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## AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

| Author       | Title   | Content Summary  |
|--------------|---|--|
| Newman, B. J | Autism and your church: Nurturing the spiritual growth of people with autism spectrum disorders | <p>Autism has evolved from an unfamiliar term to an everyday reality for millions of people. Bookstore shelves are filled with resources that address how Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects children and adults at school, work, and home. But what about the church? What about your church? How can it become a welcoming place for individuals and families affected by ASD? Autism and Your Church offers practical ways to welcome and include individuals with ASD into the full life of your congregation. This resource will enable church leaders to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- appreciate those with ASD as persons created in God's image</li> <li>- learn about six common areas of difference in individuals with ASD.</li> <li>- discover ten strategies for including people with ASD in the life of your church.</li> <li>- develop an action plan for ongoing ministry with children and adults who have ASD.</li> </ul> <p>A reproducible resources section includes interview and permission forms, a coordinator's job description, a sample Individual Spiritual Formation Plan, and more.</p> |

## CHILDREN

| Author   | Title                              | Content Summary   |
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| Capon, A | Know how to give a children's talk | God's message of salvation in Christ is addressed to children as much as to adults. The art of delivering this message can be mastered by anyone. |

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| Tripp, T | Shepherding a child's heart | Shepherding a Child's Heart is about how to speak to the heart of your child. Written for parents with children of any age, this insightful book provides perspectives and procedures for shepherding your child's heart into the paths of life. |
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## CHILDREN AND DISABILITY

| Author                    | Title   | Content Summary   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Newman, B.J               | Helping kids include kids with disabilities.<br><br>(Revised edition) | This revised edition gives practical tips for helping children welcome other children who have disabilities into their classes at church or at school. Children with disabilities are part of God's family, but people don't always treat them that way. In this book you'll discover how to help kids and their leaders welcome and include kids with disabilities at church or school. This revised edition contains a wealth of helpful information for understanding disabilities such as autism spectrum disorder; AD/HD; behavioural challenges; hearing, visual, and speech/language impairments; intellectual disabilities; physical disabilities; learning disabilities; and severe or multiple disabilities. This book also includes guidelines and forms to help churches identify and meet needs, lesson plans for presenting information on each area of disability, fact sheets about specific disabilities to share with adult leaders, and much more. It's an indispensable resource for teachers, Sunday school leaders, church staff, and anyone who works with children. |
| Wetherbee, K and Philo, J | Every child welcome: A ministry handbook                              | Jesus set a high standard when He said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven'. The call is not limited to children who will sit quietly at His feet and listen, who colour between the lines, who raise their hands and wait to be called upon, and who work at grade level. Children's ministries are responsible to be ready to bring children with disabilities to Jesus' feet  |

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|  | for including kids with special needs | <p>too. Every Child Welcome is the guide for leaders and volunteers to assist in purposeful planning and skill development for a ministry inclusive of children with unique needs. Experienced children’s ministry leaders, and parents of special-needs children themselves, the authors are superbly equipped to offer a thoughtful, thorough approach to creating a positive environment for children one where all children will be able to digest the important concepts being taught. For leaders and volunteers, Every Child Welcome will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide the knowledge and tools to create a welcoming environment before kids arrive</li> <li>• help children learn more effectively by connecting new information to what they already know</li> <li>• reinforce the main idea of a lesson, building background knowledge and reviewing important concepts</li> <li>• supplement instruction with hands-on activities to increase attention and participation</li> <li>• reinforce and wrap up an activity effectively</li> </ul> |
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## DICTIONARIES

| <b>Author</b>             | <b>Title</b>                           | <b>Content Summary</b>  |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Alexander, T<br>Rosner, B | New Dictionary of<br>Biblical Theology | This dictionary aims to integrate various biblical books and themes into the story of the Scriptures. Each Biblical book’s main themes are explored. The way themes, such as faith, the family, freedom and God are covered in the Old and New Testaments are compared. |
| Douglas, J<br>& others    | New Bible<br>Dictionary                | Dictionary of bible terms, place names, books, people and doctrines.  |

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| Elwell, A             | Evangelical Dictionary of Theology                                | Covers systematic, historical, and philosophical theology as well as theological ethics.                                       |
| Hawthorne, G & others | Dictionary of Paul and his letters                                | Focus on Pauline theology, literature, background and scholarship.   |
| Marshall, H & others  | New Bible Dictionary<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition | Features an A - Z of Bible terms, place names, books, people, doctrine, maps, family trees, line drawings, diagrams and charts |
| Sinclair, B & others  | New dictionary of theology  | Concise and comprehensive coverage of biblical, systematic and historical theology with thorough discussion of topical issues. |

### DISABILITY: GENERAL

| Author   | Title   | Content Summary  |
|----------|---|--|
| Brock, B | Wondrously wounded: Theology, disability and the body of Christ | The church welcomes all - or it should. The church has long proven itself a safe refuge despite the sad reality that it can be, and has been, unwelcoming toward those perceived as different. Brian Brock reclaims the church's historic theology of disability and extends it to demonstrate that people with disabilities, like all created in God's image, are servants of God's redemptive work. Part one chronicles how early Christianity valued and cared for those with disabilities, putting into practice Jesus' teachings about divine mercy in decidedly countercultural ways. Part two details how a rise in the fear of disability tempted the church away from these merciful practices as well as its confession of the infinite worth of all God has created. Part three traces how the fear of difference continues to negatively shape contemporary practices in today's |

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|                                |   | <p>schools, churches, and politics. Part four lays the foundations of a vision of Christian life that is resistant to this pervasive fear. Part five shows how the recognition of all people as part of the body of Christ not only demonstrates the love of Christ but displaces the fear of disability in a manner that invites the church beyond even the most ambitious contemporary hopes for full inclusion. Brock argues, those with disabilities are conduits of spiritual gifts that the church desperately needs. Wondrously Wounded is an appeal to the church to find itself broken and remade by the presence of Christ on offer in the lives of those society has labeled 'disabled'.</p>            |
| <p>Brock, B and Swinton, J</p> | <p>Disability in the Christian tradition: A reader</p>  | <p>For two millennia Christians have thought about what human impairment is and how faith communities and society should respond to people with perceived impairments. But never has one volume collected the most significant Christian writings on disability. This book fills that gap bringing together for the first time key writings by thinkers from all periods of Christian history - including Augustine, Aquinas, Julian of Norwich, Luther, Calvin, Hegel, Kierkegaard, Bonhoeffer, Barth, Hauerwas, and more. Fourteen contemporary experts in theology and disability studies guide readers through each era or group of thinkers, offering clear commentary and highlighting important themes.</p> |
| <p>Carter, E.W.</p>            | <p>Including people with disabilities in faith communities: A guide for service providers, families and congregations</p> | <p>A congregational community is an ideal place to share and strengthen faith, form lasting relationships, and develop special gifts and talents. Too often, though, people with developmental and other disabilities lack the opportunities and supports to fully participate in the life of their faith community. That's why families and service providers need to read this ground breaking guidebook to become places of welcome and belonging for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Bringing his practical ideas to life with anecdotes, quotes, and examples of successful strategies, Erik Carter helps readers</p>  |

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|                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reflect on how welcoming their congregation is—and could be—for people with disabilities and their families</li> <li>• articulate and pursue a bold vision of inclusion throughout their congregation, community, city, or state</li> <li>• take steps to break down attitudinal, architectural, programmatic, and other barriers to inclusion</li> <li>• design appropriate, inclusive religious education programs for children, youth, and adults</li> <li>• learn how service providers can actively support the spiritual preferences, strengths, and needs of people with disabilities</li> </ul> <p>To make inclusion work in any faith community, this how-to book gives readers workable strategies and photocopiable forms for identifying indicators of welcome, encouraging community outreach, and gathering important information about the support needs of people with disabilities and their families.</p>  |
| Conner, Benjamin | Disabling Mission, Enabling Witness: Exploring Missiology Through the Lens of Disability Studies | <p>In recent decades churches have accommodated people with disabilities in various ways. Through access ramps and elevators and sign language, disabled persons are invited into worship. But are they actually enfolded into the church's mission? Have the able-bodied come to recognise and appreciate the potential contributions of people with disabilities in the ministry and witness of the church? Benjamin Conner wants to stimulate a new conversation between disability studies and Christian theology and missiology. How can we shape a new vision of the entire body of Christ sharing in the witness of the church? How would it look if we "disabled" Christian theology, discipleship, and theological education? Conner argues that it would in fact enable congregational witness. He has seen it happen and he shows us how. Imagine a church that fully incorporates persons with disabilities into its mission and witness. In this vision, people with disabilities contribute to the church's pluriform witness, and the congregation embodies a robust hermeneutic of the gospel. Picture the entire body of Christ functioning beyond distinctions of dis/ability, promoting mutual flourishing and growing into fullness. Here is an enlargement of the church's witness as a sign, agent, and</p> |



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|                |  | foretaste of the kingdom of God. Here is a fresh and inspiring look at the mission of the church when it enfolds people with disabilities as full members.  |
| Dawn, Marva J. | Being well when we're ill:<br>Wholeness and hope in spite of infirmity   | An insider's view of the many spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical difficulties encountered by people with chronic illness and disabilities. She knows from experience how to nurture hope in spite of infirmity. Each chapter focuses on one particular kind of struggle, such as worry, guilt, loss of meaning, loss of dreams, loneliness, physical pain, depression, loss of confidence and trust that God is present and personally loving. Each chapter details appropriate "finds" - spiritual resources, emotional supports, intellectual answers, or practical solutions - that enable a person to persevere through them and to be well in spite of them. For each issue she explores discussions of biblical texts - texts that help lament losses as well as texts that bring wholeness.  |
| Hubach, S.O.   | Same lake, different boat:<br>Coming alongside people touched by disability.<br><br>(Revised and expanded edition) | In a fallen world, we all experience brokenness. In our humanity, we all experience limited ability. We're in the same lake, sharing a common story—but because our experiences differ from person to person, we're not in the same boat. When it comes to people with disability, however, we often act like we're in different <i>lakes</i> . Disability can seem frightening, abnormal—or even irrelevant to those who do not experience it. But Stephanie Hubach argues that there is a better way to think of disability, a better way to understand the challenges facing those touched by disability, and a better way to understand the role of the church in the lives of people with differing abilities. She pinpoints what is true about disability, in contrast to common secular views, and what we need to rethink and relearn in order to support one another and make God's kingdom truly accessible to all.<br><br>This revised and updated edition includes new chapters on growing in grace and journeying into maturity. |

