KEVIN DEYOUNG; ILLUSTRATED BY DON CLARK

THE BIGGEST STORY BIBLE STORYBOOK

The Bible is a big book about a great God. From beginning to end, each page tells about the God who created the world, acted in history, and continues to act in the present. In The Biggest Story Bible Storybook, pastor Kevin DeYoung retells this grand story for children ages 6-12 through 104 short chapters.

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DISTINCTIVES

- Engaging retellings of 104 biblical stories
- Beautifully illustrated by award-winning illustrator Don Clark
- Companion to The Biggest Story book and DVD
- Part of the Biggest Story suite

AUDIENCE

- Children ages 6-12
- Parents and grandparents
- Children’s teachers and ministry workers

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THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD AND THE GLORY OF GOD

DAVID S. SCHROCK

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” —1 Peter 2:9

From Genesis to Revelation, the theme of the royal priesthood runs through the biblical story from the garden of Eden through the priesthood of Israel to Jesus Christ—the true and better high priest. The theme of priesthood culminates with the creation of God’s new covenant people, called out of the nations to be his priests to the nations. In this concise treatment, David Schrock traces this theme of priesthood throughout the Bible and displays to readers how Jesus, the great high priest, informs the worship, discipleship, and evangelism of the church.

DISTINCTIVES
- Part of the Short Studies in Biblical Theology series
- Traces the theme of priesthood from Genesis to Revelation
- Applies a profound biblical-theological topic directly to the church
- Excellent for Bible study, small groups, or Sunday school classes

ABOUT THE SERIES
The Short Studies in Biblical Theology series is designed to help readers see the whole Bible as a unified story culminating in Jesus Christ. In each volume, a trusted scholar traces an important topic through God’s word and explores its significance for the Christian life.

SERIES DISTINCTIVES
- Short, accessible, and practical volumes focused on key themes in biblical theology
- Written for laypeople, students, and church leaders of all levels
- Explores key themes in biblical theology throughout the Old and New Testaments and in the world today
- Authors are well-known biblical scholars, pastors, professors, and leaders

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B. B. WARFIELD

THE EMOTIONAL LIFE OF OUR LORD
[Foreword by Sinclair Ferguson]

In the search to understand the deity of Christ, Christians might overlook what the Bible reveals about his humanity. Did Jesus really feel emotions? What grieved him? What delighted him? How did Jesus—fully human and fully God—react to the world and people around him? Throughout Scripture, Jesus displays a range of emotions that can help believers understand him more intimately.

In The Emotional Life of Our Lord, theologian B. B. Warfield explains how Christ’s complex emotions and personality proved his humanity. It was necessary for Christ to be born in the likeness of mankind to bear their griefs, carry their sorrows, take their infirmities, and ultimately redeem their lives. In this encouraging book, readers learn to see Christ as a compassionate Savior through his sinless expressions of emotions—from righteous anger to abiding love.

DISTINCTIVES
- Offers a balanced look at Christ’s humanity and holiness
- Gives several examples of Christ’s emotions from Scripture and explains their significance to the gospel
- Foreword by Sinclair Ferguson

ABOUT THE SERIES

The Crossway Short Classics series introduces a new generation of readers to classic works of the faith that speak powerfully and truthfully about the Christian life.

SERIES DISTINCTIVES
- Classic works of the faith in a small, accessible format
- Featuring forewords from Sam Storms, Randy Alcorn, and John Piper
- Each volume addresses common issues such as depression, sin, and temptation

B. B. WARFIELD (1851–1921) is known as one of America’s leading theologians. He served as professor of theology at Princeton Seminary from 1887 to 1921.
LYDIA BROWNBACK

PHILIPPIANS

Living for Christ

The apostle Paul suffered intensely for his faith, but despite the danger and pain of his story, his letters are filled with hope—hope rooted in the good news of the gospel. Join Lydia Brownback as she explores Philippians and shows readers that even in the face of persecution and other difficulties, there is abundant peace through unity in Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This study helps women focus on God as the source of their joy when life threatens to sidetrack them.

The Flourish Bible study series is designed to equip women—from baby believers to seasoned saints—to study God’s word. Bible study teacher Lydia Brownback guides women chapter by chapter through multiple books of the Bible, helping them come away with a deeper understanding of God’s word, its context in redemptive history, and how it uniquely reveals God and his gospel.

