends of the earth. It is God's powerful light that has entered the darkness of fear. Not only is King Herod frightened by the message that a king has been born to the Jews, so are all the people of Jerusalem (v. 3). That is, even the people faithful to God's reign are fearful. A new day that brings astonishing news is feared by all. We easily fear change, even if it has come to benefit us. The moment something new happens to us, we lose a sense of control. It is no longer about us. In this instance, the change is about God's rule, God's ways, and God's love that shines brightly into a darkened world. Thanks be to God for the light that breaks into the dark corners of our world and of our lives. It is the only light and only hope that really matters. Is change easy or difficult for you? How do you ask God for help?
Pray: Dear Jesus, bless us to see in you the one who takes our fears and worries and turns them into joy and gladness. Amen.

SERVICE

Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day, is a time when an age-old Christian tradition of blessing homes takes place around the world. It is a custom to inscribe 20+C+M+B+20 with chalk on the door. C, M, and B between the year 2020 are the initials of the Magi but also stand for a Latin phrase meaning bless this house. The + symbolizes the cross. Our homes are places where daily spiritual practices take place (i.e., reading scripture, praying, or blessing others). Visit a person today who is homebound and pray with them. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The wise men followed a star to find Jesus. We still need something to guide us to Jesus. Take a moment to stand with your legs spread slightly and your arms stretched out. Just as a star has five points, imagine your head, hands, and feet being the points of a star. When you think about the awesome role you have as a star, leading others to Jesus, imagine how you can do that. Talk about, draw a picture, or make a list of ways you can lead others to Jesus through your actions and words.

 MILESTONES MINISTRY In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

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Children & Family Playlist

February 10, 2019: Call of the Disciples - Luke 5:1-11



Symbol of the Week

Cut small fish shapes out of paper for the children to color. Place these fish shapes in a clear glass bowl on the center of the table. Read the Gospel story together once or twice during the week. Talk about how Jesus calls us to follow him today.

The Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11: www.usccb.org/bible/readings/021019.cfm

Take a few moments as a parent to reflect on the Gospel of Jesus calling the disciples: www.americabible.org/resources/lectio-divina

For background on Luke's Gospel, watch the video of Luke 3 - 9. Focus on Luke 5 which is around 2 minutes into the video: [Gospel of Luke Video](#)

Read the Gospel together: [Luke 5:1-11](#)

Do a coloring page together of Jesus calling the disciples.

[call_of_the_disciples.pdf](#)
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The Call of the Disciples



Children's Storybook



Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun: Having the Courage to be Who You Are
by Maria Dismondy (Written for ages 4-11)

Likely after a long night of work, the fishermen were washing their nets and preparing to return to their homes when Jesus comes along and asks Simon to take him out in his boat. Jesus tells Simon to put his net back out into the water, and Simon hesitates for he'd already tried to catch fish all night long and caught nothing. But Simon does as Jesus says, trusting that Jesus had good reason for his request. Then, an immense

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Adult Thematic Playlist

September - A Month of Gratitude

The spiritual practice of gratitude has been called a state of mind and a way of life. For one practice to work as if it is a gift-giver — an underlying structure that helps us construct and make sense out of our lives, the rules of this gift-giver cover all our activities. Its syntax reveals a system of relationships linking us to the divine and to every other part of the creation.

To learn the grammar of gratitude, practice saying "thank you" for happy and challenging experiences, for people, animals, things, art, memories, dreams. Count your blessings, and praise God. Offer blessings, and express your appreciation to everything and everyone you encounter. As blessing, we are blessed.

Frederick and Mary Ann Brouton (www.boutonpractices.com)

Learn



Want to be Happy? Be Grateful!

The one thing all humans have in common is that each of us wants to be happy. Love Brother David Steindl-Bele, a monk and interfaith scholar. And happiness, he suggests, is born from gratitude. An ongoing lesson in showing others, looking where you're going, and above all, being grateful. Go to TED to learn more and read the transcript.