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| Jacobson, A | Redefining perfect: The interplay between theology and disability | Theology and disability have not always had an easy relationship. The interactions have ranged from downright hostile to indifferent or unintentionally excluding over the centuries. This theology book chooses instead to include those with disabilities resulting in a re-examination of major theological topics and the impact on the lives of those with disabilities, their family and friends, and the community at large. The focus of the book is to move the church beyond welcome to inclusion--where those with disabilities move from a guest of the community to equal and valued member of the community. While the book is about the theological inclusion of those with disabilities, its implications reach far beyond. It sets an approach for all people to find a place where they too may live in the fullness of Christian community. Stories of personal encounters are blended with explanations of doctrinal perspectives giving the reader a chance to connect knowledge with wisdom born from real life experience. |
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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

| Author           | Title  | Content Summary  |
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| Anglicare Sydney | Renew: An Australian guide for Christian women survivors of domestic abuse | The road to recovery from domestic abuse is not easy or straightforward. There are many barriers and obstacles that can hinder progress. This book aims to help make you're your journey easier, providing you with constructive assistance as well as hope and encouragement. Drawing on latest research and practice wisdom, this guide provides a wide range of support, addressing the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of a survivor of domestic abuse. |

## EVANGELISM, INTRODUCING CHRISTIANITY

| Author     | Title   | Content Summary  |
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| Chapman, J | Setting hearts on fire: A guide to giving evangelistic talks        | 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us (Luke 24: 32). Anyone who explains the good news of Jesus Christ to others hopes that this will be the result – that hearts will be set on fire by the message, and that repentance and faith will follow. Chapman explains how telling people the gospel of Jesus Christ requires us to be servants: servants of the Word itself (to understand it correctly), and servants of the people (to explain it clearly). |
| Chester, T | Good news to the poor   | Help them or tell them? Be like Jesus or talk about Jesus?<br>Social action or gospel proclamation? Quite often we find ourselves gravitating toward one of those modes over the other--at times going so far as to pit word against deed, as if the two were mutually exclusive. Yet Good News to the Poor shows us how both are integrated in the biblical vision of mission so that we may become both evangelists and activists--Christians who talk the talk and who walk the walk.                                       |
| Clarke, G  | Is it worth believing? The spiritual challenge of the Da Vinci Code | Is Christianity really true? Is it worth believing in Jesus Christ as has been portrayed by the church? Or is the real Jesus the one portrayed by the Da Vinci Code? Clarke helps us through this maze by stepping above it and looking at how we come to believe one thing rather than another.   |

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| Dickson, J | A doubter's guide to Jesus: An introduction to the man from Nazareth for believers and sceptics | <p>Who was Jesus? Historical sources portray a person who was complex, multi-layered, and often contradictory to the tidy portrait that much of modern Christianity paints him as. Even the gospel accounts render him as both judge and healer, teacher and temple, servant and saviour. A Doubter's Guide to Jesus is a persuasive and often challenging investigation into the historical figure found in the earliest sources. These sources, which include references both direct and indirect—from Roman, Jewish, and Christian accounts—offer us more than simple evidence that Jesus existed; they begin to form a picture that is both deeply credible and profoundly counterintuitive.</p> <p>Each chapter explores the evidence for a different aspect of the most influential figure in human history, exploring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His words and their impact.</li> <li>• The scandal of his social life.</li> <li>• His preference for the poor and lowly.</li> <li>• The meaning of his death and influence of his promises.</li> </ul> <p>The goal is not to turn Jesus into something neater, more systematic and digestible; but to see him more clearly as someone who stretches our imaginations, confronts our beliefs, and challenges our lifestyles. After two millennia of spiritual devotion and more than two centuries of modern critical research, we still cannot fit Jesus into a box—and this is as challenging as it is deeply compelling.</p> |
| Dickson, J | A sneaking suspicion  | This is a book about things that matter. Things like life, death, relationships, sex, suffering, meaning. A book about how the whole picture of your life looks from the perspective of the God who created it.   |
| Dickson, J | Simply Christianity   | A leader's manual   |
| Dickson, J | Simply Christianity   | A guest's manual  |

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| Dickson, J<br>Clarke, G | Life of Jesus: A six part course on the man and why he matters     | What really happened in the first century that changes the shape of world history? Who is this figure who has had a profound impact on our culture? ethics? politics and philosophy?  |
| Josling, C              | 40 Rockets   | This book provides 40 practical tips and lots of encouragement for those who'd love to see their workmates come to know the Lord Jesus.   |
| Laferton, C             | Christmas uncut:<br>What really happened and why it really matters | The nativity story is often seen as cute and cuddly and for kids. But that's because some of what really happened at the first Christmas has been edited out of popular retellings! The full, unabridged, uncut story is full of twists and turns, controversy and mystery. This book tells readers what really happened all those years ago, and why it really matters for our lives and futures today. Warm and witty, short and easy to read, Christmas Uncut is perfect for giving out at Christmas services and events, or to nonbelieving family and friends. |
| Little, P               | Know what you believe  | What does Christianity have to do with anything? What does the Christian faith teach about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit? What do I need to know about angels, Satan and demons? What place should the Bible or a church have in my life? The author leads you into a greater appreciation of a God who has done great things to bring you into a relationship with him through Jesus Christ. He presents ten bottom-line, non-negotiable truths of Christianity.  |
| Little, P               | Know why you believe   | Do science and Scripture conflict? Are miracles possible? Is Christian experience real? Why does God allow suffering and evil? These are just a few of the twelve most common intellectual challenges to faith that Paul E. Little encountered during his twenty-five years of speaking and teaching in the university. These questions need solid answers. Little uses these questions to jog readers' thinking and help them examine their present  |

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|                             |  | <p>worldviews, ranging from scientific determinism to rabid existentialism. By thinking through the most common challenges to Christian faith, believers will be prepared to answer others out of the wellspring of their own certainty.</p> <p>This edition, revised and updated by Marie Little in consultation with experts in science and archaeology, provides twenty-first-century information and offers solid ground for those who are willing to search for truth. Including a study guide for individuals or groups, Know Why You Believe is the classic answer book on Christian faith.</p>  |
| Manchester, S<br>Roberts, S | Six steps to talking about Jesus:<br>Practical training for small groups | This six session (video-based) course is ideal for small groups, and teaches the basics of the how and why of sharing your faith in the Lord Jesus.   |
| McDowell, J                 | More than a carpenter  | Written by a sceptic turned believer, More Than a Carpenter challenges readers to ask the question, 'Who is Jesus?' McDowell acknowledges that while the topic of God is widely accepted, the name of Jesus often causes irritation. 'Why don't the names of Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius offend people? The reason is that these others didn't claim to be God, but Jesus did.' By addressing questions about scientific and historical evidence, the validity of the Bible, and proofs of the resurrection, the author helps the reader come to an informed and intelligent decision about whether Jesus was a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord. |
| Noakes, K                   | JesusWORKS<br>2 books:<br>The course,                                    | JesusWORKS is a short course about Jesus. It aims to introduce a person to the Jesus of the Bible – his teaching, his work, and his ministry. The prayer is that anyone doing this course will freely be able to consider what has been said by Jesus and about Jesus so that they can examine him for themselves and make their own decision about whether he is a person worth following.   |

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|                            | The bible passages                         |  |
| Petty, S                   | Jesus                                      | It is no exaggeration to say that no army that ever marched, no navy that ever sailed, no government that ever sat, and no king that ever reigned has left as much of a lasting impression on the course of history as this one solitary life. That life was the life of Jesus. But it's easy to get caught up in misinformation about who Jesus is, his history, and what he really came to do. Scott Petty clears away the confusion and takes us to the centre of the Bible's teaching on who Jesus is, what he came to do, and what he wants for us. Sprinkled with humour, this book will help you understand the difference Jesus makes to life, history and eternity. |
| Petty, S                   | What's life all about?                     | What's the point of life? Where are we going? The answers to these questions are big but they don't need to be scary. This is a fun book which gets straight to the point.   |
| Pippert, R                 | Uncovering the life of Jesus<br>(2 copies) | Becky Pippert's experience in evangelism and understanding of the mindset of non-Christians shines through on each page of these six Bible studies, written for a Christian to use with a group of interested non-Christians, helping them to meet the real Jesus. Christians using this resource on every continent have seen countless conversions; and now it has been redesigned to ensure that it appeals to people of every age and background.  |
| Richards, K                | Aussie pilgrim's progress                  | John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress retold from an Aussie bush perspective  |
| Richards, K<br>Richards, B | Hospitality<br>Evangelism                  | Immediately after the Second World War, average weekly church attendance in Australia was over 40% of the population - it is now around 20%. Less than 1% of Aussie kids attend Sunday School these days. The Aussies we want to reach with the gospel are often second and third generation pagans - they don't send their kids to Sunday School, they didn't go to Sunday School themselves, and quite likely their parents didn't go to   |

