



Good News: The Meaning of the Gospel (LBS)

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— **Andy Le Peau**, former associate publisher, editorial, InterVarsity Press

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Since the publication of the first LifeGuide® Bible study (LBS), *Genesis*, in 1985, InterVarsity Press has strived to create accessible Bible studies for individuals and groups.

In 1982, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship staff member Jack Kuhatchek and IVP editors Andy Le Peau and Jim Hoover conceptualized what became LifeBuilder Bible Studies (soon renamed LifeGuide® Bible Studies). The idea was to produce a quality series of Bible study guides that would be relevant and inductive, and also appeal to both Christian students and laypeople in churches. The first seven studies were published in 1985, with a plan to have an LBS for almost every book of the Bible as well as numerous topical studies.

“Over ten million LifeGuide® Bible Studies have been distributed around the world since InterVarsity Press first started publishing them in 1985,” says Cindy Bunch, associate publisher, editorial, and LBS series editor. “They are designed to create conversation around Scripture passages. The discussion format is easy to lead, and the focus on a single chapter of Scripture allows everyone to enter the conversation, even those with little prior knowledge about the Bible. LifeGuide® Bible Studies create a context for God’s Word to speak into our lives today.”

Editors and authors include the late John Stott, J. I. Packer, Dale and Sandy Larsen, Rebecca Pippert, Patty Pell, James Sire, Paul Borthwick, and many others. With over one hundred titles currently in print, InterVarsity Press has accomplished its original goal to cover the Old and New Testaments, Bible characters, and major Christian themes.

In this most recent LifeGuide, *Good News*, Jack Kuhatschek explores not only the question, “What must I do to be saved?” but also helps groups understand the meaning of the good news: that is, the incredibly broad scope of what God has done, is doing, and will do in the future to reconcile all things to himself through Jesus Christ.

“The full contours of the gospel can only be seen and appreciated when we scan the biblical horizon from Genesis to Revelation. That explains, in part, why God wrote such a lengthy book rather than a gospel tract,” writes Kuhatschek. “Yet if we want to recapture the spirit of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, when their hearts burned with excitement and passion within them, then we’ll need to begin with Moses and all the prophets to understand what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Jesus and his reason for coming.”

Kuhatschek adds, “I’m hoping that this LifeGuide will not only explain what we must do to be saved but also help you understand the background and far-reaching implications of the good news we have believed.”

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