For a podcast of Dr. David's interview with Krista Tippett about gratitude, go to: [On Being with Krista Tippett](#).



Gratitude: Living Life as a Gift - Dr. Curtis Ann

Dr. Curtis Ann of the Society of St. John the Evangelist describes the gift of gratitude and how to practice gratitude. Go to the [IGBT website](#) to learn more.



Pray



Gratitude Prayer for the Month

Gracious God, in the business of my day, I sometimes forget to stop to thank you for all that is good in my life. My blessings are many, and my heart is filled with gratitude for the gift of being, for the ability to love and be loved, for the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of creation, for sleep and wake, for a mind that thinks and a body that feels. I thank you, God, for these things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. Though they seem challenging, either so difficult when you have been stretched and empty and proud of tears form in my weary eyes, still I rejoice that you are so near to me as my mind breathes and that in the realm of substance, I am growing and learning. In the absence of my need, I thank you most of all for your unconditional and eternal love. Amen.

Psalms on Gratitude

Read and reflect on the Psalms each week. (Just click on the title for the Psalms.)

Week 1 - Psalms 65 and Psalm 103

Week 2 - Psalm 103

Week 3 - Psalm 103

Week 4 - Psalm 103

Read, Listen, & Watch



Articles

Read "Ten Words That Will Change Your Life" by Eric Dissoner to learn how gratitude begets humility which begets God's grace.

Book



This moving book offers gratitude for the blessing of life and the everyday wonder and beauty of nature. It was inspired by the short film *Gratitude*, a viral video sensation by author Frederick Lenz (Schwartzberg) recently featured on Oprah's Super Soul Sunday. The book and film give us one of today's most uplifting poems—the Internet phenomenon "A Good Day" written by married spiritual leader Brother David Steindl-Bele—with stunning images by Schwartzberg. This inspirational package includes not just the book but a DVD with two short films by Schwartzberg including *Gratitude* and Brother David's own *A Good Day* video. The last page has a link to the "A Good Day" audio track, which you can use to create your own video or slide show on what you are grateful for.

• [Purchase at Amazon.com.](#)

Live



Basic, Daily Gratefulness Practice

If each day we could engage in a "basic daily gratefulness practice" it would be enough to positively impact our lives and the world around us. Just because a practice is simple does not mean it has simple results. Done right, you might choose to try this practice in a more formal way at the end of the work day. It can be done anytime, anywhere, and as often as you want. Go to Gratitude.org for to experience this practice.

Gratitude through the Day

Gratitude, like any other spiritual practice, is something we do, not just something we think about or something we need to practice. To practice gratitude, we don't need a special cushion or which to sit, nor a special lamp or light, nor a special place or which to gaze, nor special incense or candle, nor special prayer beads to finger, nor a special prayer or mantra to recite. (None of this, in any way, but is inappropriate. It may well help. It is simply not enough.)

What is enough is here and now. The Psalmist reminds us, "This is the day that the LORD has made for us to rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24). Gratitude connects our life and breath to God. Because it makes us really available to the real presence of Christ, who is all work within us and around us, we have hope and joy and love that simple blessings and see how they change your day.

- 1. Sit - Play Your Gratitude
- 2. Breathe - Keep Your Eyes Closed
- 3. Give - Express Your Gratitude
- 4. Thank - Name Your Gifts

Go to Gratitude.org through the Day video.

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Hybrid #2 From In-Person to Online

In-Person & Online with Video Meetings

- Week #1: Meet in-person for the program.
- Week #2: Engage in online faith forming experiences using a playlist on the theme.
- Week #3: Continue with the playlist learning on the theme.
- Week #4: Conduct a video meeting (Zoom) for small groups or age groups or families to discuss and apply the online learning.

