

# **When does it make sense for a church to produce its own material?**

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Producing study materials for a church is a huge undertaking that diverts staff time, energy and attention away from other assignments. Making that decision, then, should be made carefully. When does it make sense for a church to produce its own material?

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# **First person: The ups and downs of curriculum writing**

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Writing the Nurturing Faith curriculum for *Baptists Today* has proven to be both a joy and a challenge.

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# **Opinion divided on Jesus'**

# **descent into hell**

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Christians know Jesus was crucified on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. But what did he do on Saturday?

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## **Where was Jesus buried? Bible scholars hold differing views**

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During Holy Week, Christians remember the familiar story of Jesus' death and resurrection. But exactly where does that story take place? The Bible offers only a few clues.

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## **Transformation: From streets to shelter to self-sufficiency**

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Michael DeLeon, 58, has a smile that will make anybody laugh. And he has a lot to smile about. He has emerged from the streets to a new life that overcame his own personal disappointments.

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# **The poor among you**

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The working poor may work more hours a week than the average salaried employee, but they do it at a cobbled-together assortment of part-time jobs without benefits.

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# **Long days, short pay for the working poor**

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When Jeremy Everett, director of the Texas Hunger Initiative, thinks about the working poor, he visualizes Josie.

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# **Film traces real-life story of abortion survivor**

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A new movie confronts a controversial topic by highlighting two words that

don't typically go together—"abortion" and "survivor."

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## **No pews, no suits, no problem for churches in nontraditional settings**

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Ron Williams is the pastor of Church at the Gym in Sanford, Fla. Its goal is to remove the "stained-glass barriers" for people who might not be comfortable in traditional church settings, Williams said.

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## **CBF initiative brings hope to nation's poorest counties**

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The Lakota of Bridger, S.D., now have fresh eggs available in their neighborhood at about half the cost, and young women in Helena, Ark., are learning business and leadership skills while earning an income to help their families.

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# **Blue Like Jazz film: Christian, but not cheesy**

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Do not confuse the upcoming film *Blue Like Jazz* with Christian market movies. The film, based on the autobiography of the same name by Donald Miller, will hit theaters April 13. It challenges hypocrisy in the church and portrays characters in messy, difficult faith struggles.

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# **Faith Digest: Report names Turkey as offender**

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Turkey stands as a new and controversial addition to an annual list of the worst offenders of religious freedom released by the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.