fl!pd presents C2

What is C2?

From February 5-April 1, 2012, Flipd is embarking on a learning adventure to connect with God and connect with our church. Our goal is to connect every middle school student with an adult at First Friends who will read through a book of the student's choosing with them over a two month period on Sunday mornings. Below you'll find a list of books to choose from that covers a wide variety of topics and authors but that are all specifically relevant to where Middle School students are at in their faith. So are you ready to take the challenge?

Why Participate?

At Flipd, we want to be a group of people who turn the world upside down for Christ. And to do this, we pursue living our lives like Christ. When Christ was our age, Luke tells us that he joined in the teaching at the Temple and that he "grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52). Reading a book together with someone who is a little older and a little wiser is a great way to grow in your faith. If you join us in C2, you'll get at least 3 things:

1: A Free Book!

You choose the book you want to read and Flipd will provide a copy for you and for the adult that reads it with you. It's yours to keep, so underline it, highlight it, write your questions and thoughts in it. Make it yours and learn all you can!

2: An Afternoon of Fun and Frivolity

For all those who participate in C2, we'll be having an afternoon of fun, food, and celebration for all that we learned together after we've wrapped up our 8 weeks together. Look for more details...it's sure to be a great time!

3: A Unique Experience!

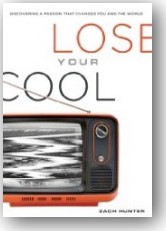
You're going to learn a lot in our two months of C2! It's totally different than anything else we do in Flipd and we couldn't be more excited for it. You'll have the chance to dig into a great book of your choosing, to connect with an adult and learn all about life from them, and to learn from your friends about the different books they're reading. This is sure to be a unique and fun experience for you.

Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations - Alex & Brett Harris

http://amzn.com/1601421125

A growing movement of young people is rebelling against the low expectations of today's culture by choosing to "do hard things" for the glory of God. And Alex and Brett Harris are leading the charge.

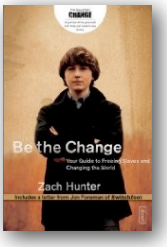
Do Hard Things is the Harris twins' revolutionary message in its purest and most compelling form, giving readers a tangible glimpse of what is possible for teens who actively resist cultural lies that limit their potential. Combating the idea of adolescence as a vacation from responsibility, the authors weave together biblical insights, history, and modern examples to redefine the teen years as the launching pad of life. Then they map out five powerful ways teens can respond for personal and social change. Written by teens for teens, Do Hard Things is packed with humorous personal anecdotes, practical examples, and stories of real-life rebelutionaries in action. This rallying cry from the heart of an already-happening teen revolution challenges a generation to lay claim to a brighter future, starting today.



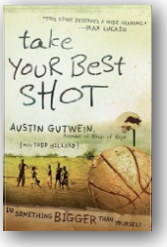
Lose Your Cool: Discovering a Passion that Changes You and the World - Zach Hunter

http://amzn.com/031028516X

Throughout history there have been passionate people who have used their passion to change the world. Some changed it for the better, while others were passionate about things that had terrible outcomes. But whatever it was, each of these people was willing to make big sacrifices for what they were passionate about. In Lose Your Cool you'll read the stories of these people and their passions.

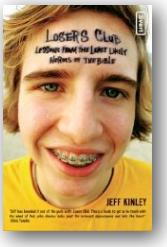


Be the Change: Your Guide to Freeing Slaves and Changing the World - Zach Hunter
http://amzn.com/0310277566
Most people think the average teenager isn't capable of much beyond hanging with their friends and wasting time. But Zach Hunter isn't your average teenager. And he's hoping to show you that you're not either. Zach has been trying to end slavery around the globe. Most people (maybe even you) think that slavery has been over for a long time. But sadly, there are more people bound in slavery now than at any of the times we read about in our history books. Now Zach is working to end slavery and free the men, women, and children who are being held against their will. He's even found some friends in the fight, including Jon Foreman of Switchfoot and Leeland Mooring of Leeland. Just look around the world and on the news and you'll find that there are plenty of things wrong with our planet—homelessness, hunger, global warming, AIDS…the list goes on and on. And we usually look at these problems and decide they're too big for us to do anything about. But Zach is proving that one person can make a difference. And in his book, he'll reveal the elements needed to make amazing changes in your world. In the end, he hopes you'll find the thing you're passionate about—and start making changes!