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|            |   | Sunday School either. They no longer even go to church at Christmas and Easter. They use civil celebrants for marriages, and even funerals. If they have to go to church for a friend's wedding, they feel distinctly uncomfortable. If we are going to penetrate the Australian culture with the gospel, these are the people we must reach. This down-to-earth, practical guide gives step-by-step ideas on how to use Aussie warmth and friendliness to get the message of Jesus to non-Christian friends and relatives, neighbours and colleagues.   |
| Strobel, L | The case for Christmas: A journalist investigates the identity of the child in the manger | Who was in the manger that first Christmas morning? Some say he would become a great moral leader. Others, a social critic. Still others view Jesus as a profound philosopher, a rabbi, a feminist, a prophet, and more. Many are convinced he was the divine Son of God. Who was he—really? And how can you know for sure? Consulting experts on the Bible, archaeology, and messianic prophecy, Strobel searches out the true identity of the child in the manger. If Jesus really was God in the flesh, then there ought to be credible evidence, including Eyewitness Evidence—Can the biographies of Jesus be trusted? Scientific Evidence—What does archaeology reveal? Profile Evidence—Did Jesus fulfill the attributes of God? Fingerprint Evidence—Did Jesus uniquely match the identity of the Messiah? |

## FAMILIES AND DISABILITY

| <b>Author</b>        | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Content Summary</b>   |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Eareckson<br>Tada, J | Real families, real needs: A compassionate guide for families | When a family is affected by disability, everyone's life changes. Whether you're a father, mother, sibling, grandparent, or other relative, you have specific questions based on your role in the family as well as unique needs for support. Real Families, Real Needs not only answers those questions, but also provides godly advice and spiritual hope for the challenges you face. Divided into five sections written specifically for every member of |



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|           | living with disability                          | the family, this book also offers encouragement, Scriptures to lean on, practical ideas, and more. Learn from the stories of families like yours and be inspired as they share how God has helped them live victoriously through the challenges of life with disability. Find comfort and peace in a community of people who understand what you face on a daily basis. You are not alone! |
| Hurley, K | Take heart: For families living with disability | This book faces the hard theological questions about disability in a warm and encouraging way using short biblical reflections and first-person narratives. Take Heart is written for parents, grandparents and family friends of those who are coping with disability.  |

### GRIEF, SICKNESS, HEALING

| Author       | Title   | Content Summary   |
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| Blackwell, S | Healed at last: Separating biblical truth from myth | Meningitis at the age of three left Scott Blackwell with a legacy of serious lifelong health problems, including the severe limp he still walks with. But his physical ailments were only the half of it. By his own admission, he found himself at the age of 18 "tired, starving, sick, experimenting widely with any drug I could find, mildly suicidal and alone". This book tells how God brought profound healing into Scott Blackwell's life. But it is also the story of Scott's search for what the Bible teaches about physical healing, in this life and the next. Many Christian pastors make strong claims today about God's promise to heal all our physical illnesses. What are we to make of these claims? What does the Bible actually teach about healing? Scott's examination of these important issues is personal, warm, practical and often funny. But it is also clear, thorough and compelling in its presentation of the Bible's teaching about healing. <i>Healed at Last</i> offers truth, hope and encouragement for everyone who longs to be healed. |

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| Bright, B     | The journey home:<br>Finishing with joy                 | "I have been asked if I have any last words before God calls me to a new assignment, and I do" Bill Bright said months before his death. At the time, facing an incurable disease, pulmonary fibrosis, his initial response was, "Thank you, Lord." His doctor believed he was in denial, but Bright's determination to declare the faithfulness and sovereignty of God for the rest of his days remained firm. His preparation for leaving this earth is chronicled in this surprisingly optimistic, encouraging book. Despite great suffering, Dr. Bright displayed unflinching courage and wrestled along with readers over troubling questions and intensifying his gaze on eternity. And as he experienced the nearness of death, Bright was able to write with unswerving confidence, "Four realities are more clear than ever: God is real, His promises are true, life is an exciting though brief adventure, and heaven is our home." |
| Lewis, C.S    | The problem of pain                                     | Lewis examines a universally applicable question within the human condition: "If God is good and all-powerful, why does he allow his creatures to suffer pain?" With his signature wealth of compassion and insight, Lewis offers answers to these crucial questions and shares his hope and wisdom to help heal a world hungering for a true understanding of human nature.   |
| Manchester, S | At a time like this:<br>Some answers for loss and grief | At a time like this we need to know if there is an expert on life and death. And if that expert makes more sense than all the other voices around us. We need to know if this expert has gone through the grave and come back to tell us what it's like on the other side. You'll be comforted to know that there is such an expert who has done this. That person is Jesus Christ   |
| McDonald, D   | Hope beyond cure  | Dave was diagnosed with stage 4 inoperable and incurable lung cancer. He finds great encouragement in many different sources of hope, but ultimately in the hope that only God can offer—a hope beyond cure, beyond death itself, for all eternity.  |

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| Ryle, J.C   | Sickness  | None of us likes to be sick. But the author points out, sickness, like the sin that caused it, is universal to all mankind. And while sickness is indeed a misery, Ryle shows that, at the same time, it confers general benefits on mankind. He writes, "It is a blessing quite as much as a curse. It is a rough schoolmaster, I grant. But it is a real friend to man's soul." He goes on to describe some of the ways that God uses sickness for good and the special duties that its prevalence requires, concluding with "In sickness and in health, in life and in death, let us lean confidently on Him." |
| Tung-Yep, T | Good grief – bad time: 3 ways of coping with loss | A soul searching explanation of personal grief - to help others in similar circumstances  |

## HISTORY

| Author        | Title  | Content Summary  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Loane, M      | A centenary history of Moore Theological College | Published in 1955, this book provides an overview of the history of the college from its colonial beginnings. Under the leadership of several principals Moore Theological College has developed a noted faculty and international reputation.   |
| Staniforth, M | Early Christian Writings                         | This book provides a window into the traditions and organisation of the early church based on the writings of the Apostolic Fathers. A first-hand account of the early Church is provided which outlines a form of early Christianity that drew on the theology and traditions of Judaism. |

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| Stevenson, J | A New Eusebius: Documents illustrating the history of the Church to AD 337 | The author uses primary sources to explore the history and doctrine of the early church. A source book for students of the patristic period and a companion volume to "Creeds, Councils and Controversies" and "Doctrine and Practice in the Early Church". This edition incorporates documents that were not available when the original collection was compiled. |
| Stevenson, J | Creeds, Councils, and Controversies  | This companion volume to "A New Eusebius" and "Doctrine and Practice in the Early Church" documents the history of the Church from AD 337 to 461.  |

## LEADERSHIP

| Author   | Title  | Content Summary   |
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| Brain, P | Going the distance: How to stay fit for a lifetime of ministry | Christian ministry is not a sprint; it's a marathon, a long-term race, requiring not just initial enthusiasm and ability, but staying power. 44% of all pastors who have been involved in ministry for more than 15 years suffer from "burn out", mental breakdown or serious illness. And that doesn't include those who fail to continue in active ministry for other reasons, such as immorality or loss of faith. Drawing on decades of biblical reflection and experience, Peter Brain explains how to keep fit mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually for the long-haul. This is a book for anyone engaged in Christian ministry, whether lay or ordained, and would be an ideal book for pastors to read with their lay leaders. "This is a book of unusual insight and pertinent, practical wisdom for both the minister and the congregation, to enable them to live together in mutual respect and love, so as to model in their relationships the liberating grace of God, to whom they all belong. |

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| Marshall, C                | Growth Groups: A training course in how to lead small groups                 | A growth group is a place where Christians can grow. It is also a catalyst for the growth of the gospel. If you want to lead fellow believers toward Christian maturity and together reach others for Christ, then this book is for you.   |
| Marshall, C                | How to lead disciple making small groups                                     | Growth Groups is for any Christian or group of Christians committed to equipping leaders of God's people. It is designed to train leaders who can teach the Bible and pray with other Christians. It will prepare leaders to gather together fellow believers in evangelistic enterprise. This book will equip leaders to grow Christians and grow the gospel.   |
| Morris, K<br>Morris, R     | Leading better bible studies:<br>Essential skills for effective small groups | <p>If you want to learn how to help Christians grow through belonging to a Bible Study group, this is the book for you.</p> <p>The authors combine adult education insights, sound biblical principles and lots of practical advice.</p> <p>Leading Better Bible Studies covers seven key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Principles of Christian leadership</li> <li>- How to apply adult education principles to Bible study groups</li> <li>- Skills and methods for preparing your own Bible studies</li> <li>- How to help your group through the stages of its life</li> <li>- Teaching people to pray in a group</li> <li>- Looking after group members</li> <li>- How to sustain yourself in small group leadership</li> </ul> |
| Richards, L<br>Hoeldtke, C | A theology of church leadership  |  |

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| Veron, Z | Leadership on the front foot | This book outlines 23 principles to inspire and encourage church leaders. Practical guidance is offered for all aspects of parish ministry with application guides at the end of each chapter for further reflection, planning and decision making. |
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## LISTENING

| Author                           | Title  | Content Summary  |
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| Faber, Adele and Mazlish, Elaine | How to Talk so Kids Will Listen and Listen so Kids Will Talk | Go-to guide designed to transform your relationship with your child. Learn how to set clear boundaries and engage your child's co-operation. Find out how to overcome a pattern of arguments. Swap ineffective punishment for positive parenting. Prioritise a respectful and sympathetic approach to conflict resolution.   |
| Hartley, Mary                    | How to listen so that people talk                            | This book informs effective listening skills. Poor listening is the cause of communication breakdowns in every area of life. Topics include understanding points of view - yours and others'; communication techniques and rules; difference between hearing and listening; establishing rapport and setting boundaries; body language; how to respond, with and without words; taking risks and expressing feelings; and giving feedback. |

## MENTAL HEALTH

| Author      | Title                           | Content Summary   |
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| Grcevich, S | Mental health and the church: A | Dr. Stephen Grcevich presents a simple and flexible model for mental health inclusion ministry for implementation by churches of all sizes, denominations, and organizational styles. The model is based upon |