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Four-Week Program Plan

Week 1 - Live In-Person Experience OR Live Stream Presentation/Demonstration on the Theme of the month
(**synchronous**)

Week 2 & 3 - Home Family Experience (**asynchronous**)

- Individual family or groupings of families
- Online playlist of age-appropriate faith formation activities on the theme
- Resources for parent enrichment on the theme

Week 4. Creating a Project and Sharing It (**synchronous or asynchronous**)

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Michigan Conference UMC Children's Ministry

“Faith & Family Playlist” Rev. Kathy Pittenger

The Wise and Foolish Builder

"The wise man (all people!) built his house upon the rock..." may be a song that you sing on Sunday School or vacation Bible School or summer camp. It comes from a parable that Jesus told his followers about listening to and putting into practice what he has been teaching. We can also use this story to talk about making wise or foolish choices. Start by reading the Bible story or watching the video and going through the wondering questions. Then pick the activities your family would like to do, as many or few as you like. Close your family faith time with prayer - use your own or the one provided.

Bible Story

- Read the story of "The Wise and Foolish Builder" in your favorite Bible Story Book, in the [Dear Blue Bible Storybook](#), or in [Matthew 7:24-27](#).
- Wonder about the story together:
 - I wonder if you can remember a storm with lots of rain and wind.
 - I wonder what happens to a house when it is built on the sand when rains and winds come.
 - I wonder what happens to a house built on rock (or a strong foundation) when rains and wind come.
 - I wonder if you can think of a time when you listened to a wise friend or adult.
 - I wonder if you can think of a time when you did not listen to a wise friend or adult.
 - I wonder how you listen to Jesus' teachings.
- Prayer:
 - Dear God, thank you for Jesus' parables to teach us about making good choices. Help us remember what Jesus said about the builder of the house on the sand and rock. Help us to make good choices. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Activities

- Printable [Candle](#)
- [Building a Good Foundation Activity](#)
- [Activity Activity Bulletin](#)
- [Dear Blue Lessons for at Home](#)

Other activity ideas include:

- Make Sand Art
- Paint a rock with an encouraging message and put it somewhere so others can see it
- Do a house/room building experiment. What kind of materials create a strong foundation? What kind of materials might make a foundation weak or unsteady? Build a house on a strong foundation and a weak foundation. What is the same? What is different?

Books

[Most People](#) by Michael Lemanoff

Building strong foundations in our communities means understanding that most people care about one another and also want to have a strong community. After you read/watch the book, discuss these talking points: How have you seen people being kind in your community? When people are not kind, how can you and your family respond? (You may want to tie this in with understanding race, racism and anti-racism. [Learn more facts.](#))

Songs

- [Worship Songs for Kids: Jesus Loves Me, This is My Favorite Bible Story Song](#)
- [The Joy of God's Love in My Heart](#)

<https://michiganumc.org/faith-family-playlists>

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Creation Playlist

Creation

This playlist is from the first chapter of Genesis and contains one of the stories of Creation (the second is in Genesis 2:4-25). For children, the important part of the creation story is learning that God created the world and everything in it and called it good! If you want to learn more about the book of Genesis visit the [Bible Project](#).

Bible Story

- Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 in your Bible or the Creation story in your favorite Story Bible.
- Wonder about the story together:
 - I wonder what it would have been like to create the world from the beginning.
 - I wonder what you would have created differently.
 - I wonder what your favorite part of creation is.
 - I wonder how you take time to rest.
- Prayer:
 - Dear God, thank you for creation! Thank you for the light and dark, for the sun and moons, for the water and sky, for the big and small animals, and for all the people. Help us to take care of creation. Help us to remember to rest. (Insert family celebrations and requests here if desired.) Amen.

Activities

- Play charades or "Pictionary" as a family taking turns acting out or drawing different parts of creation.
- Take a walk with your family (in your neighborhood, at a park, or local school) and pick up trash. Be careful of sharp or dangerous items.
- Make a list of ways that your family can help care for creation. Choose 1 or 2 to do this week.
- Use materials from around your house to re-tell the story of Creation. You might use Legos, paper and crayons, play-doh or clay, action figures, etc. Take pictures of each "day".
- Write a poem or a story about creation.
- Create a "Word Cloud" - write down all the words you can think of that relate to Creation. Then write your words in a variety of sizes that look like a picture. Or use a "word cloud" generator like [www.wordart.com](#).
- Go on a creation scavenger hunt.