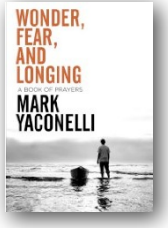
Take Your Best Shot: Do Something Bigger Than Yourself - Austin Gutwein
http://amzn.com/1400315158
Teen Austin Gutwein has taken his best shot several thousand times to help AIDS orphans in Africa and in the process has built a school and a medical clinic! Take Your Best Shot tells how one boy made an incredible difference in the lives of those without hope while challenging the reader to do the same.
The interactive dialogue will leave space for the reader to respond. By the end of the book, the reader will know the testimony of Austin and other teens from around the world who are committed to a life of sharing Christ's love, and will have begun to search for God's voice in their own lives. The book will also equip and challenge readers with information on a variety of ministries and organizations around the world to help people, animals, and the environment.

Under the Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America - Mike Yankoski
http://amzn.com/1590524020
As a college student in Santa Barbara, Yankoski was comfortable with his life. However, listening to a Sunday sermon one morning, he began to wonder whether his faith would remain as strong if his privileged upbringing and typical college existence were taken away. So began his decision to put his faith to the test. After meals from garbage cans and dumpsters, night after night Mike and Sam found their beds under bridges and on the streets. They were forced to depend on the generosity and kindness of strangers as they panhandled to sustain their existence. For more than five months, the pair experienced firsthand the extreme pains of hunger, the constant uncertainty and danger of living on the streets, exhaustion, depression, and social rejection—and all of this by their own choice. This is their story. Through Mike's firsthand account, Under the Overpass provides important insight into the truths of the street and calls the younger generation of believers to take great risks of faith to bring Christ's love to the neediest corners of the world.



The Losers Club: Lessons from the Least Likely Heroes of the Bible - Jeff Kinley
http://amzn.com/0310262623
We usually think of Bible characters as dressed with their Sunday best, looking good, smelling of accomplishment, and holding the posture of unshakeable faith. We marvel at these "flawless saints" while thinking, "Wow! I'm not worthy!" Hey, not so fast. Believe it or not, the most celebrated people in the Bible were plagued by doubt, bad decisions, and less than perfect reputations. In a word, most were losers! And yet, God had plans that would take them beyond their humble, imperfect lives and dub them proud members of the "losers" club. Losers Club is a real-life look at famous Bible figures such as Moses, Solomon, David, Thomas, Rahab, and others. Each vignette reveals people who struggle with weak faith, confusion, and frustration: people very much like you and me! These stories will help you connect with these flawed heroes, find encouragement in their stories, and get inspired by God's love and care for "losers".

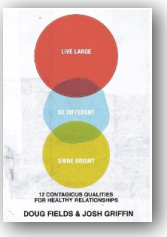
Enjoy the Silence: A 30 Day Experiment in Listening to God - Maggie & Duffy Robbins
http://amzn.com/0310259916
Deepen your experience with Scripture • Discover the power of God's Word • Is the Bible speaking to you? • Learning to listen to Scripture • Listen to what God's Word is saying to you People talk about the power of the Bible, but sometimes Scripture just looks like normal words. However, inside these thin, innocent-looking pages is the divine revelation of a God who wants you to hear him. Enjoy the Silenceis about the spiritual discipline of Lectio Divina. This ancient practice can help you develop an awareness of God's presence and power found in the Bible. The book's simple exercises take you through the process of reading Scripture, meditating on Scripture, listening to God through Scripture, and responding to Scripture. If you feel like you've been reading the Bible in the shallow end, it's time to start scaling the cliffs and get ready to plunge headlong into the deep experience of God's Word.



