## Guides to our God Complex

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I've been working with <u>God Complex Radio</u> for over four years, and the readings and conversations never cease to nurture me in my preaching and writing. The guests are amazing. Although I'm regularly told that our conversations make long commutes and housework drudgery bearable, Derrick Weston, Rob Dyer and I have wanted to see these interviews used in other contexts as well. We imagined that people could use the conversations in a Sunday school classroom (I've used them there). Or, people could gather on Facebook or Google Hangout to discuss them.

So we were excited that Isabella Blanchard, at <u>Virginia Theological Seminary's</u> <u>Center for the Ministry of Teaching</u>, worked to develop a series of <u>Study Guides</u> for several God Complex Radio episodes. She highlighted many of our favorite conversations and made the guides available as downloadable PDFs <u>here.</u> Isabella includes information on the guest, a description of suggested learners, an outline of the interview, and additional reflection questions. She developed guides for our interviews with

- <u>Edward J. Blum</u> on Race, History and Christ
- Ruth Everhart on the Holy Land
- Amy Blumenshine on Veterans and Healing
- <u>Lia Scholl</u> on Sex Workers
- <u>D. Mark Davis</u> on Left-Behind Theology
- David H. Jensen on Christianity and Sexuality
- Rick Ufford-Chase on Faith and Human Rights
- Cameron Trimble on Church Renewal

If you have any feedback on the guides or the show, we'd love to know about them!