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|                   | <p>ministry handbook for including children and adults with ADHD, anxiety, mood disorders, and other common mental health conditions</p> | <p>recognition of seven barriers to church attendance and assimilation resulting from mental illness: stigma, anxiety, self-control, differences in social communication and sensory processing, social isolation and past experiences of church. Seven broad inclusion strategies are presented for helping persons of all ages with common mental health conditions and their families to fully participate in all of the ministries offered by the local church. The book is also designed to be a useful resource for parents, grandparents and spouses interested in promoting the spiritual growth of loved ones with mental illness.</p>  |
| <p>Simpson, A</p> | <p>Troubled minds: Mental illness and the church's mission</p>   | <p>Mental illness is the sort of thing we don't like to talk about. It doesn't reduce nicely to simple solutions and happy outcomes. So instead, too often we reduce people who are mentally ill to caricatures and ghosts, and simply pretend they don't exist. They do exist, however—statistics suggest that one in four people suffer from some kind of mental illness. And then there's their friends and family members, who bear their own scars and anxious thoughts, and who see no safe place to talk about the impact of mental illness on their lives and their loved ones. Many of these people are sitting in churches week after week, suffering in stigmatized silence. Amy Simpson, whose family knows the trauma and bewilderment of mental illness, reminds us that people with mental illness are our neighbours and our brothers and sisters in Christ, and she shows us the path to loving them well and becoming a church that loves God with whole hearts and whole souls, with the strength we have and with minds that are whole as well as minds that are troubled.</p> |
| <p>Smith, R</p>   | <p>The anxious Christian: Can</p>  | <p>Is anxiety "un-Christian"? Many Christians believe the answer to this question is yes! Understandably, then, many Christians feel shame when they are anxious. They especially feel this shame when well-intentioned</p>  |

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|                      | <p>God use our anxiety for good?</p>   | <p>fellow believers dismiss or devalue anxiety with Christian platitudes and Bible verses. Rhett Smith, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, helps us understand anxiety in a new way. Rhett argues that, rather than being destructive or shameful, anxiety can be a catalyst for our spiritual growth. Using Biblical thinking and personal examples, Rhett explains how anxiety allows us to face our resistance and fears, understand where those fears come from, and then make intentional decisions about issues such as career, marriage, money, and our spiritual lives. Allow this book to challenge your view of anxiety, and allow God to use your anxiety for good.</p>  |
| <p>Swinton, John</p> | <p>Finding Jesus in the storm: The spiritual lives of Christians with mental health challenges</p> | <p>People living with mental health challenges are not excluded from God's love or even the fullness of life promised by Jesus. Unfortunately, this hope is often lost amid the well-meaning labels and medical treatments that dominate the world of mental health today. In Finding Jesus in the Storm, John Swinton makes the case for reclaiming that hope by changing the way we talk about mental health and remembering that, above all, people are people, regardless of how unconventionally they experience life. This means accepting the reality and ramifications of suffering while also affirming that there is more to humanity than cells and synapses. Finding Jesus in the Storm is a call for the church to be an epicentre of compassion for those experiencing depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and related difficulties. Part of this compassion means breaking free of the assumptions that often accompany these diagnoses, allowing for the possibility that people living within unconventional states of mental health might experience God in unique ways that are real and perhaps even revelatory. In each chapter, Swinton gives voice to those experiencing the mental health challenges in question, so readers can see firsthand what God's healing looks like in a variety of circumstances. The result is a book about people instead of symptoms, description instead of diagnosis, and life-giving hope for everyone in the midst of the storm.</p> |



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| Thomas, A | Tackling mental health together: A biblical and practical approach       | A biblical framework for understanding mental illness and helping the mentally ill. Synthesises the relevant biblical material with our scientific understanding of mental illness. Equips the reader to deal wisely, intelligently and compassionately with issues of mental health in churches and the community. Helps us discern between bad behaviour which is a result of illness and that which results from sin.   |
| Tucker, J | Breath as Prayer: Calm your anxiety, focus your mind and renew your soul | <p>Find hope amid anxiety through the spiritual practice of breath prayer in this beautifully illustrated and practical guide to connecting body, mind, and spirit during times of stress. Breath as Prayer will lead you through the practice and the proven health benefits of Christian breath prayer: intentional prayers centered around Scripture that focus our minds on Christ as we calm our bodies through breathing.</p> <p>Breath as Prayer offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 80 breath prayers focused on Scripture, along with brief meditations</li> <li>• Gorgeous original full-colour illustrations</li> <li>• A quick-start how-to guide to refer to as needed</li> <li>• Guidance on how to implement a breath prayer practice</li> <li>• The science behind breath work and prayer and why it works</li> <li>• An invitation to reflect on the effect of breath prayers on your body</li> </ul> <p>An ideal book for anyone experiencing stress, anxiety, grief, or fear. God created our bodies, minds, and spirits to be intimately connected with one another. Purpose-filled breathing is one of the most effective, calming ways to integrate all aspects of who we are, especially during times of intense stress. Breath as Prayer invites you to the crossroads of Christian contemplative practice, Scripture, psychology, and science to deepen your faith, bring peace to your body, and discover a new reliance on Christ.</p> |

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|  | Breathe deeply, lean into God's Word, and discover why every breath can be an invitation to pray. |
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### MISSION: LOCAL & OVERSEAS CHURCHES

| Author     | Title                               | Content Summary  |
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| Bailey, K  | Jesus through middle eastern eyes   | Beginning with Jesus' birth, Bailey leads you on a study of Jesus throughout the four Gospels with attention to the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes, Jesus' relationship to women, and especially Jesus' parables. Through it all, Bailey employs his trademark expertise as a master of Middle Eastern culture to lead you into a deeper understanding of the person and significance of Jesus within his own cultural context. With a sure but gentle hand, Bailey lifts away the obscuring layers of modern Western interpretation to reveal Jesus in the light of his actual historical and cultural setting.  |
| Bennett, M | Do you feel called by God?          | When Michael Bennett took the first steps towards full-time, ordained Christian ministry, he dreaded being asked whether he 'felt called'. Because in all honesty, he didn't. Many years later, and after extensive biblical research, he came to the conclusion that the common idea of needing to feel a subjective call from God before entering the ministry is misguided and unbiblical. In Do You Feel Called by God? he shares his story, including the evidence that changed his mind. Full of wit, personal biography and clear biblical teaching, Do You Feel Called by God? provides an encouraging challenge not only to those considering full-time ministry, but also to all Christians who want to hear and respond to the call of God. |
| Bolt, P    | Mission minded: A tool for planning | The author is overwhelmed by the amount of things going on: playgroups, men's meetings, endless bible study groups. Yet when he asks how many people have been converted in the last year, there is an   |

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|                         | your ministry around Christ's mission   | embarrassed silence. What is going wrong? The author has resisted the temptation to bur himself in church activities and has actively cultivated non-Christian friendships. This book helps you plan a purposeful, gospel centred ministry.  |
| Carson, D               | Becoming conversant with the emerging church: Understanding a movement and its implications | A perceptive evaluation of the new "emerging church" movement showing how we must not only interact with a fast-changing culture but also have our vision and practice of ministry shaped by biblical theology with Scripture as the norm.   |
| Chester, T              | Unreached: Growing churches in working class and deprived areas                             | The working-class and deprived areas of our cities are not being reached with the gospel. There are many exciting exceptions, but many have no church, and most of the others only have a dying church. Very few have an evangelical witness. This book is about reaching those unreached areas.   |
| Chester, T<br>Timmis, S | Everyday church: Gospel communities on mission  | We live in an increasingly post-Christian culture. More and more we find ourselves on the margins as less and less people have any intention of ever attending church. What used to work doesn't work anymore and we need to adapt. Helping us to see the way forward, this book offers practical ideas and personal stories for engaging with Western society. Find out how to effectively reach people in the context of everyday life and take hold of the opportunity to develop missional communities focused on Jesus. |

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| <p>Chester, T<br/>Timmis, S</p> | <p>Total church: A radical reshaping around gospel and community</p>                             | <p>Church is not a meeting you attend or a place you enter," write pastors Tim Chester and Steve Timmis. "It's an identity that is ours in Christ. An identity that shapes the whole of life so that life and mission become 'total church.'" With that as their premise, they emphasize two overarching principles to govern the practice of church and mission: being gospel-centered and being community-centered. When these principles take precedence, say the authors, the truth of the Word is upheld, the mission of the gospel is carried out, and the priority of relationships is practiced in radical ways. The church becomes not just another commitment to juggle but a 24/7 lifestyle where programs, big events, and teaching from one person take a backseat to sharing lives, reaching out, and learning about God together. In Total Church, Chester and Timmis first outline the biblical case for making gospel and community central and then apply this dual focus to evangelism, social involvement, church planting, world missions, discipleship, pastoral care, spirituality, theology, apologetics, youth and children's work. As this insightful book calls the body of Christ to rethink its perspective and practice of church, it charts a middle path between the emerging church movement and conservative evangelicalism that all believers will find helpful.</p> |
| <p>Corney, P</p>                | <p>Change and the church: How to initiate and manage constructive change in the local church</p> | <p>This book grapples with the need to express Christian core beliefs in our complex society. Cultural adaptation is a tricky business, but this is not a new issue. The author shows us that the apostle Paul is the prototype cross-cultural communicator.</p>  |

