

# COVID, WINGS OF EAGLES, & BIBLE CLASS LESSONS

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## THE COVID OPPORTUNITY

**School replacement locations provide you a personal evangelism opportunity.**

Two months ago we discussed letting a perfectly good crisis go to waste. This lesson continues on that theme, with a slight twist. How school will be conducted this Fall is up in the air in most locations. A lot of children will likely be homeschooled as a cooperation of working parents. They are likely to be in home situations which do not come close to social distancing.

Consider on the other hand you have a church facility which is likely vacant during the week. If you invite some local cooperating groups to use your facility, it will put potential prospects in your facility on repeated occasions. Not only will they be there, they will be grateful to come to your church, or at least the church building.

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## WINGS OF EAGLES VIDEOS

**3 new free 20 minute videos posted to assist in your personal evangelism.**



Three new Wings of Eagles videos are posted at [occg.institute](http://occg.institute), SERVICE tab, under PERSONAL EVANGELISM to assist in your personal evangelism activities. They are each 20 minutes long and are intended to be used like

the Jule Miller Filmstrips were in the olden days. Each video is provided with some sample questions you might like to ask the prospect at the end of the video.

They are free for you to download to your computer or you can watch them directly from the internet. In addition to the videos and questions, note pages are also provided so you can know exactly what is going to be said in the videos.

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## CHRISTIAN ARRAY BIBLE CLASS LESSONS

**120 permanent free online Bible class topical lessons which are meat rather than milk.**

What has been the Christian Array Topical Lessons has been converted into a permanent online free series of Christian Array Bible Class lessons (which are still effectively topical lessons). They are located at [www.occg.institute](http://www.occg.institute), BIBLE CLASS / TOPICAL LESSONS tab.



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## THE COVID OPPORTUNITY

If having visitors is critical to your church growing, this is an opportunity to have someone else bring them to you. You can lead an opening prayer, have chapel, and/or put up posters such as the examples which are located at [occg.institute](http://occg.institute), PAPERS, TEACHING. There are several of these posters available whose goal is to stimulate someone into asking a question. Perhaps you have a question which should be added to one of these posters.

Can you imagine another way in which you can bring prospects into your facility repeatedly? You will probably not see another opportunity this good in your lifetime. The time for planning and action is now.

Can this be the project which returns your congregation to a growth pattern? Is Covid God's way of waking us up?

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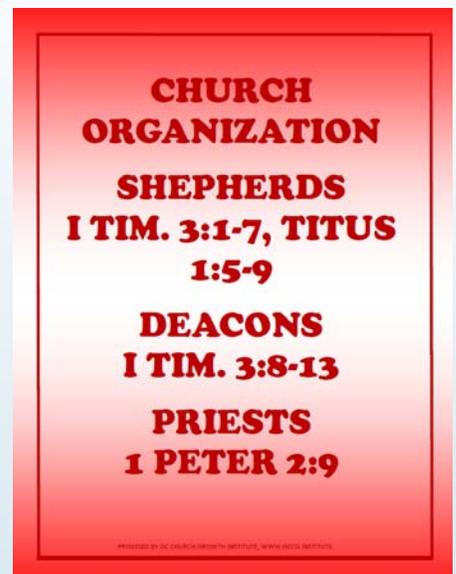
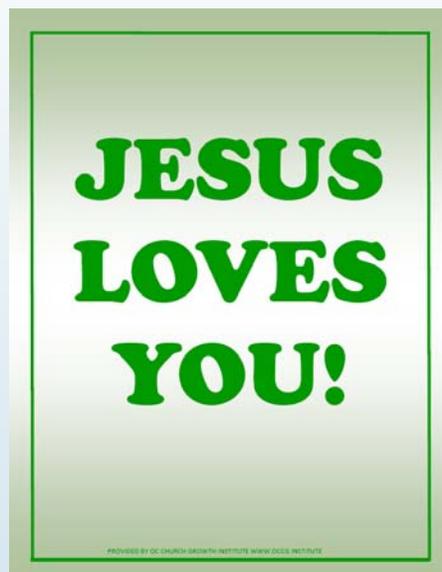
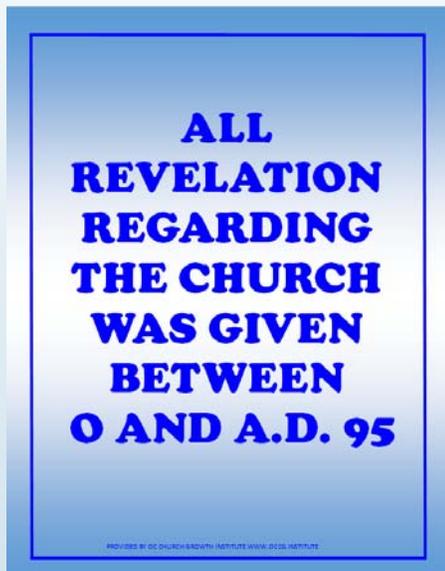
We received the comment that we are too stressed to do something like this now. When people are stressed is when opportunity happens. When covid is over and we are not stressed, this opportunity will not exist.

