

Christianity's Family Tree – What Other Christians Believe and Why, by Adam Hamilton

Length: 8 Weeks (1 hour or less)

Includes: DVD, leader guide and reproducible handouts for participants; book can be purchased if class wants to read as part of study

Why do Orthodox Christians use icons in worship? What is the “baptism in the Holy Spirit” that Pentecostals speak about? Why do Roman Catholics focus on the Eucharist in worship? What do Lutherans teach us about salvation? What do Presbyterians teach us about God’s power? How can Episcopalians deepen our prayer life? What can Baptists teach us about living for Christ? Adam Hamilton will begin answering these questions and more in this eight-session, video-and-book study. Participants will learn of the history, theology, and distinctive emphases of eight different Christian denominations and faith traditions. For each tradition, participants will hear from a clergy member of that tradition and look at Scriptures that have shaped that faith. Churches that purchase the study will be given tools and sermon starters to create a congregation-wide emphasis, shaping worship around elements of each denomination as it is studied. Sessions:

1. Orthodoxy: Mystery, Liturgy, and Tradition
2. Catholicism: Sacrament and Mass
3. Lutheranism: Word and Faith
4. Presbyterianism: The Sovereignty of God
5. Anglicanism: Common Prayer
6. Baptists: Baptism, Conversion, and Scripture
7. Pentecostalism: The Power of the Spirit
8. Methodists: People of the Extreme Center

Created to Be God's Friend, by Henry T. Blackaby

Length: 12 weeks (one hour or less)

Includes: VHS tape (120 minutes total), and leader and participant guides; book can be purchased if class wants to read as part of study

Widely acclaimed Bible teacher Henry Blackaby shows from the life of Abraham how you can become God's intimate friend by hearing and responding to his call in everyday life. These powerful lessons show how God shapes those he loves into useful and joyful servants. *Created to Be God's Friend* is a remarkable study of our relationship with a personal God who is constantly working in our lives. It will help you:

- Discover purpose and meaning in your life by accepting God's call to be a co-worker with him.
- Overcome discouragement by viewing Abraham's life, and yours, from God's perspective, not that of mere circumstances.
- Learn to recognize God's working and calling in your life.
- Accept God's aid in responding to his life-changing call.