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| Dever, M  | Twelve challenges churches face                             | Mark Dever draws from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians to tackle twelve major challenges facing the church today. As he presents each challenge, Dever provides ways for individuals and churches to respond biblically.                                     |
| Dever, M<br>Alexander, P                              | The deliberate church: Building your ministry on the gospel | The authors propose a model of complete reliance and submission to the gospel when building a healthy church.  |
| Diocese of Sydney in the Anglican Church of Australia | Sunday services: A contemporary liturgical resource         | This book aims to provide a liturgy which is biblical in content, intelligible in language and appropriate for our time and culture  |
| Goldsmith, M  | Love your local missionary                                  | Missionaries are front-line troops. How can we best support them?  |
| Irvine, R   | Giving generously: Resourcing local church ministry         | This book discusses the sensitive and at times contentious subject of raising money in the local church  |
| Leitem, M   | The mission before us: Why Sydney Anglican Ministry?        | Sydney is a great city that is in great need. What it needs above all else is the message of Jesus Christ and him crucified for the forgiveness of sins. Now as always we need the next generation to step forward and commit their lives to the mission before us |
| Marshall, C<br>Payne, T                               | The trellis and the vine: The ministry                      | All Christian ministry is a mixture of trellis and vine. There is vine work: the prayerful preaching and teaching of the word of God to see people converted and grow to maturity as disciples of Christ. Vine work is the Great                                   |

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|              | mind shift those changes everything | Commission. And there is trellis work: creating and maintaining the physical and organizational structures and programs that support vine work and its growth. What's the state of the trellis and the vine in your part of the world? Has trellis work taken over, as it has a habit of doing? Is the vine work being done by very few (perhaps only the pastor and only on Sundays)? And is the vine starting to wilt as a result? The image of the trellis and the vine raises all the fundamental questions of Christian ministry: What is the vine for? How does the vine grow? How does the vine relate to my church? What is vine work and what is trellis work, and how can we tell the difference? What part do different people play in growing the vine? How can we get more people involved in vine work? The authors answer these urgent questions afresh. They dig back into the Bible's view of Christian ministry and argue that a major mind-shift is required if we are to fulfil the Great Commission of Christ and see the vine flourish again. |
| Stephens, S  | The Kairos moment                   | Spiritual growth in the life of the church in India   |
| Wurmbrand, R | Tortured for Christ                 | After years of imprisonment and solitary confinement, enduring inhumane torture, Wurmbrand emerges with a powerful testimony of courageous faith. Even today, believers are suffering and dying for Christ, yet their faith will not falter under the most unthinkable persecutions. In this stirring account, Wurmbrand (founder of The Voice of the Martyrs) encourages us to remember those in chains and equips us to help our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.  |

## NEW TESTAMENT

| Author                           | Title  | Content Summary  |
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| Barnett, P                       | Apocalypse now and then: Reading Revelation today (2 copies) | No longer should readers feel intimidated by the book of Revelation. Paul Barnett highlights its major message while at the same time applying that message to our situation today.  |
| Bruce, F                         | Paul: Apostle of the heart set free                          | This illustrated book explores all of the primary themes in Paul's thought as they developed in the historical context of his life and travels. While Bruce's primary concern is to portray the life of the apostle Paul, he also examines the main themes of Paul's thought, set in their historical background and illustrated from his letters.   |
| Carson, D<br>Moo, D<br>Morris, L | An Introduction to the New Testament                         | Introduction to historical questions dealing with authorship, date, sources, purpose, destination etc. Includes a brief outline of each New Testament book, providing a brief account of current studies on the book, indicating something of the theological contribution to the canon.   |
| Dumbrell, W                      | Romans: A new covenant commentary                            | This book offers an exposition of Romans in terms of the New Covenant. Dumbrell argues that the operation of the New Covenant terminates the age of the Mosaic covenant. Mosaic law and its system of atonement thus ceases with the death of Christ. The further important point is that Paul is relating in his exposition to his current ministry and thus to national Israel in a post-cross situation still pursuing a covenant relationship under the defunct Mosaic covenant. |
| Fee, G                           | New Testament exegesis: A handbook for                       | Building on the belief that the task of exegesis (interpretation) is to understand the divine-human intention locked within the biblical text, the author provides a lucid step-by-step analysis of exegetical procedures that has made New Testament Exegesis a standard textbook.  |

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|             | students and pastors                             |   |
| Hughes, R.K | Colossians and Philemon: The supremacy of Christ | In our day of massive religious confusion, the message of Colossians is among the most timely of all the New Testament books. Today many seek to exclude belief in God from every corner of modern life. Others flaunt "New Age" ideas about God and Christ which collide with the Scriptures. Confusion reigns and many are in need of knowing the Truth. Christians in the first-century city of Colosse lived in a similar situation. Having first received the true Christian faith, they were soon confronted with distortions of the truth concerning the divinity and humanity of Christ and at the same time tempted by spiritual elitism. And the answers they needed are the same timeless answers that the modern world cries out to hear. |
| Stott, J    | The message of Thessalonians                     | How can two brief letters to a church in first-century Macedonia speak to us today? John Stott believes that Paul's letters to the Christians in Thessalonica offer three main guidelines to churches at the beginning of the twenty-first century: A model for ministry, as Paul's self-giving, prayerful love for the church challenges Christian leaders. A vision for the local church, as the apostle touches on evangelism, pastoral care, ethical standards, fellowship, worship, obedience and future hope. An affirmation of our faith, as he repeatedly returns to the foundation facts that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.  |



## OLD TESTAMENT

| Author                            | Title   | Content Summary   |
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| Bright, J                         | A history of Israel   | This book is a classic in the literature of theological education.  |
| LaSor, W<br>Hubbard, D<br>Bush, F | Old Testament Survey: The message, form and background of the Old Testament | This standard textbook on the background, content, and message of the Old Testament is now thoroughly revised and updated and takes full account of new research in the field of Old Testament studies, including archeology  |
| Kaiser, W                         | Toward an old testament theology  | Part I discusses the inherent difficulty in determining the true nature, method, scope, and motivation for Old Testament theology. Part II, applies the author's solutions clearly and methodically by chronologically discussing the Old Testament eras from the Prepatriarchal (Prolegomena to the Promise) to that of the Postexilic (Triumph of the Promise). A special section examines the connections between Old and New Testament theology.  |
| Kidner, D                         | Ezra and Nehemiah   | "The chequered story of the Kings, a matter of nearly five centuries, had ended disastrously in 587 B.C. with the sack of Jerusalem, the fall of the monarchy and the removal to Babylonia of all that made Judah politically viable. It was a death to make way for a rebirth." So begins Derek Kidner in this introduction and commentary to the books of Ezra and Nehemiah which chart the Jews' return from exile to Jerusalem and the beginnings of that rebirth. As the drama unfolds, we see how international politics, nationalist pride, wise leadership, political intrigue and opportunism, internal dissension and compromise all shape events. But above all and through all we see the good hand of God at work. |

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| Sach, A<br>Alldritt, R | Dig even deeper:<br>Unearthing old<br>testament treasure<br>(2 copies) | What does an Old Testament book have to say to us in the twenty-first century? Discover the message of a Bible book by using tools which help you 'dig deeper'. 'I have never seen a burning bush, have never suffered a plague of boils (even as a seventeen-year-old the acne wasn't that bad), have never parted my bathwater and walked through the middle, have never been to Mount Sinai, let alone heard God speaking from thunder on the top of it,' says Andrew Sach. 'What possible relevance does the book of Exodus have to me?' We set about discovering the message of a Bible book for us today using various tools. The Repetition tool helps us to see that God's name is a big deal. The Context tool shows us why it was important to beat the Amalekites. The Quotation/Allusion tool uncovers a miniature garden of Eden where we least expect one. And so on. |
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## OTHER RELIGIONS

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| McGrath, A<br>McGrath, J | The Dawkins<br>delusion? Atheist<br>fundamentalism<br>and the denial of<br>the divine | <p>Scientist Richard Dawkins writes in The God Delusion: "If this book works as I intend, religious readers who open it will be atheists when they put it down." The authors are ideal to evaluate Dawkins's ideas. Once an atheist himself, he gained a doctorate in molecular biophysics before going on to become a leading Christian theologian. He wonders how two people, who have reflected at length on substantially the same world, could possibly have come to such different conclusions about God. McGrath subjects Dawkins's critique of faith to rigorous scrutiny. His exhilarating, meticulously argued response deals with questions such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is faith intellectual nonsense?</li> <li>• Are science and religion locked in a battle to the death?</li> </ul> |

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|          |                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can the roots of Christianity be explained away scientifically?</li> <li>• Is Christianity simply a force for evil?</li> </ul> <p>This book will be warmly received by those looking for a reliable assessment of The God Delusion and the many questions it raises--including, above all, the relevance of faith and the quest for meaning.</p> |
| Payne, T | Islam in our backyard | This book explores the core beliefs of Islam as well as the main varieties of Islamic groups, and how Islamic beliefs challenge our Western secularism.   |

## PASTORAL CARE

| Author  | Title  | Content Summary  |
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| Brown, Jenny<br><br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition) | Growing yourself up: How to bring your best to all of life's relationships<br><br>(Revised & expanded edition) | To be human is to be in relationships. We can't survive without them but at the same time it's in our relationships that we so easily come unravelled. Either we feel like we lose ourselves or we feel burnt out from unsuccessful efforts to make things right for another. It's in our relationships that we can experience the very best of ourselves and the very worst. The message of 'Growing Yourself Up' is that you can't separate understanding the individual from understanding relationships; they go hand in hand. All of life's relationships are integral to increasing self-awareness and growing maturity — and it's not necessarily the comfortable ones that promote personal growth! Drawing from Bowen family systems theory, this book takes you on a journey through each stage of life to see the predictable patterns of relationships and to show you how to use this knowledge to make purposeful adjustments in yourself. The result, though certainly not a quick fix, is a sturdier self, sturdier relationships and a refreshing new way of viewing life's challenges and opportunities. |