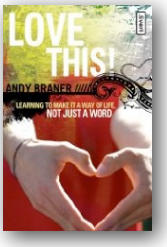
Wonder, Fear, and Longing: A Book of Prayers - Mark Yaconelli
http://amzn.com/0310283604
Every heart feels wonder. Every heart knows fear. Every heart aches with longing. Awed, we whisper, "Thank you." Frightened, we cry, "Mercy." Yearning we plead, "Show me the way." Because the truth is, no matter who you are, every heart needs prayer. This is a prayer book. A book to seduce, cajole, entice, and encourage your heart into prayer. More than a book to be read, this is a book to be explored. It is a book of stories, divine poetry, holy verses, mystical inspirations, prayerful imaginings, meditative practices, and spiritual exercises that seek to uncover the hidden communication between you and God. As you read and explore more about love, longing, fear, suffering, compassion, rest, reflection, passion, wonder, and gratitude you'll be invited to discover prayer within the various moods, attitudes, and experiences that we human beings often find ourselves in. It's a book to be used, flipped through, tested, experimented with, and then set aside. It is a book that asks you time after time to stop and listen, turn and welcome the silent love of God. The hope of this book isn't to teach you anything. The point of this book is to encourage you to give yourself to God—your anger, your fear, your gratitude, your curiosity—your real self to the real God, because then (and only then) will your heart find peace (even in the midst of wonder, fear, and longing). Because every heart needs prayer.

Wisdom On...Getting Along with Parents - Mark Matlock
http://amzn.com/0310279291
Wisdom On...Getting Along with Parents can help you understand both sides a little better and improve your relationship. This book is about giving you insight and understanding into the dynamics of your relationship with your parents, and helping you learn to use wisdom when you interact with them. You'll walk away from this book with a whole new perspective on the relationship you have with your parents, and how to have an even better one.

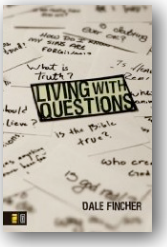
My Faith (Middle School Survival Series) - Mark Oestreicher & Kurt Johnston
http://amzn.com/031027382X
Life and faith can be hard for middle schoolers. But this book gives them all the tips and secrets they need to really grasp their faith and keep hold of it. My Faith is filled with quick and easy-to-read lessons along with funny stories from the authors. Plus there are quotes and questions from students just like yours.



Live Large. Be Different. Shine Bright. - Doug Fields & Josh Griffin
http://bit.ly/ayl69H
Somewhere along the line, an expectation has crept into church youth groups that once you begin to follow Jesus, you just magically turn into a completely mature Christian. Well, that's just not true! In Live Large. Be Different. Shine Bright., Doug Fields and Joshua Griffin share about some important character qualities that will help teenagers live large, be different, and shine bright. A lot of what Doug and Joshua write about doesn't seem to get much sermon time, but these topics are definitely worthy of consideration and experimentation—topics like competition, laughter, cliques, encouragement and several others will help teenagers in the process of being a more vibrant follower of Jesus.



Love This!: Learning to Make It a Way of Life, Not Just a Word - Andy Braner
http://amzn.com/0310273803
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR...AND THEN SOME! When Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, he doesn't just mean the strange guy across the street (you know the one). He's talking about our neighbors on this planet—the people we see every day...and even those we don't see. Especially the people who don't get a lot of love. But how do we love them? Love This! shows you who your neighbors are, why they need your love, and tangible ways you can demonstrate that love to them. For example: How can you show love to people who are: • Homeless? • Addicted? • Sick? • Old? • Of other races? • From other countries? • Your enemies? Love This! contains real-life stories of people like you who've found ways to love their neighbors. It will challenge you to make a difference in your own world by loving the people who are often ignored or unloved.



Living with Questions - Dale Fincher
http://amzn.com/0310276640
Have you ever asked any of these questions:
Does what I think really matter? Am I important enough? What is truth? Am I good enough? Is God there? What's so great about heaven? Has God spoken?
If you've ever wondered about any of these questions, you've come to the right place. In Living With Questions you will look at each of these questions in such a way that you'll discover clues, helpful tools, and answers-and what they all mean for your life and your faith.

Never the Same: Stories of Those Who Encountered Jesus - Steven James
http://amzn.com/0310259517
Do you ever wonder what it would be like to meet Jesus face to face? We often forget that for a handful of people in ancient Palestine, meeting Jesus was as real as meeting a friend for lunch! This collection of fictional, first-person accounts tells the stories of those who met, knew, and loved Jesus. • Listen to Mary reflect on her mysterious young boy as she and Joseph escape with Jesus to Egypt. • Eavesdrop on Satan as he tempts Jesus in the desert. • Hear what goes through the mind of a teenage guy in a death squad as he watches Jesus pardon a condemned woman. These and many other characters tell us what it was like to meet the strange, serious, joyful, emotional rabbi from Nazareth. Each voice helps us better understand the Jesus they knew and how he changed their lives in profound ways. Every story includes questions for reflection and commentary to help you meet the mystery for yourself.