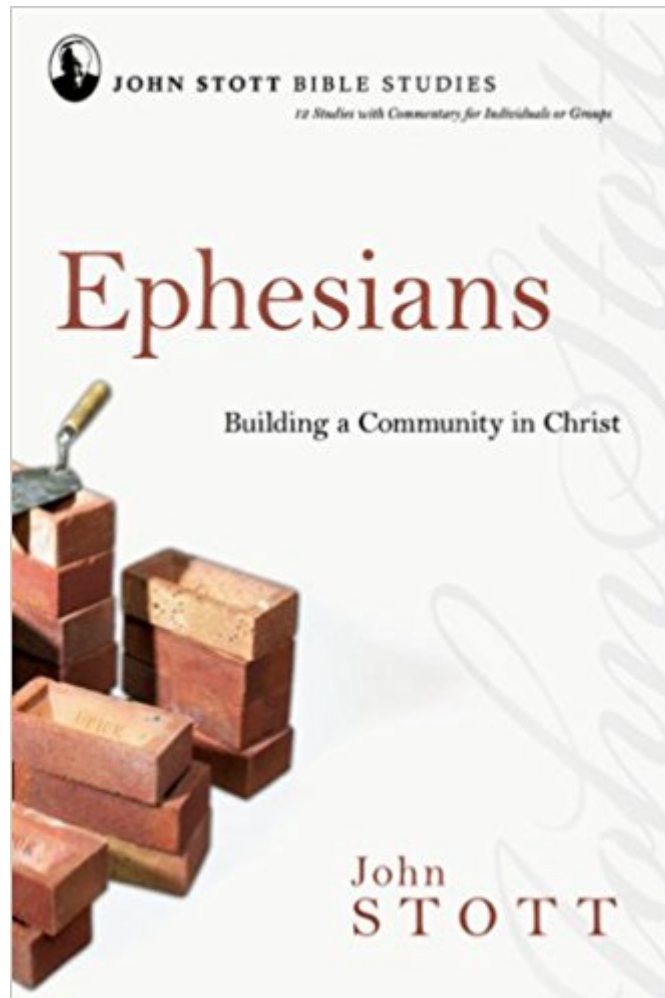




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# Ephesians: Building A Community In Christ (John Stott Bible Studies)



## Synopsis

We long to belong. We crave unity. We want to be loved and accepted by others. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is about uniting all things in Christ. Here we learn how to break down what separates us from God, one ethnic group from another, husband from wife, parent from child, employer from employee. These studies provide a vision of the new society God has planned in his church. John Stott is one of the world's leading and most loved Bible teachers and preachers. In this guide you can explore Scripture under his guidance, enhancing your own in-depth study with insights gained from his years of immersion in God's Word.

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## Customer Reviews

John R. W. Stott (1921-2011) has been known worldwide as a preacher, evangelist and communicator of Scripture. For many years he served as rector of All Souls Church in London, where he carried out an effective urban pastoral ministry. A leader among evangelicals in Britain, the United States and around the world, Stott was a principal framer of the landmark Lausanne Covenant (1974). His many books have sold millions of copies around the world and in dozens of languages. Stott's best-known work, *Basic Christianity*, has sold two million copies and has been translated into more than 60 languages. Other titles include *The Cross of Christ*, *Understanding the Bible*, *The Contemporary Christian*, *Evangelical Truth*, *Issues Facing Christians Today*, *The Incomparable Christ*, *Why I Am a Christian* and *Through the Bible Through the Year*, a daily

devotional. He has also written eight volumes in The Bible Speaks Today series of New Testament expositions. Whether in the West or in the Two-Thirds World, a hallmark of Stott's ministry has been expository preaching that addresses the hearts and minds of contemporary men and women. Stott was honored by Time magazine in 2005 as one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" and was named in the Queen's New Years Honours list as Commander of the Order of the British Empire. In 1969, Stott founded the Langham Trust to fund scholarships for young evangelical leaders from the Majority World. He then founded the Evangelical Literature Trust, which provided books for students, pastors and theological libraries in the Majority World. These two trusts continued as independent charities until 2001, when they were joined as a single charity: the Langham Partnership. Langham's vision continues today to see churches in the Majority World equipped for mission and growing to maturity in Christ through nurturing national movements for biblical preaching, fostering the creation and distribution of evangelical literature, and enhancing evangelical theological education.

I took a course as an undergraduate for college and this workbook was used as part of the homework assignment. I highly recommend it, it stretched me in my studies, however it did take me the better part of a week to complete the workbook. I did not hand write it in the book, I actually typed it all in page format in my computer and that way I have it for later studies. Robin

Purchased for my wife. She reports that it's OK but has to work at having her interest held. It is being used by a Bible study she attends. Her verdict? There are better products for studying Ephesians and are not hard to find.

I've used this in small group bible studies and as an aid for sermon ideas. Although Stott sometimes injects reformed theology into his interpretation of verses, or he sometimes brings in 'pithy phrases' that sound good but may not be accurate (see my review of his commentary on Ephesians for details), there are many great discussion starters in this study guide that will help a discussion leader get on track to a fruitful discussion. Some of the best meetings we've had involved the use of questions right out of this book. For technical accuracy and cross checking I would suggest F.F. Bruce's commentary on Ephesians as a companion. If Bruce concurs with Stott then you know that probably 90% of evangelical scholars are in line....if Bruce doesn't concur or even bother to refute Stott, then you know it's probably just one of the more rare 'pithy phrases' which doesn't really flow out of the text, but has been inserted into the text by Stott. Normally he doesn't do that so it's not a

frequent problem. Ephesians is the prince of epistles, as some call it. A book worth spending additional money on if you are leading a group through these six chapters. We spent the better part of a year on the first four chapters in one group I lead and the people are just loving it. It's very rich. The method we've used is essentially what is laid out in this guide. So I recommend you get this guide, Bruce's commentary...also Stott's commentary is really good for discussion/preaching as well. Above all else, stay focused on Jesus while working through this...and He will guide you to the truth on each point in the text. So I heartily recommend you purchase this study guide if you are preaching through Ephesians or if you are leading a study of Ephesians.

As expected from John Stott, this is a great guide to the study of Ephesians. It points to key verses and sections as well as provide some background information to help guide toward deeper discussion of this letter.

Can use this book alone without a leaders guide if you want to do it on your own.

Excellent short study!

We bought these for a Bible study and they are great. The layout and method used is nice.

used this as a resource for family camp curriculum. probably will use the study on my own soon, i liked what he has to say.

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