## WINGS OF EAGLES VIDEOS

The videos are effectively a fast paced presentation of a lot of information which can be viewed straight through with questions at the end, or can be presented in sections and allow time for questions along the way.

The Wings of Eagles videos are issued on a flexible format. If you would be more effective at personal evangelism if they were stating something differently or said something else, let us know at [info@occg.institute](mailto:info@occg.institute). Our goal is to be of as much assistance to members as we can.

For more information on the Wings of Eagles videos, see the flyer on page 14. If you are interested in the Jule Miller Filmstrips, the website provides a link to those also.



## FAITH IN A FRIEND

“He was in the world and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him.” John 1: 10-11

The world in sin prefers a familiar friend,  
The one who fascinates with fantasies,  
Flattery and visions of the forbidden  
Hidden but promised to the driven  
Who strain and strive to claim that prize.

But what a surprise awaits at the gate  
Through which all must pass at last.  
Oh-woe to those who’ve been had by all  
things bad

From worse to worst – comes the curse  
From what they craved they cannot be  
saved,

Since they chose the path to wrath.  
But what of others whose sin is covered  
By confessing futility becoming clothed  
with humility.

Running their race by the power of grace  
With a trustworthy friend walking beside  
them till the end.

By purity of intention there is no detention,  
Only affection and loving redemption.  
No doubt, no deception – only perfection.  
For they who overcome will not be un-  
done.

The pure in heart are set apart,  
Dressed in white, called into the light  
By the One who was lifted up, now leads  
up,  
Speaks up, clears up, opens up and pow-  
ers up.

The friend who hears us, teaches us, fills  
us,

Lives within us, cheers us and by grace  
Claims us, redeems us and presents us  
Spotless before His Father in whose im-  
age formed us!

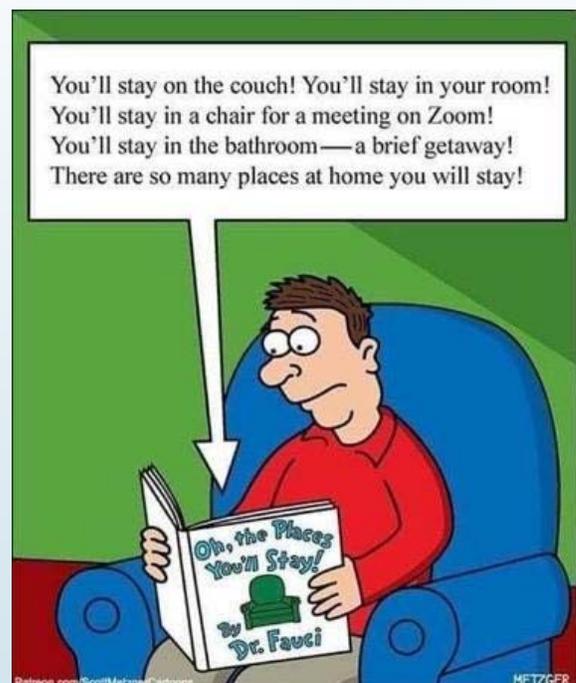
Oh, let us seek Him while he may be

found  
To hear His message so profound,  
Before we trade our earthly form,  
Well used and worn, for that wonderfully  
new  
Heavenly body, perfect in likeness to His  
Highness.  
Praising God, all disciples in training,  
while straining  
Now claiming, declaring and sharing the  
fruit of His Vine,  
Ripened by His Spirit and freely given:  
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness,  
Goodness  
Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control,  
To complete the vision of man as planned  
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All in the image of the Mighty I AM.

