

# Advent Resources for Small Groups

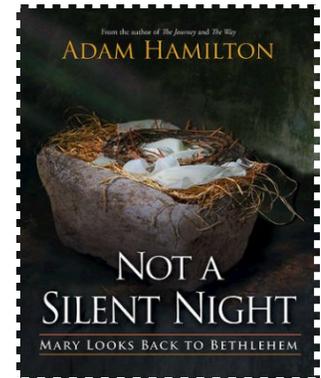
Recommended by Small Group Leaders in GNJUMC

## *Not a Silent Night*

**Adam Hamilton**

- ❖ Adam Hamilton helps you witness the life of Jesus from Mary's unique perspective, starting at the very end and traveling back in time to the very beginning—the night of Christ's birth. UMC

- ❖ <https://youtu.be/y3gHloqpHmk>



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
**MAX LUCADO**



## *“Because of Bethlehem”*

**Max Lucado**

- ❖ In this four-session study explores the promise that God is always near us, always for us, always within us—and that we have a friend and Savior in heaven. Long after the guests have left, the carolers have gone home, and the lights have come down, these promises endure. (Videos online )

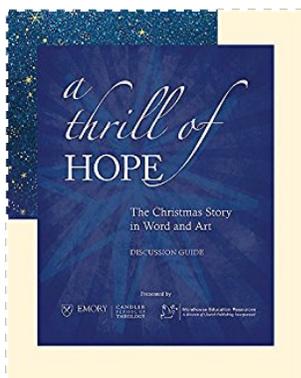
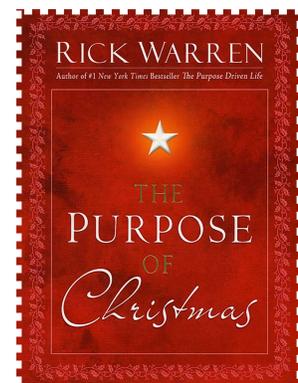
- ❖ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2gTorl8B8Y>

## *“The Purpose of Christmas”*

**Rick Warren**

- ❖ The Christmas angels pronounce three things: Christmas is a time for celebration. Christmas is a time for salvation. Christmas is a time for reconciliation

- ❖ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvsaGh7SbFA>



## *“Thrill of Hope”*

**Meditations on the Advent art of John August Swanson**

- ❖ Featuring beautiful artwork plus commentary by premier Bible scholars (e.g., Thomas Long, Carol Newsome), there are six brief reflections on the story of Christmas across the gospels. UMC

- ❖ <https://youtu.be/cYxvEQH6HAo>

## "Advent Conspiracy"

**Rick McKinley , Greg Holder , Chris Seay**

- ❖ Are you tired of how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas? This year, take a stand! Worship More, Spend Less, Give Presence, Love All (All materials free online)

- ❖ <http://www.adventconspiracy.org>



## All I Want For Christmas

**James Moore**

- ❖ As we give and receive Christmas gifts, it is incredibly important to remember that the best Christmas gifts are wrapped in heaven. This study asks a very personal question: "What are the gifts you would really like to receive from Christmas this year?"

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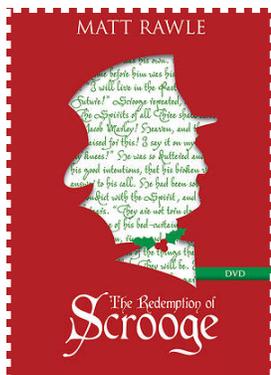
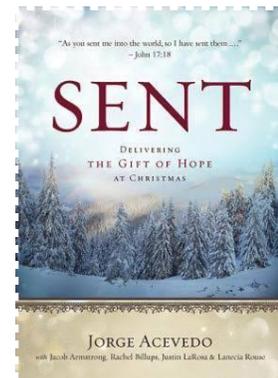
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**Rick Warren**

- ❖ Advent study challenges us through story, art, and Bible study to discover what it means to be Christ's hands, feet, head, and heart. Created by a group of dynamic young UMC pastors. UMC

- ❖ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3wFS4cjkLw>



## Redemption of Scrooge

**Matt Rawle**

- ❖ The Pop in Culture Series, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journey. UMC

- ❖ <https://youtu.be/gvPbS0K8Azo>