Books

[When God Made the World](#) by Matthew Paul Turner

[Let There Be Light](#) by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nancy Timpan

Music Videos

- [He's Got the Whole World in His Hand](#)
- [All Things Bright and Beautiful](#) by J. ...

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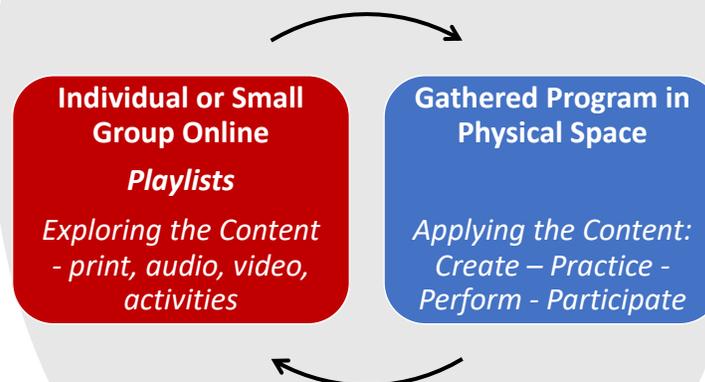
Hybrid #3 From In-Person to Online

In-Person & Live Streamed or Video & Online

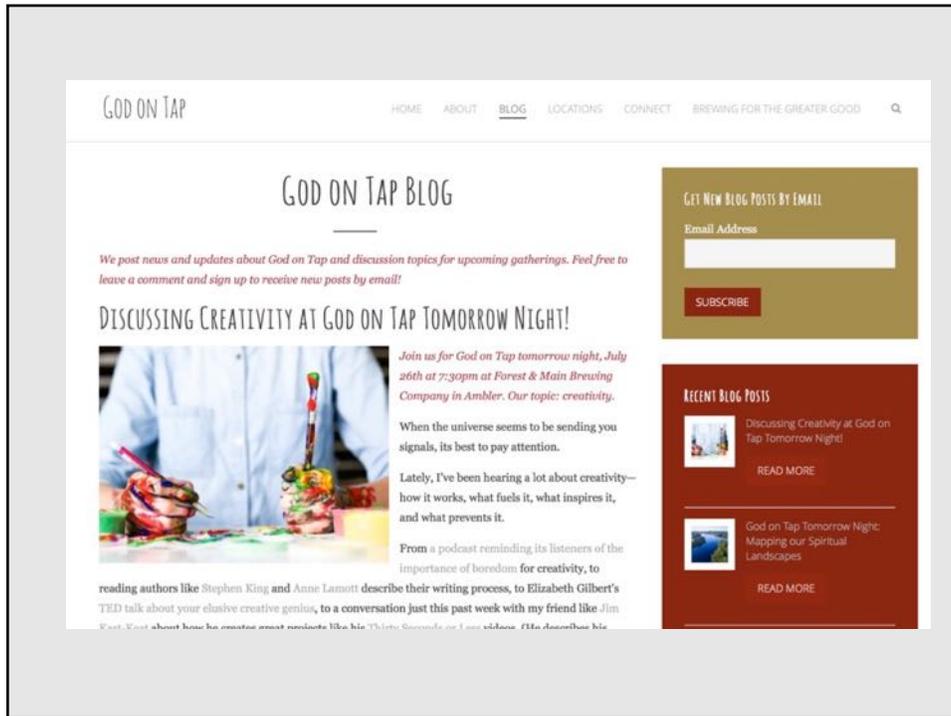
- Week #1: Meet in-person for the program.
- Week #2: Engage in online faith forming experiences using a playlist on the theme.
- Week #3: Conduct a livestream presentation or demonstration or prerecorded video (using Zoom, Facebook Live, or YouTube Live) on the theme of the month's program.
- Week #4: Continue with the playlist learning on the theme.