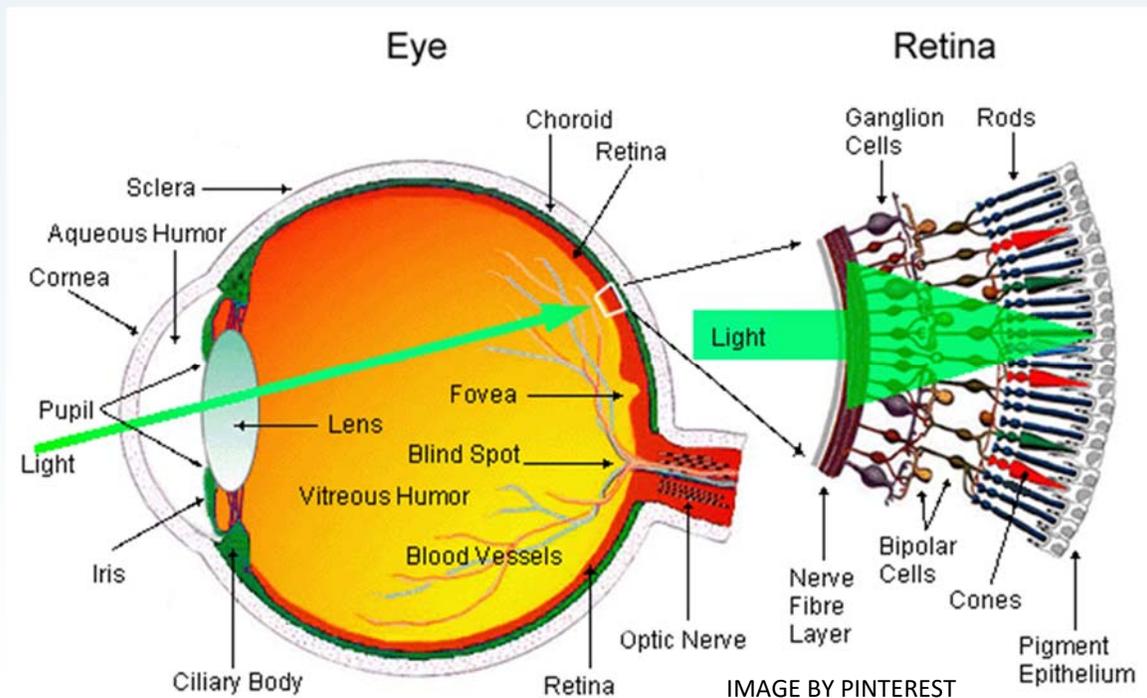
Amen

Therefore; let disciples not preach or teach  
what the world expects, but what the world ne-  
glects.

Larry S. Grubbs, Harrison, Ohio



## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #107 - NIGHT VISION



We have used our vision graphic which is on the following page to discuss 16 things which are impossible for atheistic evolution to do by accident (see Impossible for Evolution book, p. 35). One of them is simply that light strikes the retina at the back of the eye and converts light to a coded electric signal.

That the cells in the retina can convert light to a coded electric signal is impossible to accidentally evolve, but that just touches the complexity of what happens. The graphic above shows that when the light reaches the cells at the back of the retina, it actually passes through layers of clear cells. The light goes on to about 6-7 million Cone cells and approximately 120 million Rod cells. Each cell is 2 microns in diameter and 100 microns long. Two microns would be 0.00008 inches.

The Cone cells are what you normally see with, and are responsible for color vision. The Rod cells are primarily responsible for night vision. Rod cells are about 100 times more

sensitive to light than Cone cells.

When you turn the lights off at night and it seems temporarily black. Then, after a few minutes you can actually see a lot better. The first thought would be to understand that the Iris in your eyes is dilating to give you more light. If your Iris dilates to about triple in diameter, its large area would let in about ten times as much light. Consider that you have 20 times as many Rod cells (120/6 million) and that they are 100 times as sensitive. That would mean that your eyes are up to 20,000 times more sensitive (10\*20\*100) in low light situations.

This is not those with the best Cone cells surviving the and optimizing, this is the invention of a whole new Rod cell vision system to help you at night. This is massive additional DNA programming. Thank goodness we know an intelligent designer who can do this.