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| <p>Cloud, H<br/>Townsend, J</p>                | <p>Boundaries:<br/>When to say yes,<br/>when to say no to<br/>take control of<br/>your life</p>  | <p>Boundaries affect all areas of our lives: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. A boundary is a personal property line that marks those things for which we are responsible. Boundaries define who we are and who we are not.</p>   |
| <p>Cook Alison<br/>and Miller<br/>Kimberly</p> | <p>Boundaries for<br/>your soul: How to<br/>turn your<br/>overwhelming<br/>thoughts and<br/>feelings into your<br/>greatest allies</p> | <p>Do your emotions control you or do you control your emotions? Many people let guilt, anger, or self-criticism dominate their lives and negatively affect their relationships. Boundaries for Your Soul shows you how to calm the chaos within. This approach will help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• know what to do when you feel overwhelmed,</li> <li>• understand your guilt, anxiety, sadness, and fear,</li> <li>• welcome God into the troubling parts of your soul,</li> <li>• move from doubt and conflict to confidence and peace.</li> </ul> <p>Boundaries for Your Soul includes relatable anecdotes, helpful exercises, and opportunities for personal reflection.</p> |
| <p>McGilvray, J</p>                            | <p>God's love in<br/>action: Pastoral<br/>care for everyone</p>  | <p>Biblical, pastoral, passionate and road tested. A workbook.</p>   |
| <p>Sims, S</p>                                 | <p>Together through<br/>the storm: A</p>   | <p>A short and practical guide for every Christian to caring for people going through tough times. In our fallen world, episodes of sickness, suffering, and other trials are all too common. And the Bible's clear call for us to show Christian love and care means we know we shouldn't sit idly by while people around us go through these</p>   |

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|  | practical guide to Christian Care (second edition) | tough times. Yet our genuine concern for others is often hindered by valid fears—the fear of not knowing what to do or what to say; the fear of putting our foot in it and making things worse; or the fear that involvement may take us beyond our own personal resources. Together Through the Storm helps us overcome these fears by setting out clear biblical foundations and very practical guidance for Christian care that is based in the word of God and in Christian hope. |
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## RELATIONSHIPS

| Author                  | Title  | Content Summary  |
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| Cheng, G                | In the sight of God: Preparing to get marries in church              | In the build up to the big day, it becomes easy to forget what comes next: Marriage. This book covers matters relevant to that next relationship   |
| Cloud, H<br>Townsend, J | Boundaries   | This book teaches how to set healthy boundaries, both with themselves and with others. Through real-life stories and practical advice, the authors show how boundaries can lead to healthier relationships and a more fulfilling life. |
| Cloud, H<br>Townsend, J | Boundaries in dating: How healthy choices grow healthy relationships | This book provides a way to think, solve problems, and enjoy the benefits of dating in the fullest way, including increasing the ability to find and commit to a marriage partner.   |

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| Coekin, R   | A few good men:<br>Inspiring biblical heroes for today's Christian men | Ten positive role models from the Bible inspire men to live for Christ   |
| Crabb, L    | The marriage builder   | Crabb argues that the deepest needs of human personality---security and significance---ultimately cannot be satisfied by a marriage partner. We need to turn to the Lord, rather than our spouse, to satisfy our needs. A discussion guide for couples allows readers to apply it to their own marriages.  |
| Fanstone, M | Together Apart   | The author interviewed many wives whose husbands do not believe. "They tell me that if they try to talk to their partner about anything religious, it is often as if the two of them are talking different languages." Michael relates many real stories from people who live under the pressure of a spiritual division in their relationships and homes. This book explores the situation from the viewpoint of wives, husbands, children and the church. Michael stresses that there are no easy answers, but from interviews and questionnaires and from his own years in Christian ministry he suggests ways in which wives can work in partnership with God to encourage their husbands to find faith - and how the church can help. |
| Farrar, S   | Point Man: How a man can lead a family                                 | This book encourages and equips Christian men to lead their families successfully through hazards and ambushes like divorce, promiscuity, suicide, and drug addiction. Men will find practical insight on topics such as a father's influence, maintaining purity, and husband-and-wife teamwork. In this war, the author emphasizes, Jesus Christ is looking for men who will not die, but live for their families.   |
| Ramsay, P   | What women really want/need  | This book is a series of warm, engaging articles and stories that encourage women to consider that what they really need can be found in a person: Jesus. The writers are a group of Australian women.   |

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| Stewart, A | Men: Firing through all of life  | Life has a tendency to throw up big questions at us. What is life all about? How did I get here? Where did my 30's and 40's go? Asking questions is a good thing, but where do we go for the answers? Al Stewart not only talks about the problems facing men today, he offers solutions.  |
| Trueman, C | Strange new world: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution | How did the world arrive at its current, disorienting state of identity politics, and how should the church respond? The author shows how influences ranging from traditional institutions to technology and pornography moved modern culture toward an era of "expressive individualism." Investigating philosophies from the Romantics, Nietzsche, Marx, Wilde, Freud, and the New Left, he outlines the history of Western thought to the distinctly sexual direction of present-day identity politics, providing readers with a clearer understanding of the modern implications of these ideas on religion, free speech, and issues related to personal identity. |

## SEXUALITY, SEXUAL ABUSE

| Author     | Title   | Content Summary  |
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| Alberry, S | Is God anti-gay? And other questions about homosexuality, the bible and same sex attraction | Is God homophobic? How do we relate to both Christians and non-Christians who experience same-sex attraction? Christians, the church and the Bible seem to be out of step with modern attitudes towards homosexuality and there is growing hostility towards those who hold a different view. So, is God homophobic? And how do we relate to both Christians and non-Christians who experience same-sex attraction? In this short, simple book, Sam Allberry wants to help Christians understand what God has said about these |

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|                        |  | questions in the scriptures. Drawing on his own experience, he offers a positive and liberating way forward through the debate.  |
| Clarke, A<br>Clarke, G | Flesh: A practical guide to honeymoon sex and beyond                   | How do you have a happy honeymoon? How do you have a holy love life? How do you have the kind of sexual relationship that God intended for your marriage?  |
| Grenz, S<br>Bell, R    | Betrayal of trust: Confronting and Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct | Sexual misconduct by clergy is a devastating issue that reaches across all denominations, damaging the credibility of the church in its wake. The media regularly reports on the moral failure of leaders and abuse at the hands of those who are supposed to be trustworthy. Betrayal of Trust focuses on a common scenario of abuse--sexual involvement between a male pastor and a female congregant--and offers practical solutions on how to respond to and prevent this betrayal of trust. This book presents methods that will help churches respond sensitively to victims and implement policies and procedures to prevent abuse from taking place. For clergy who may be at risk for this behaviour, it offers help in establishing appropriate boundaries. The second edition includes a new chapter that offers help for the wandering pastor and a risk-determination questionnaire for pastors who may become abusers. |
| Parkinson, P           | Child sexual abuse and the churches: Understanding the issues          | This book offers a comprehensive guide to the painful issue of child sexual abuse in Christian homes and churches.   |
| Payne, T<br>Jensen, P  | Pure sex   | This perceptive book looks at how the 'sexual revolution' came about, why it failed us, and the consequences it brought to our society. The authors then propose another way to think about our sexuality.   |



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| Keane, C     | What some of you were: Stories about Christians and homosexuality | This book explores cultural, medical and Biblical Issues relating to homosexuality. There is also a discussion guide for small groups. There are many Christians who do not wish to embrace a gay identity. These are people who, because of their commitment to Jesus Christ and their belief in the Bible, choose not to act upon their same-sex attraction. This book contains stories of people who have made that choice. They wish to share their struggles, and the way in which God has brought about change in their lives. Their hope is that these stories will serve to: - bring encouragement and hope to those who are also struggling with unwanted feelings of same-sex attraction; - educate, inform and encourage the wider Christian community about how to respond to homosexuality, and in particular how to help those in our midst who are struggling. |
| Parkinson, P | Child sexual abuse and the churches                               | Stories of child sexual abuse continue to appear, including those that focus on abuse within the Church. The author maintains that all churches have yet to face this issue. Drawing on recent research and the stories of victims, he explores why abuse occurs; the effects on victims; the issues arising when child abuse is suspected in a church setting; and why he believes the Church hasn't dealt satisfactorily with the problem in the past. He discusses how the problem can be dealt with both pastorally and legally in order to provide a safe environment for children in the future.  |
| Ramsay, L    | What women really need: Australian women talk about Jesus         | In a world where so much is on offer, what do women really need? What will satisfy our deepest longings? Contentment, stability, love & acceptance all seem elusive, yet the writers of this book claim to know where such vital things can be found! In this engaging collection of personal stories and thought-provoking articles, real women share their insights into the significance of Jesus and the impact he can make in every woman's life.  |

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| Trueman, C   | Strange new world: How thinkers and activists redefined identity and sparked the sexual revolution | The author identifies the historical, philosophical, and technological influences that have shaped present-day identity politics and teaches believers how to shift their modern understanding of personhood to a biblical perspective.  |
| Weerakoon, P | Growing up by the book   | Puberty—it's an exciting time. You're not a child, but you're not an adult either. Christian sex therapist and educator Patricia Weerakoon answers the most common questions kids aged 10-14 have about puberty, sex and relationships.  |
| Weerakoon, P | Teen sex by the book: A call to countercultural living   | This book answers your questions about teenage sexuality and relationships. Renowned sex therapist and educator, Patricia Weerakoon, explores the topics of sexual desire and arousal, falling in love and dating — things like, 'How far is too far?' You'll also cover topics like cybersex, pornography and homosexuality, and the effects these can have on our sex lives. The discussion is frank and, in parts, explicit. You may find it a little uncomfortable, but it's stuff that will inform and challenge you. Ultimately, it calls you to consider who you are and what you stand for. Discover how living God's countercultural lifestyle leads to healthy, pleasurable sex and intimate, satisfying relationships that last a lifetime. |