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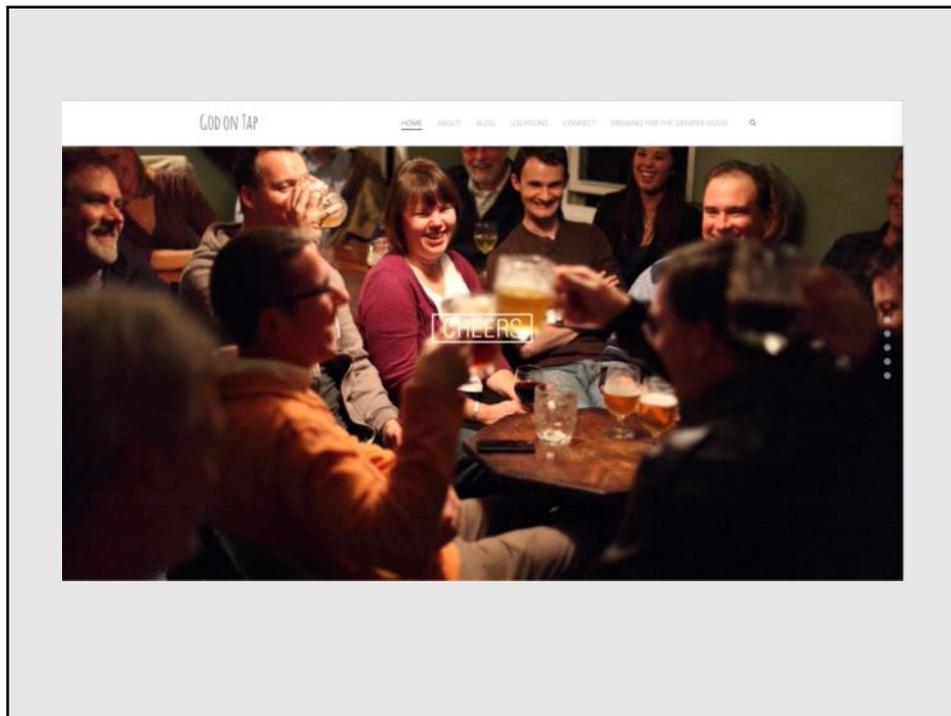
Hybrid #4 Both Online & In-Person “Flipped Classroom” Model



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Hybrid “Flipped”

Adolescent Confirmation Program

- **On Your Own:** Engage young people with a monthly learning playlist—watching videos, reading short articles, praying, writing reflections in a journal—on the theme.
- **In a Small Group:** Have young people participate in one small group experience (online) to discuss the content in the playlist and what they are learning.
- **In a Large Group:** Involve young people in a monthly meeting with all groups for community sharing, interactive activities, short presentations, and ideas for living faith.

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Our Confirmation preparation program has two components: Once a month in-person classes and an online study. The online study is a place for students to develop their faith weekly by completing multi-media lessons which include videos, reading, Saint reflections, multiple-choice questions and online small group discussions. Each small group has their own online space to discuss faith topics, ask questions, and pray for one another.

- Class Sessions - Once a month (7 in total/year)
- Online Sessions - 3 per month
- “Insight” Youth Group Meetings - Attend 3 per year
- Service Projects - 2 per year
- Retreat - Year 1 and 2

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Hybrid #5 Online & In-Person

Online Faith Formation + In-Person Small Group Gatherings

- Week #1: Online learning session using a playlist on a faith formation website.
- Week #2: Small group gatherings (10 or fewer) to discuss and apply the learning
- Week #3: Online learning session
- Week #4: Small group gatherings to discuss and apply the learning

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Hybrid #6 Online & In-Person

Live Stream + Online

- Schedule a monthly live stream of the class or program presentation to individuals or families. Consider using your existing schedule of classes/programs and leaders.
- Create online learning experiences for the other weeks of the month using a playlist of content/activities on a faith formation website.
- Add an interactive feature by using a Facebook Group (or online learning platform) to engage people in discussion, sharing learning, presenting projects, etc.

