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| Name of Person Submitting Review | Amy Canute |
| With whom did you go through the study? | Couples Small Group |
| Resource Name | Out of the Saltshaker and into the World |
| Author and Publisher | Rebecca Manley Pippert |
| Resource Type | Book |
| Give a brief discription of the resource. | This is a book on evangelism as a lifestyle. Through stories, biblical insight and plain common sense, the author helps us feel relaxed and enthusiastic about sharing our faith. She offers an inspiring view of what effective, engaging evangelism might look like--for individuals as well as for churches. |
| How long did it take to go through the resource? | There are 19 chapters and 288 pages so you could discuss two chapters a week and take about 8 weeks. |
| How much prep time is needed if meeting for group discussion? | About 30-45 minutes each week. |
| Things I enjoyed: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The author is extremely encouraging. She tells of her own screw-ups and the results (God often used her meager attempts). She affirms everybody's individuality and emphasizes that everyone has a part to play in witnessing. 2. The author gives loads and loads of examples from her own life to illustrate her points. They are invariably excellent. |
| Things I didn't enjoy: | There was nothing I didn't enjoy about this book. |
| Would you recommend this resource? Why or why not? | <p>I would recommend this resource because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The author gives lots of practical, succinct tips and advice. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *If we are going to arouse seeker's curiosity in Jesus, we must demonstrate the love of Jesus. Ask the Lord daily to allow the Jesus who lives in me to love the people I come into contact with. *God isn't glorified in our lives if we wear our best friend's personality; we must be who we were created to be. *Suggest others' objections before they do; acknowledge their objections as legitimate. *When you are talking to someone about the gospel and feel your fear rise, pretend you are talking to a Christian. *Learn how to express Christian terms such as grace, salvation, justification, redemption, etc. in fresh ways. ...and on and on... 2. The book doesn't give you a method, but encourages you to think about your faith, the needs of others, and your communication style. It assures you that one method doesn't cover everyone by a long shot. 3. The book boils down the gospel to some basic points, and encourages you to really understand it. |
| What was the most important thing you learned? | You shouldn't be formulaic in your approach to witnessing, but should feel very free to approach each situation differently. I also learned some good approaches to begin conversation. |
| Is there anything else you would like to share? | My small group wrote and shared our testimonies with one another as a follow-up to this study. |