## SOCIAL ISSUES, ETHICS

| Author                        | Title   | Content Summary   |
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| Fairweather, I<br>McDonald, J | The quest for<br>Christian ethics: An<br>enquiry into ethics<br>and Christian<br>ethics | This book addresses ethics which is culturally relevant, biblically informed, and theologically sound   |
| Haugen, G                     | Good news about<br>injustice: A witness<br>of courage in a<br>hurting world             | The good news about injustice is that God is against it. God is in the business of using the unlikely to accomplish justice and mercy. In this challenging and encouraging book the author offers stories of courageous Christians who have stood up for justice in the face of human trafficking, forced prostitution, racial and religious persecution, and torture. Haugen calls for the body of Christ to act. Throughout, he provides concrete guidance on how ordinary Christians can rise up to seek justice throughout the world. |
| Webb                          | The ethics of life<br>and death:<br>Explorations 4                                      |   |
| Wolterstorff, N               | Until justice and<br>peace embrace  | Calling Christians to be true to God's shalom in all dimensions of life, the author brings the religious vision of the Reformation to bear on such urgent matters as world poverty, nationalism, urban ugliness, and the tragedy of liturgy in Protestantism.   |

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

| Author                  | Title  | Content Summary  |
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| Bridges, J              | Respectable sins   | Have Christians become so preoccupied with “major” sins that we have lost sight of our need to deal with more subtle sins? The author addresses the “acceptable” sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves, including impatience, selfishness, lack of self control, pride and anger.   |
| Cameron, A<br>Rosner, B | Still deadly:<br>Ancient cures for<br>the 7 sins                   | This book takes 7 Christians from the past two millennia and puts them through their paces on 7 sins. For example <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Luther on greed</li> <li>- Aquinas on anger</li> <li>- Basil of Caesarea on envy</li> </ul>   |
| Cameron, N              | Complete in Christ:<br>Rediscovering<br>Jesus and<br>ourselves     | Are Christians human? Many live as though the answer was no in their struggle to overcome, not only sin but human nature itself. However, it is a fundamental mistake to believe that spirituality lies in a denial of our humanity. This book focuses on how Jesus’ humanity sets the goal for our Christian living.  |
| Carson, D               | Basics for<br>believers: An<br>introduction to<br>Christian growth | This discipleship booklet guides new believers as they take their first steps on the Christian journey. It addresses key issues for all followers of Christ, such as regular bible reading, coming before God in prayer, witnessing to others, and meeting with other believers. It also offers resources that can help a new believer continue to grow closer to God daily. |
| Chapman, J<br>Payne, T  | Making the most of<br>the rest of your life                        | In conversation with Tony Payne, John Chapman, speaking as a 'senior', challenges other seniors to think about the rest of their life, and what comes next.  |

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| Chester, T                       | You can change:<br>God's transforming power for our sinful behaviour and negative emotions | A practical, interactive, and solidly biblical book designed to help Christians in all stages of life to find victory over sin by focusing on what God has already done in us.   |
| Owen, J                          | Spiritual-Mindedness   | This book began as a meditation on Romans 8:6 which were written for the author's own benefit during a time of illness. Alarmed by the subtle power the world exercises over the mind, Own shows us how to really live by raising our thoughts above all earthly objects and setting them on things above where Christ is (Colossians 3:1)               |
| Owen, J<br>Kapic, K<br>Taylor, J | Overcoming sin and temptation  | John Owen's writings, though challenging, are full of rich spiritual insights. These three treatises on temptation, sin, and repentance are theologically robust and insightful while also being accessible to modern readers. Overcoming Sin and Temptation will help a new generation benefit from the writings of this remarkable Puritan.            |
| Mansfield, D                     | About life that's worth living and lasts forever   | Hope. Is there why? Eternity? Can I be sure? Life we love it. We struggle with it. Sometimes it hurts. People. We love them. We hurt them. Sometimes they hurt us. Deeply. The author takes us to John's gospel where we meet Jesus and his offer of life in all its fullness. In a world of uncertainty, the one certainty is Jesus. He can be trusted. |
| Mansfield, D                     | The Chappo collection: Life, laughter,   | The Chappo Collection celebrates the legacy of the veteran Anglican evangelist, Chapman.   |

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| Petty, S | The Holy Spirit   | <p>Scott Petty clears away the confusion many people have about the role of the Spirit in the Christian life. He writes: "My hope is that by the end of this Little Black Book you won't just be a believer in the Holy Spirit, but you will also understand who he is, what he does, and how fortunate and blessed we are to have him."</p> <p>* About Little Black Books: A new series of books that get straight to the point on the topics that Christians always have questions about. Not too big, not too fancy, and not at all boring. LBBs are ideal for young Christians (ages 14-20+) but speak biblical truths applicable to any age range.</p>  |
| Platt, D | Radical: Taking back your faith from the American dream | <p>What is Jesus worth to you? It's easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said his followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, he said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily. But who do you know who lives like that? Do you? David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple--then invites you to believe and obey what you have heard. And he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a "successful" suburban church decides to get serious about the gospel according to Jesus. Finally, he urges you to join in The Radical Experiment -- a one-year journey in authentic discipleship that will transform how you live in a world that desperately needs the Good News Jesus came to bring.</p> |

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| Ramsay, L                           | A taste for life:<br>Food for body and soul (2 copies)                       | This book is a celebration of food (with recipes) and the spiritual nourishment offered by the Bread of Life, Jesus   |
| Rosner, B                           | Beyond greed   | According to Rosner, greed is also a massive blind spot for Christians, which is surprising given how much the Bible has to say about it. He writes: "The most disturbing thing about the fact that greed is idolatry is that hardly anybody owns up to being a worshipper. Imagine the response of disbelief in the local church if it were revealed that the vast majority of its members were secretly worshipping other gods. Yet if our analysis of the religion of money is right, the unthinkable may not be so far from the truth."? "Beyond Greed"? helps open our eyes to the problems, and proposes a liberating lifestyle that trades in greed and materialism for something of far greater worth and satisfaction. |
| Schaeffer, F                        | How should we then live? The rise and decline of western thought and culture | The author has analysed the reasons for modern society's state of affairs and presented the only viable alternative: living by the Christian ethic, acceptance of God's revelation, and total affirmation of the Bible's morals, values, and meaning.   |
| Sydney Missionary and Bible College | 1 <sup>st</sup> century answers to 21 <sup>st</sup> century questions        | This book addresses a wide range of issues from a bible perspective in order to help the reader look at the world through Jesus' eyes. So that our thoughts, words and deeds reflect his love. Issues include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dating unbelievers</li> <li>- Is death the end?</li> <li>- The Christian and litigation</li> </ul>   |

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| Warren, R | The purpose driven life                              | <p>Before you were born, God knew what your life had in store for you. His hope for you is to discover the life he created just for you--both here on earth, and forever in eternity. Every chapter of The Purpose Driven Life provides a daily meditation and practical steps to help you uncover and live out your purpose, starting with exploring three essential questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Question of Existence: Why am I alive</li> <li>• The Question of Significance: Does my life matter</li> <li>• The Question of Purpose: What on earth am I here for</li> </ul> |
| White, J  | The fight: A practical handbook for spiritual living | <p>There is joy &amp; triumph in the Christian life. But the victory can come through struggle. John White knows this balance and gives us the encouragement to persevere. Here is a guide through the basic areas of Christian living we wrestle with throughout our lives: faith, prayer, temptation, evangelism, guidance, Bible study, fellowship, work. In this very personal book he offers new Christians sound first steps and older Christians refreshing insights into the struggles and the joys of freedom in Christ.</p>   |



## TEACHING & PREACHING

| Author                   | Title   | Content Summary   |
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| Adam, P                  | Speaking God's words: A practical theology of preaching | Theology underlies any preaching that claims to be biblical. Preaching rests upon 3 great pillars: God has spoken, his words are now recorded in Scripture and he commissions people to explain, preach and teach his written words to their contemporaries.  |
| Baumann, J. D            | Introduction to contemporary preaching                  | This book is the story of the power of the pulpit and a running account of preaching from the time of the Apostolic Fathers to the Space Age.   |
| Dever & others           | Preaching the cross                                     | This book is a call to expository, gospel centred preaching at the centre of pastoral ministry.   |
| Jensen, P<br>Grimmond, P | The archer and the arrow                                | This book is about a sentence 40 years in the making: "My aim is to preach the gospel by prayerfully expounding the Bible to the people God has given me to love.(Phillip Jensen) Join the authors as they explore each phrase in this carefully wrought statement, and show not only why faithful, powerful, biblical preaching is so important, but how to go about it. |
| Lloyd-Jones, D           | Evangelistic sermons                                    | Twenty one of the authors evangelistic sermons printed in full. Demonstrating why the gospel is the most urgent, glorious and transforming of all messages.   |
| Lloyd-Jones, D           | Sermons   |   |

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| Robinson, H.W | Biblical preaching:<br>The Development<br>and Delivery of<br>Expository<br>Messages | This text offers guidance in the development and delivery of expository sermons. |
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## THEOLOGY

| Author                                 | Title   | Content Summary  |
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| Adam, P                                | Speaking God's words: A practical theology of preaching | There are many books on preaching, but few, if any, on the theology of preaching. Yet, whether it is recognised or not, theology underlies any preaching that claims to be biblical. In Speaking God's Words Peter Adam builds confidence in preaching by laying a firm theological foundation for it. Preaching rests upon three great pillars: God has spoken, his words are now recorded in Scripture and he commissions people "to explain, preach and teach his written words to their contemporaries." Throughout the book, using well-chosen illustrations, Dr Adam encourages preachers to give themselves to the demanding yet thrilling task of "preaching God's words" today. |
| Barnett, P<br>Jensen, P<br>Peterson, D | Resurrection truth and reality: Three                   | Without the bodily resurrection of Christ, Christianity has nothing to say to the world in pain. This is the book that leaves Christians with something to declare to the world through affirming the historical basis of the resurrection.  |