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Example

Justice & Service Month-long Plan

1. Select a justice issue, social need, etc. as a focus.
2. Research the issue/need: curate learning resources and action projects (direct aid, advocacy, etc.).
3. Kick-off the month with a live stream presentation.
4. Engage adults in online learning experiences on the issue/need (video, activities, etc.). Add a small group option.
5. Engage in one or more action projects for all adults or in small groups (physical or online setting).
6. Bring everyone together (online) to share their experience.

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Hybrid #7

Online & Group Interaction

Live Stream & Online & Zoom

- Week #1: Live Stream of the class, program, or presentation.
- Week #2: Online learning experiences using a playlist for the content/activities on a website.
- Week #3: Zoom meetings by age group (or grades) or family clusters.
- Week #4: Online learning experiences using a playlist for the activities/content.

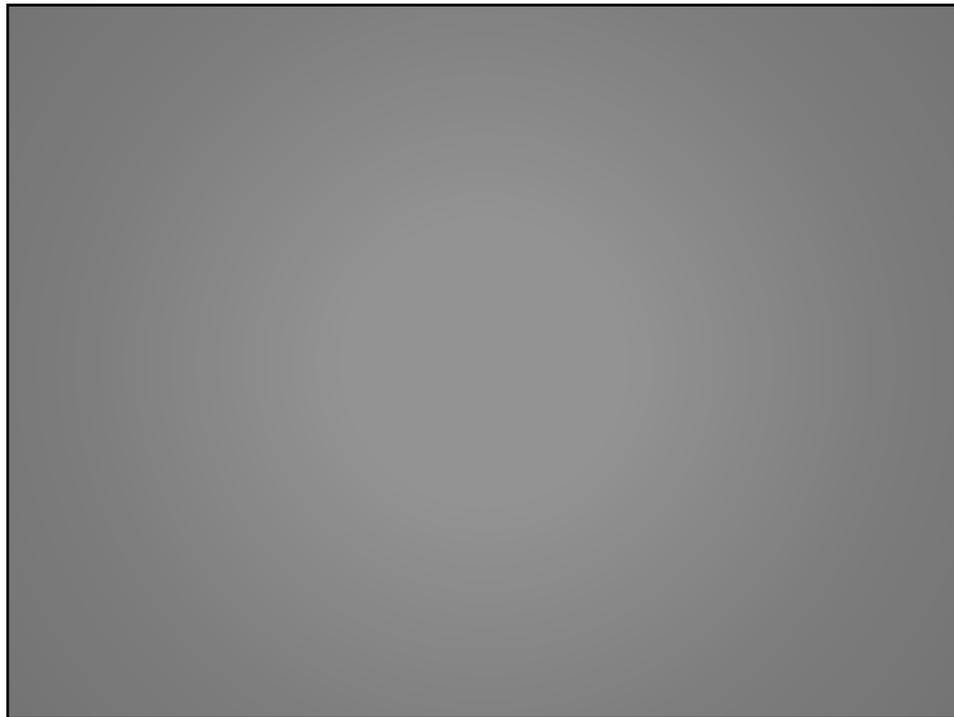
Add an interactive feature by using a Facebook Group (or online learning platform) to engage people in discussion, sharing learning, presenting projects, etc.

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Hybrid #8 Online & Small Groups

- Week #1: Online learning session using a playlist on a faith formation website.
- Week #2: Small group gatherings on Zoom or in a Facebook Group to discuss and apply the learning.
- Week #3: Online learning session.
- Week #4: Small group gatherings on Zoom or in a Facebook Group to discuss and apply the learning.

