



LUTHERAN CHURCH
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LOCAL MISSION
going and growing as God's people

Small group resources

The following is a list of free or low-cost resources available from the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) website or the websites of LCA Local Mission ministries. The resources can be used individually, in your small group (friendship/fellowship group) or in your missional community.

- ❖ **Talking Points** - www.growministries.org.au/grow-resources/talking-points - delve into faith and life issues with these small group studies for young adults.
- ❖ **Stand bible studies** - <https://www.growministries.org.au/product/03-stand-bible-study/> - There are 5 sessions, based on Romans 5: 1-2, designed to allow discussion to organically unfold with no pre-reading or planning required.
 - How do we stand in grace?
 - Do we understand suffering?
 - Am I disciplined?
 - How are we to live?
 - Where does our hope come from?
- ❖ **God's love – our care: theology underpinning the practice of Lutheran care** – www.lca.org.au/care - Want to know why Lutherans care? Download the booklet or ask for hard copies from careministries@lca.org.au and explore God's love for us.
- ❖ **Spirit Filled: Normal Christian Living** - <https://www.newandrenewingchurches.org.au/product-category/books/> - Being filled with the God's Spirit is the normal experience God has planned for all Christians. The *Spirit Filled* text, written by Noel Due and Steen Olsen, is available for download or for purchase.
- ❖ **Sent: seeking the orphans of God** - <https://www.newandrenewingchurches.org.au/product/sent-seeking-the-orphans-of-god/> - *Sent* is for anyone concerned about how to participate with God in sowing the gospel and reaping the harvest. It's available for download and for purchase from online bookstores. It comes with introductory videos for each chapter.
<https://www.newandrenewingchurches.org.au/training-rml/rml-step-4/videos-sent/>
- ❖ **New Life New Love** - <https://www.newandrenewingchurches.org.au/product/new-life-new-love-pdf-download/> - *New Life New Love* will enable you to encounter the God who offers new life to all people. It's available for download and for purchase from the online bookstores. It comes with video interviews that summarise each chapter.
<https://www.newandrenewingchurches.org.au/resources/videos/videos-nlnl/>
- ❖ **bring Jesus** - <https://www.lca.org.au/departments/local-mission/> - a series of articles, with study questions, from *The Lutheran*, 2014–2015, by Pastor Steen Olsen. Download the booklet or ask us for hard copies via newandrenewing@lca.org.au
- ❖ **Renew Mission Life: Missional Communities** - <https://www.newandrenewingchurches.org.au/resources/store/store-rml-step-3/> - an eight-week Bible study designed to provide biblical reflection and practical advice for forming, developing, and growing missional communities that edify congregations through relational evangelism.

- ❖ **Renew Mission Life: Missional Leadership** – <https://www.newandrenewingchurches.org.au/resources/store/store-rml-step-3/>
- A series of ten devotions on Missional Leadership for leaders to open the conversation about how leaders develop congregations to echo God's invitation to the world and live as a sign and foretaste of the Kingdom of God. These could be used at your normal scheduled meetings (e.g. church council).
- ❖ **Lutheran Media** have a variety of booklets that could be used as bible study discussion starters. Topics covered include disease, addiction, work life balance, finance, relationships, mental health, faith, and raising children. Go to www.lutheranmedia.org.au/booklets to see the extensive range.
- ❖ **Chronic Pain** - <https://lutheranmedia.org.au/store/product/chronic-pain-dvd/> - Trying to understand suffering can be difficult. The Chronic Pain DVD gives insights into how to cope with it and that there is hope. It comes with the popular video clips, radio interviews, discussion starters, and devotions. Check out <http://www.messagesofhope.org.au/chronic-pain/> for more on where is hope in times of Chronic Pain and a free downloadable eBook.
- ❖ **Martin Luther** - <https://lutheranmedia.org.au/martin-luther/> - This Bible study is a three-part series devoted to Martin Luther — a monk whose Spirit-inspired grasp of God's justification of sinners through faith in the Saviour was the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation. Each part comes with a study guide.
- ❖ **Bible on Trial** - <https://lutheranmedia.org.au/store/bible-on-trial/> - The world's most widely circulated book is also one of its most highly debated. Check out how the Bible has withstood intense scrutiny from critics and cynics alike in *The Bible On Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt*. You'll come away with a fresh appreciation of the Bible as an historical document and the Word of God. The Bible on Trial DVD comes with a study guide.