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| Berkouwer, G                      | Studies in dogmatics: The work of Christ   | The author follows the order of the Apostles Creed in his study of the work of Christ concluding with discussion on 4 aspects: reconciliation, sacrifice, obedience and victory.  |
| Bolt, P<br>Thompson, M<br>Tong, R | The faith once and for all delivered: An Australian evangelical response to the Windsor Report | This collection of essays responds to the Windsor Report from several directions: legal, rhetorical, and theological.   |
| Carson, D                         | Divine sovereignty and human responsibility: Biblical perspectives in tension                  | Both theology and philosophy wrestle with the tension that exists between the sovereignty of God and human response. In Christianity, this tension is particularly acute as God is understood to be both omnipotent and benevolent. This tension underlies numerous other questions: about the nature of God, the meaning of human freedom and choice, the concept of divine repentance, the reign of God and supremely, the significance of the incarnation. Dr. Carson brings clear, scholarly insights and finely-honed exegetical skills to this all-pervasive issue, seeing it not so much as a problem to be solved as a framework to be explored. He examines the sovereignty-responsibility themes in the Old Testament, intertestamental literature and in the theology of John's gospel and concludes with a reflection on the theological implications for ministry and mission today. |

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| Craddock, A    | Beyond rivalry:<br>Psychology and<br>theology as<br>complements | The author argues for a constructive relationship between Christian theology and psychology. It contrasts the view of Psychology as Complement to Theology with four other viewpoints: Psychology as Foe, Psychology as Support, Psychology as a Partner in Integration, and Psychology as Contaminant.  |
| Goldsworthy, G | The Goldsworthy<br>Trilogy:                                     | Combining three incredibly important books for the teaching of the Church, 'The Goldsworthy Trilogy' offers a complete and comprehensive guide to understanding the gospel throughout the whole of Scripture. Goldsworthy studies the Old Testament and its application for today, Israel's wisdom literature and its role in the Christian life and the purpose and contemporary relevance of the book of Revelation. This trilogy follows the Bible chronologically to give the reader a complete overview of evangelical biblical interpretation forming an essential one-stop reference.   |
| Gunton, C      | Christ and creation   | The connection between Christ and creation is the subject of this book which offers thought-provoking reflections on major theological themes and realities: creation, redemption, the Trinity, horizontal and vertical relatedness; Christ's incarnation, virgin birth, passion, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension; election, freedom, the Kingdom of God, and the church. Weaving pneumatological, teleological, eschatological, anthropological, and ecological strands into his christology, Gunton draws from and interacts with a wide range of theologians, from ancient to modern including Paul, Irenaeus, Augustine, Anselm, Aquinas, Calvin, Schleiermacher, Barth, Moltmann, Pannenberg, Thomas Torrance, John Robinson |
| Hodge, A       | Outlines of<br>theology   | Hodge composed <i>Outlines of Theology</i> for his congregation—making the tone of this succinct systematic theology more pastoral than dogmatic. This outline began as a series of popular lectures and sermons, which Hodge's congregation urged him to publish for a broader audience.  |

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| Hoitenga, D   | John Calvin and the will  | The author revisits the writings of John Calvin on the subject of the human will, contending that, while important, Calvin was but one of many who gave shape and substance to Reformed theology in its earliest formulation.  |
| Jensen, Peter | The revelation of God   | Peter Jensen argues that it is better to follow the biblical categories of the knowledge of God and the gospel than to start from “revelation” as an abstract concept. First, Jensen focuses on revelation, whether special or general, from the viewpoint of the knowledge of God through the gospel. Next, he examines the nature and authority of Scripture and our approach to reading it. Finally, he turns to the revelatory work of the Holy Spirit through illumination. The result is a contemporary exposition of the evangelical understanding of revelation. |
| Kaiser, W     | Toward an exegetical theology: Biblical exegesis for preaching and teaching | Proposes a method of biblical interpretation consisting of contextual, syntactical, verbal, theological, and homiletical analysis.   |
| Lewis, C. S   | Mere Christianity   | One of the most popular introductions to the concept of faith ever written. The book brings together C.S. Lewis’s legendary radio broadcasts during the war years, in which he set out simply to ‘explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times’. Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity’s many denominations, ‘Mere Christianity’ provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to absorb a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith.  |
| Lewis, C.S    | Miracles  | ‘The central miracle asserted by Christians is the Incarnation. They say that God became Man. Every other miracle prepares the way for this, or results from this.’ This is the key statement of ‘Miracles’, in which C. S.  |

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|            |  | Lewis shows that a Christian must not only accept but rejoice in miracles as a testimony of the unique personal involvement of God in his creation. Using his characteristic lucidity and wit to develop his argument, Lewis challenges the rationalists, agnostics and deists on their own grounds and provides a poetic and joyous affirmation that miracles really do occur in our everyday lives.   |
| Lewis, C.S | Readings for meditation and reflection | A collection of essays, letters, and writings offers insights and raises questions on love, God, life, and death.   |
| McGrath, A | The future of Christianity             | Christianity is the world's largest religious grouping. It has undergone massive change in the twentieth century, and seems poised to undergo major transformations in the next. In this important and timely book, one of Christianity's most prolific and respected writers examines these changes, and their implications for the future.  |
| Owen, J    | Communion with God                     | In 1657, John Owen produced one of his finest devotional treatises: probably originating from the substance of a series of sermons. He examines the Christian's communion with God as it relates to all three members of the trinity. He assures that every Christian does have communion with God, no-one is excluded and that this communion takes place distinctly with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our relationship with...<br>God the Father is primarily through love and faith.<br>God the Son is through fellowship & grace.<br>God the Holy Spirit is primarily through comfort and sanctification.<br>This was a controversial work in ecclesiastical circles of the 17th century. Twenty years after its publication, the rational ecclesiastical elite were scoffing at its contents. Owen strongly defended the ideas within this |

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|              |  | book, and history has shown him to be right! It is a classic of Christian devotional thought that still influences the church today.  |
| Owen, J      | The glory of Christ  | John Owen conveys the importance of the glory of Christ in the life of a believer. Meditating and savoring the glory of Christ transforms us into His image and gives us joy and strength to follow Christ to the end.  |
| Plantinga, C | A sure thing: What we believe and why                        | A unique devotional format that clearly and systematically teaches students the language and basic truths of the Christian faith within the Reformed tradition (as summarized in Scripture and the Reformed confessions).   |
| Roberts, V   | God's big picture  | This book shows how the different parts of the Bible fit together under the theme of the kingdom of God.  |
| Steele, D    | Ideas that changed the world                                 | This book introduces the reader to people who have struggled with 4 major ideas of the 16 <sup>th</sup> century protestant reformation: grace alone, faith alone, bible alone and Christ alone.   |
| Stott, J     | The cross of Christ  | This contemporary restatement of the meaning of the cross, which symbolizes the power and love of God in a world filled with sin and bondage, transforms the Scripture into living dialogue with Christian theology and the twentieth century, providing a map for Christian life, mission, and hope. |
| Webb, B      | Church, worship and the local congregation<br>Explorations 2 | The authors offer a range of view for discussion based on a collection of topics and opinions from today's Christian leaders. Presented at Moore Theological College.   |
| Webb, B      | The ethics of life and death<br>Explorations 4               | The authors offer a range of view for discussion based on a collection of topics and opinions from today's Christian leaders. Presented at Moore Theological College.   |

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| Webb, B       | Spirit of the living<br>God<br>Part One<br>Explorations 5 | The authors offer a range of view for discussion based on a collection of topics and opinions from today's Christian leaders. Presented at Moore Theological College. |
| Williamson, G | The Westminster<br>Confession of Faith                    | The Westminster Confession of Faith is a summary of biblical truth  |

## WELCOMING

| Author      | Title  | Content Summary   |
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| McIntosh, G | Beyond the first visit: The complete guide to connecting guests to your church | Beyond the first visit: The complete guide to connecting guests to your church  |
| Payne, Tony | How to walk into church  | If you've been a churchgoer for more than just a few Sundays, walking into church probably doesn't seem like it deserves its own 'how to' manual. In fact, it most likely seems like a pretty straightforward and trivial weekly activity. But things are rarely as simple as they seem, and how you walk into church reveals a great deal about what you think church is, what it's for, and what you think you're doing there. Tony Payne helps us think biblically about church. Along with giving plenty of other practical advice, he suggests a way to walk into church that beautifully expresses what church is and why you're there – a way that every Christian can master. |



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| Searcy, N<br>Dykes Henson,<br>J | Fusion: Turning first-time guests into fully-engaged members of your church | Fusion offers a step-by-step, biblically grounded, tested, and proven plan for establishing a relationship with newcomers that ultimately prompts them to become fully developing members of our churches. This innovative, practical guide is full of how-to information, testimonials, examples, and self-assessment tools. Engaging, informative, and immediately applicable, here is help for setting newcomers on the path toward true life transformation and spiritual maturity. |
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

| Author     | Title  | Content Summary   |
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| Beeston, R | Unshakable: Following Jesus in your teens and beyond | When should I start dating? Is it OK for Christians to drink alcohol? How do I tell my friends about Jesus? Do I need to go to church? What job does God want me to do? <i>Unshakable</i> answers some of the biggest questions facing teens and young people today.<br>Inside the book, you'll find straightforward, Bible-based advice to help you live for Jesus every day, with every decision! Featuring articles from over 30 authors <i>Unshakable</i> brings you the best of fervr.net in a handy guidebook for teens and young adults as you explore life, relationships and the future. |
| Dickson, J | Hanging in there                                     | Hanging in There is a guide to choosing Jesus through the ups, downs and round-about of your teens and early twenties. This is a book about God, you, the Bible, prayer, church, relationships, sex, feelings, doubts, love and, above all, hanging in there as a Christian.  |
| Dobson, J  | Life on the edge: The next generation's guide        | As a young adult, you will face crucial questions about identity, education, marriage, career, God's will, and much more. Some of the most dramatic and permanent changes in life will occur during the "critical decade"- those ten years between 16 and 26. Are you prepared to make the right choices? You can be. Like a trusted  |

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|            | to a meaningful future           | friend who understands, Dr. James Dobson candidly addresses the issues that today's young adults face. In his warm, conversational style, he reveals principles to help you make right choices and get the direction you need in order to look forward to a bright and successful future.  |
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