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Spiritual Growth Challenge

You are invited and challenged to grow in faith ...



We have a host of opportunities for you to grow in faith in a self directed manner ...

Step 1: Essential Elements. Reflect and think: If you could name four essential elements for faith growth, what would the four words be? Click through and follow the simple process. Takes only a couple of minutes.

Step 2: Chart Your Path. How do you intend to grow in faith? Explore these possibilities.

- Your Personal Journey** - We have curated excellent faith-learning resources around the essential themes of the Catholic Christian faith.
- Christian Practices** - We form ourselves in the practices of the Christian way of life by drawing upon the wisdom of the Bible and Christian tradition, and connecting the practices to the "signs of the times."
- Finding Life's Purpose** - There is no better time for each one of us to look deeper into ourselves to inspire and nurture our spiritual growth. And there is no better time to discover meaning and purpose in our daily lives.
- Racial Reconciliation** - If we desire to support people of color in our community, we must learn about racial justice and the need for racial reconciliation throughout society.
- Care for Creation** - Our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together. Climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community.

After each component, be sure to click [Claim Your Badge](#), fill out the form and within 24 hours you will receive a digital badge acknowledging your achievement, and **\$10 will be donated** to St. Charles Faith Formation.

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Personal Journey in Faith

Growth / Learning Plan

You are invited into personal faith growth and study. We have curated excellent faith-learning resources around the essential themes of the Catholic Christian faith. Choose a theme from the chart that appeals to you today. Click through on the link to access the free resource, and follow the simple "Assignment" steps. You'll be amazed at how much you learn!

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Theme	Resource + Assignment
Faith	<p>Bible Project: Character of God Series</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> View Introductory Video (6 min) Read the web page View the Character of God Videos (4-6 min each) Reflect/Journal: In your own words, how would you describe the character of God? Claim your Badge
Prayer	<p>Good Ground Press Retreats</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Choose one of the Adult Retreats Complete each session of the retreat (4 to 7 sessions) Reflect/Journal: What's your biggest take away from your retreat? Claim your Badge
Bible	<p>Bible Project: How to Read the Bible</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> View all four episodes of intro to the Bible (5-6 min each) Read the Book of Genesis (first book of the bible) Read the Gospel of Mark (second Gospel account in the New Testament) Reflect/Journal: What did you learn about the Bible that you didn't know before? How do you like reading the Bible? Claim your Badge
Worship	<p>Understanding the Sunday Lectionary Understanding the Liturgical Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> View the Sunday Lectionary video (13 min) Take a look at the reading for the next upcoming Sunday (https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading) View the Liturgical Calendar video (10 min) Reflect/Journal: Does the Sunday Lectionary make sense to you? How about the Liturgical Calendar? Linger questions? Claim your Badge
Justice & Service	<p>Ave Explores: Faith in Action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> View the Introductory Video (4 min) For each "week" of the retreat (there are four), click through on the items that interest you. You don't have to do everything, but select three or four items to view/listen/read. Reflect/Journal: In what ways do you think you are called to put your faith into action? Claim your Badge

