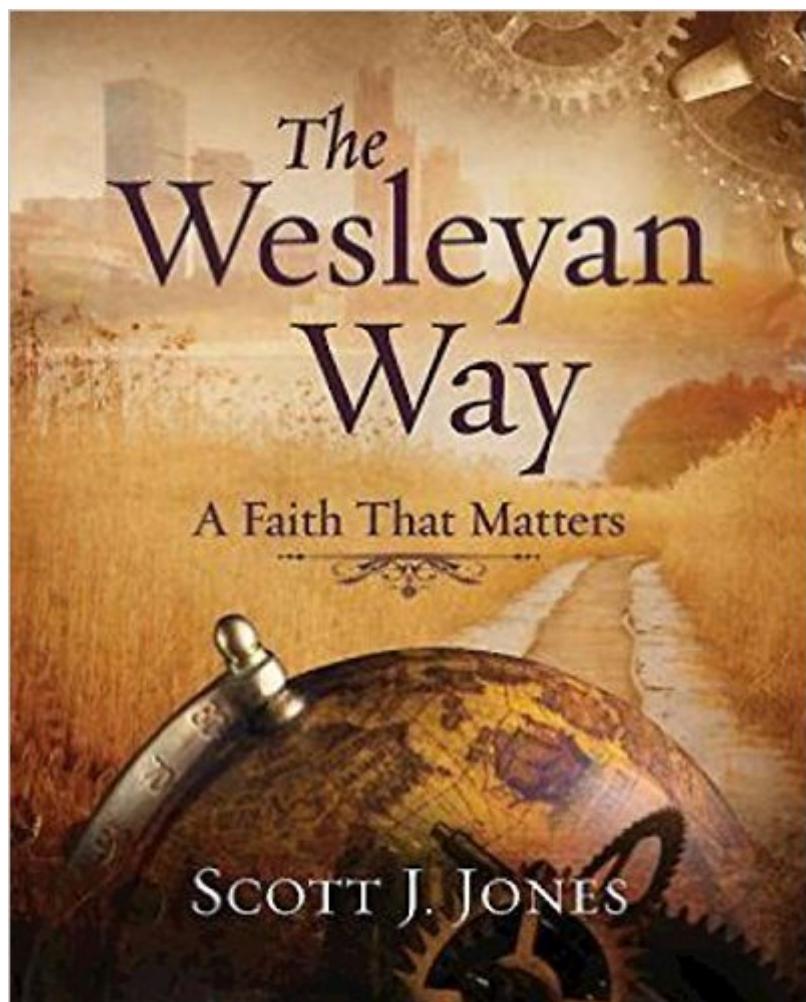


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The Wesleyan Way: A Faith That Matters



Synopsis

In this exciting and inspiring new study, Scott J. Jones helps seekers and believers to envision and practice discipleship as a way of life. Presenting Christianity from a Wesleyan perspective, Jones invites participants into a deeper, more thoughtful, more active commitment to Christ. This 8-session study helps participants focus on how, through discipleship with Jesus Christ, we become part of Godâ™s work in transforming the world. Each week a different presenter shares their personal faith experience. Presenters include Adam Hamilton, Olu Brown, Felicia Hopkins, Jessica Moffat Seay, Jorge Acevedo, Rob Fuquay and author Scott Jones. Mini-videos conclude each week with an interview or ministry story from the presenterâ™s home church. Participants then read on their own from the student book and the Bible and then once a week the group comes together to explore what they've read and to view another video.

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Customer Reviews

We are planning a church-wide, after Christmas, before Lent study that will involve multiple small groups. After reviewing the material, we believe this will help get us to the 'Next Step' as we continue to grow Disciples.

Interesting perspectives on what it means to be "Wesleyan" from well-known clergy. Accompanied by video segments from each writer, the discussion is intended for 90 minutes. Our class is only an hour, so we aren't able to get through all the material in each lesson, but there is plenty to talk, and

think, about.

I have been born and raised as a Methodist, but am learning many "Wesleyan Ways" that I never knew before. The whole class has commented that they really like this study! The Student is easy to read and write so it is easily understood.

I recently led two groups through this series, and found it to be a good basic look at Wesleyan Christianity. We spent a good deal of time talking on subject matter that the videos brought up in the group, and the readings were good quality. I would have liked to go deeper, which is the reason for four stars instead of five, but I'd recommend this for small groups that are interested in finding out more about our heritage as Methodists.

The church I help serve is working through a series on this material. I respect Bishop Jones and his leadership, but have found that this product has not lived up to the hype.¹ The DVD Material are just basic head shot 10 minute talks that are poorly edited. Each speaker covers a lot of topics and it is hard to find a specific, focused topic from each talk.² The book itself gives you about 15 pages per week of reading, which I appreciate. It is not too long or too short. However, the material covers a large span of Christian topics with little focus in one area. Some have shared with me that it is watered down and simplistic. The messages themselves are good, but there is little depth and it is quite scattered.³ The Leaders guide is actually pretty good. Good questions and some good suggestions for activities. However, the reading focuses on the United Methodist Hymns and they encourage you to sing them in your group. Nope, that will not happen in 99% of the groups.⁴ The Wesleyan Way focus: This is not a bad focus, but there is little distinction between the difference between the Wesleyan Way and the way of Christ. This is a cumbersome title, confusing for most people and it sounds like the Methodist Church is still trying to resurrect what once was for the church, instead of sharing the heart of John Wesley. The time it takes to explain what the Wesleyan Way is, which could be summed up better in the sub title, A Faith that Matters, is not worth the effort and it is an antiquated title for the 21st century. Overall, I am disappointed with this material and have found many barriers of trying to make this work in the church I serve

Great book that is easy to read clearly pointing out what John Wesley and Methodists believe. Beliefs and concepts are presented in an easy to understand way that Christians and non-Christians would find enlightening. The DVD of the same name presents interviews with

ministers referenced in the book as well as some testimonies in the bonus material. The book and the DVD together make a great small group or adult Sunday School study.

Not bad for lay people . It could use a little more philosophy / theology. The leaders guide is a welcome addition.

The material is not well written nor well organized. It seems like they took writings from other material and stuck it in the study book. The videos are pedestrian at best. They do not grab your attention or inspire. We are doing a church wide study and this material is not being well received. Look for something else - there are plenty of good studies out there.

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