

From Here to Community **Leader's Guide**

This **LifeCrossings** course, *From Here to Community*, "is designed to be a resource for moving Christians and congregations from being a gathering of individuals to being community. The authors, Dick and Judy Reuning, have created a course with a companion Leader's Guide that enables the participants to grasp the vision and to take concrete positive steps towards its realization. They have drawn on a rich reservoir of sociological, psychological, and above all theological sources. The twelve sessions invite participants on a journey complete with 'food for the journey,' 'encounters along the way,' and 'notes for the travelogue'."

Walter R. Bouman, Prof. Emeritus of Systematic Theology, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Leader's Guide Features Make Preparing and Leading Easy – especially for the non-professional teacher

- Pathway – activities designed to achieve the objectives or Destination for the session
- Teaching tips for preparing ahead of time
- Suggested layouts for visual aids on flipchart or marker board for each Encounter Along the Way
- Thorough explanations for in class and at home activities
- Discussion hints that include responses from the field testing participants
- Pages that can be removed to be used during the session – no more fumbling for the hints
- Supplementary background material

From field testing leaders:

- "Well-integrated, well-structured sessions."
- "The Leader's Guide helped me feel well-prepared, more of a facilitator than a leader."
- "Preparation time was two hours, done over the week so I felt grounded and at ease."
- "The teaching plans had helpful suggestions for visual aids and discussion points."
- "I liked the comfort of putting the Leader's Guide pages right in the participant version."
- "The example from the Leader's Guide helped get the discussion started."

The authors:

As experienced college educators in science, mathematics, and health care, **Dick and Judy Reuning** combine their passion for creating high quality learning experiences with over thirty years of teaching experience in the (Lutheran) church setting at both adult and children's levels. Through LifeCrossings, LLC – Resources for Life's Choices, they have committed second careers to publishing learning materials (with companion leader's guides) that connect Christian faith with the daily challenges of life in American society. Drawing on the guidance of their advisory board, with its breadth of expertise and diverse Christian background, as well as their own experiences as volunteers and board members in the social service arena, they have developed this resource for Christian communities of any denomination.

“You cannot work through this course without being challenged, affected, changed. What is more, your church has the opportunity to become community, that is, to become the agent for and the witness to God’s vision for humanity.”

**Walter R. Bouman,
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