Benton F. Baugh

## GIFTS THAT INSPIRE

*"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thes. 1:3)*

Gifts that inspire are the most valuable to our well-being. Words that say, "You matter," or "I notice the work you do," are the ones that encourage us to keep on keeping on. Everyone needs to know that their lives are worthwhile and that their efforts to serve Jesus bless other people. So forget that detached, stiff upper lip Christianity and do something to lift the spirit of those who have brought encouragement, challenge and inspiration to your life this year. It's not stuff they need, it is our gift of spirit.

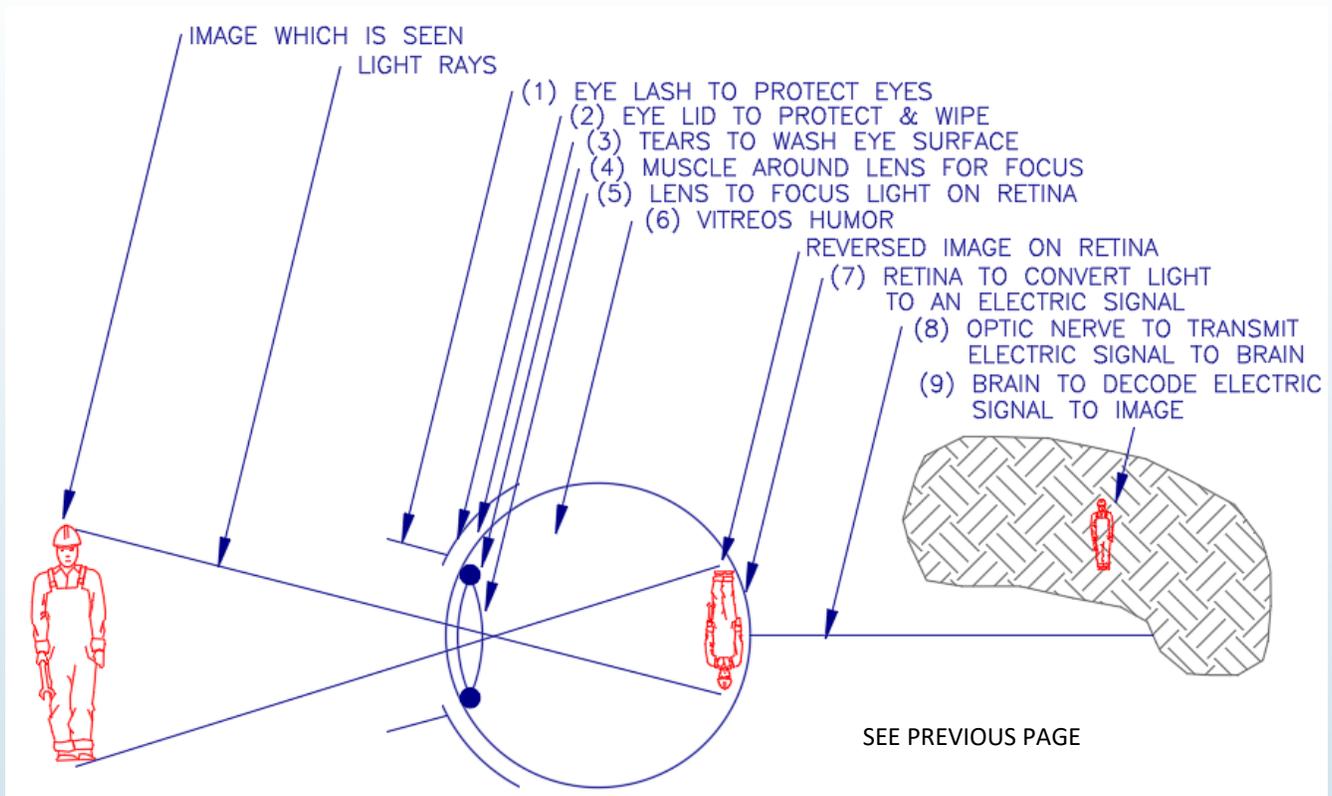
Isn't it about time we take seriously the command to build up and encourage others? In our church family we learn from and are blessed by every person with whom we have

contact. Did they prepare the communion? Was it leading a prayer or a song, or did they prepare the classroom for your study? Was it the greeter at the door or the one who sweeps the floor? There are quiet servants all around us. Could we at least acknowledge that what each one does is valuable to us?

So here's a little challenge. Find your name in the church directory and select the five names before yours and the five names after yours and find something to appreciate about each one. Speak, call or send a card. If that feels too awkward, write a card and sign it, your Christian Sibling. You could leave and look for cards on the WINGS table.