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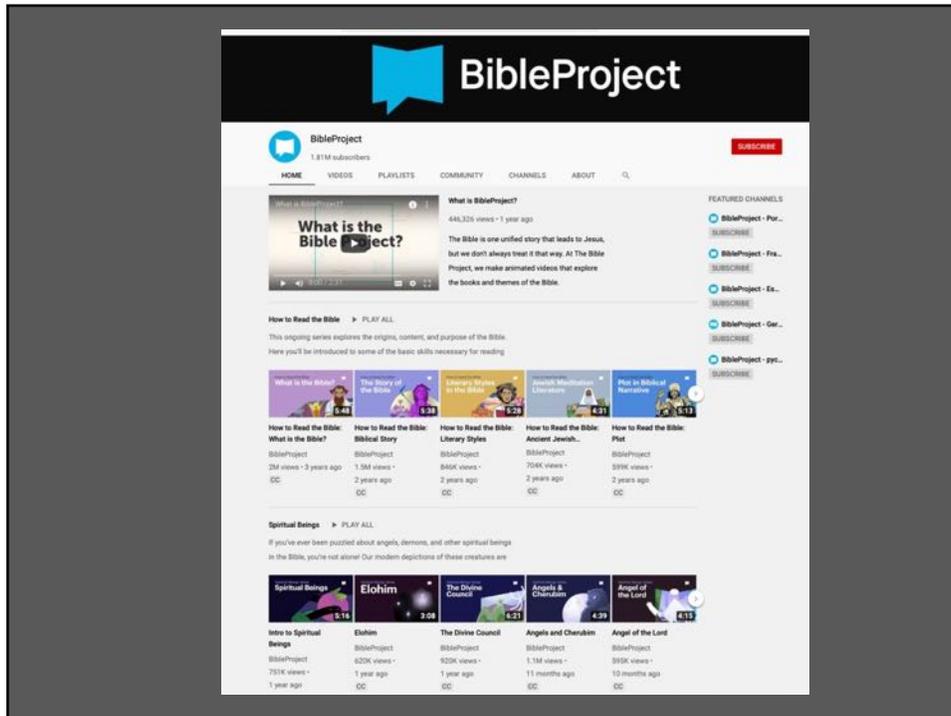
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Week 2: Sermon on the Mount

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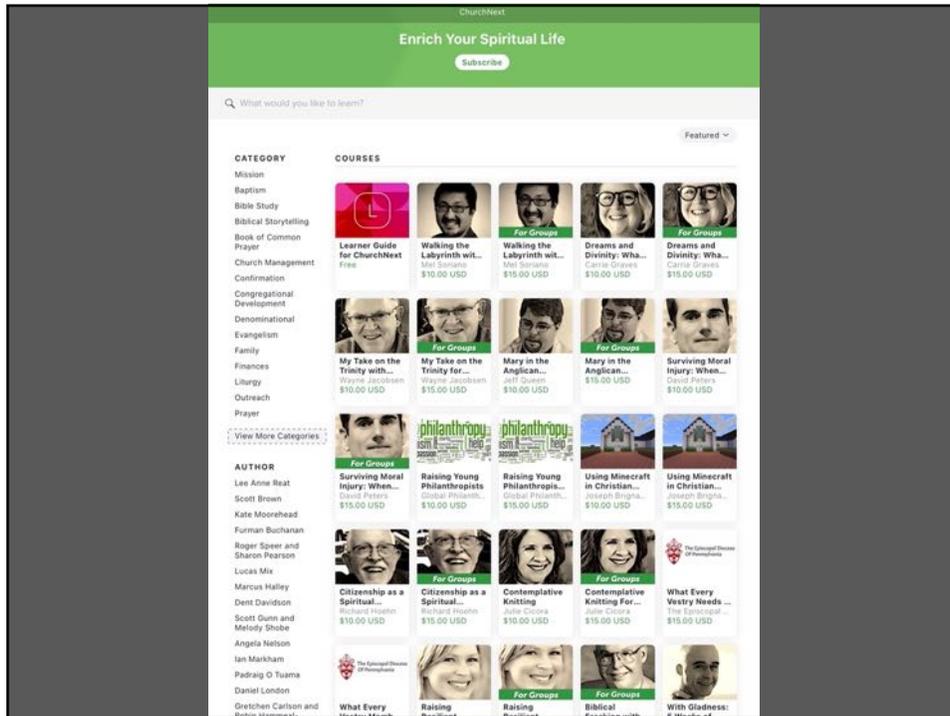
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Where do you want to innovate?

- Stop doing something
- Redesign something
- Sustain something
- Initiate something new

For Whom?

- * Age Group
- * Families
- * All Generations
- * Target Audience

With What?

- * New Approach or Program
- * New Methods & Media
- * New Technology
- * New Space or Location

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