Several years ago I received a card that said, "I'm glad your life overflows into mine." Those words inspired a sense of value, honor and belonging that blesses me today. Who will you inspire today?

Elizabeth Brown, Texarkana, TX



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- (5) Sunday morning worship: A church growth sermon

See <https://occg.institute/refresh/> for more specific information.



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See website for cell phone shortcut!

Hello, this is Maxine -- I have questions!



**Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?**

**Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?**

**Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?**

**Whose cruel idea was it to put an "s" in the word "lisp"?**

## CHRISTIAN ARRAY BIBLE CLASS LESSONS, CONTINUED

This lesson series represents nominally **10 quarters of lessons comprising about 120 topics**. We say nominally as how individual teachers and classes approach the topics will vary. These are basically discussion topics. You may use more than one quarter on some topics, and you may combine two topics into one quarter so it is hard to predict an exact schedule.

The first section which is recommended to be the first quarter is the Wings of Eagles videos. If all your classes are familiar with these videos and practice in class how to answer likely questions given and discuss how to set up a viewing sequence, it will be a quarter well spent.

The remainder of the lessons represent a lifetime of collecting written topical lessons on numerous topics. A primary benefit of exposing your members with these lessons is that they will know there are scriptural reasons for what we believe, and they will know where to find the scriptures and explain the logic.

A primary thrust of the lessons is showing why it is logical to believe in Jehovah rather than no god or some other god. When they are equipped with the logic, scriptures, and scientific supporting data, they will be prepared to keep their children in the church. If they heard this information verbally once 5 years ago, they would not now be equipped support the growth of their children. And, as a practical matter, most have not even been hearing it once.

When they are exposed to the lessons and know where to find them online, they can be ready to support their children's growth when needed. As a practical matter, in the Bible class the teacher can ask class members to open up the lesson on their cell phones.

As with most of our programs, we are always looking for inputs and additional lessons. We

presently have about 120 lessons. We probably should have twice that many. The present table of contents is posted starting on page 10 of the issue.

Frequently the Bible class lessons are the original work of the teacher that week. This means that most of the teacher's available time is frequently consumed in making this week's lesson. Just imagine that the lesson is already done and the teacher is able to use his available time promoting class fellowship and evangelism. When the class starts with a lesson with the supporting verses already there, they and the teacher can achieve a depth of understanding on difficult topics rather than avoiding them.

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**Greetings to you in The Precious Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Hope this finds you well by His Grace.**

**Day by Day the Covid 19 is increasing in India especially in Tamil Nadu & Chennai.**

**More Churches of Christ & it's members are suffering due to the lock down. Most of them are daily labourers & public transports are also down.**

**New Churches & it's Members are suffering and requesting for relief. Hence humbly request if any one or the Church is able to support about US \$300/- for about 25 families. This will encourage them & build their faith.**

**With Love & Prayers In His Service**

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**Note: The word "gift" can be used but not "donation" or "relief" due to regulations.**

## CHRISTIAN ARRAY BIBLE CLASS LESSONS, CONTINUED

When the teacher or class identifies something that needs to be added to or corrected in the lessons, they can send it to info@occg.institute during the class period and have an answer back by the next week. If you have a topical lesson which should be added, send it to us. We leave verse by verse to commentaries and sermons to preachers so we are not trying to be everything, just topical lessons.

To give an example of how different these lessons are from more conventional lessons, page 9 Provides the offering by Christianbook.com for Bible class lessons. They are likely not exactly what you use, but are representative of what frequently happens.

The **LifeChange** series are 44 quarters of lessons purely on Bible books. You would use 11 years to simply go through the 472 lesson series. It is likely that you will forget what you know faster than you learn something new.

The **LifeGuide Bible Studies** provides 37 quarters of lessons purely on Bible books, which would consume 9 1/4 years. It also provides 83 "topical" sessions of 1079 lessons, which would consume 20 3/4 years, to give a total of 30 years to go through their series. These "topical" lessons include the iconic favorite "YV831432 Names of God". They present as many quarters as we have lessons.

To spend a quarter's time discussing the names of God is something other than useful. You have to wonder what the objective is to take some much time on a topic. It is certainly not to prepare members to assist in the Great

Commission. Can you imagine a prospect having a question regarding the variety of things God is called.

The Christian Array topics are designed to take a topic and help prepare someone to participate in evangelist opportunities.

The lesson are not \$10.00 per quarter and 30 years in getting around to. They are all posted for free for ready access now at our website. They start with overview videos and a table of contents.

Subjects like the plan of salvation, baptism, instrumental music, answers for evolutionary teaching, comparison of the world's offerings to be God, natural moral law, the problem of pain and suffering, heaven, hell, and judgment are addressed whereas they are not seen in the commercial listings.

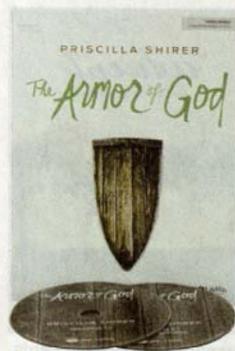
As soon as a member is aware the topics are there, they are equipped to go and personally study any of them if they have a prospect asking a question.

AGAIN, THE CHRISTIAN ARRAY LESSON SERIES EXPOSES A MEMBER TO A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS IN A PERIOD EFFECTIVELY OF 2 1/2 YEARS, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE MEMBER IS IMMEDIATELY ACQUAINTED WITH THE RESOURCE AND CAN GO DIRECTLY TO ANY TOPIC WHICH IS PRESENTLY A QUESTION.

Imagine you have spent the last 30 years going over a series such as the LifeGuide Bible Studies and a question comes up on the reports of many errors in the Bible, what

are they to do. Do they just deny it or have they become equipped with a resource to deal with the subject? The objective of the Christian Array Bible series is to equip members with scriptural answers to any question which might come up. It has a lot of progress in that direction, but more is needed. Perhaps you can help.

# Bible Study & DVD Curriculums

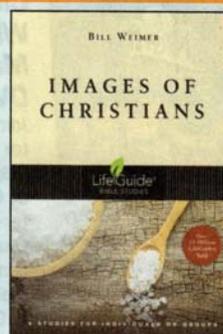
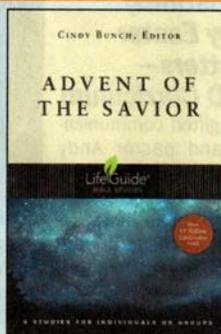
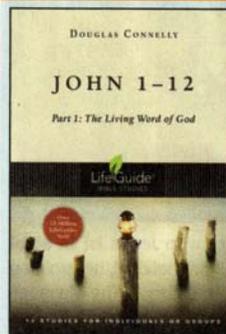


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## LifeGuide Bible Studies



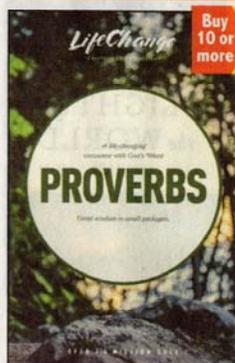
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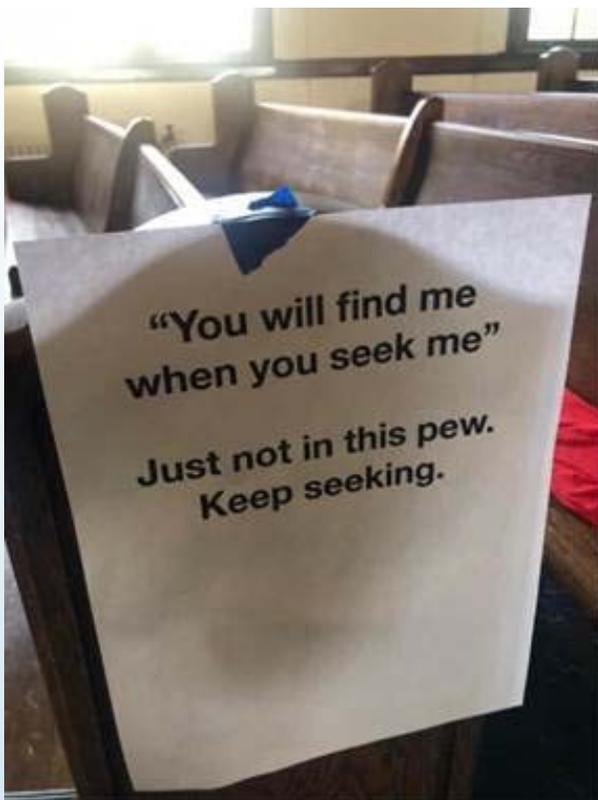
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