DISTINCTIVES

- Inductive guide with application questions at the end of each chapter
- Suitable for individual or group settings
- 10-week study plan
- Includes recommended resources for further reading and study
- The fifth installment of the Flourish Bible Study series

ABOUT THE SERIES

The Flourish Bible Study series equips women to study the overarching storyline of the Bible book by book. Designed for individual or group use, each 10-week workbook features conversational teaching that aims to make in-depth Bible study accessible to women in all seasons of life, along with practical application questions and additional recommended resources.

SERIES DISTINCTIVES

- Engaging Bible study for personal or group use
- Practical and accessible
- Application questions at the end of each chapter
- 10-week study plan
- Recommended resources for further study located at the end of each book

LYDIA BROWNBACK (MAR, Westminster Theological Seminary) is the author of several books and a speaker at women’s conferences around the world. Her books include the On-the-Go Devotionals for women: Finding God in My Loneliness; and Sing a New Song.
REDEEMING OUR THINKING ABOUT HISTORY

A God-Centered Approach

VERN S. POYTHRESS

How does knowledge of the past shape Christians’ views of God, Christ’s redemption, and humanity as a whole? In his new book, Vern S. Poythress teaches Christians how to study and write about the past by emphasizing God’s own command to remember his works and share them with the next generation. Readers will explore concepts such as providentialism, Christian historiography, divine purpose, and the 4 basic phases of biblical history: creation, fall, redemption, and consummation. By learning how to appropriately study history, believers will begin to recognize God’s lordship over all events and how even minor incidents fit into his overarching plan.

DISTINCTIVES

- Explores 7 understandings of Christian historiography
- Teaches readers how to glorify God by recognizing his deeds throughout history
- Outlines 4 phases of history and connects them to Christ’s redemption

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J. C. RYLE

FIGHTING FOR HOLINESS
[Foreword by Andrew Atherstone]

“True Christianity is a fight,” wrote J. C. Ryle in 1877. He argued that from the day of their conversion until the day they die, Christians are called to be soldiers for Christ in a war for their holiness. This inspiring call to action written more than 100 years ago continues to be a source of great encouragement and inspiration for believers today.

In this addition to the Crossway Short Classics series, Ryle explains why the fight for holiness is one of absolute necessity for Christians. Identifying the three main enemies of every believer—the world, the flesh, and the devil—he emboldens them to “either fight or be lost” in their daily battle and offers biblical and historical examples of notable Christian “soldiers.” Fighting for Holiness is a bold reminder for believers to daily put on the whole armor of God and train their eyes on Christ.

DISTINCTIVES

- Foreword by Andrew Atherstone, Latimer Research Fellow at Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford
- Part of the Crossway Short Classics series
- Content adapted from J. C. Ryle’s classic book Holiness

ABOUT THE SERIES

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J. C. RYLE (1816–1900) was a prominent writer, preacher, and Anglican clergyman in nineteenth-century England. He is the author of the classic Expository Thoughts on the Gospels and retired as the bishop of Liverpool.
BETSY CHILDS HOWARD; ILLUSTRATED BY SAMARA HARDY

POLLY AND THE SCREEN TIME OVERLOAD

Technology can be a helpful tool and source of enjoyment for many families—a way to aid children with learning, to connect with loved ones, and to provide entertainment. But as with many good gifts from God, tech devices are best used in moderation.

In this new picture book, readers meet Polly while on a trip to her grandparents’ farm. During her visit she spends all her time on her new tablet instead of enjoying the farm animals and playing with her cousins. A chat with her grandfather teaches her that, though screen time can be good, it can also keep kids away from better things. Using simple language and beautiful illustrations, children ages 4-8 are introduced to the idea that technology is best enjoyed within boundaries. A TGC Kids book.

DISTINCTIVES

- The second book in a series of picture books from TGC Kids
- Addresses current issues of moral formation and discernment
- One of few books written for children about the influence of technology
- Includes a “Note to Grown Ups” giving adults tips for how to help their children learn self-control and moderation in tech habits

ABOUT THE SERIES

TGC Kids illustrated storybooks engage the hearts and imaginations of kids aged 3-7 by teaching them biblical truths about how to live and grow as God’s children in today’s culture. Published in partnership with the Gospel Coalition.

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FRANCIS A. SCHAEFFER

HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?
The Rise and Decline of Western Thought and Culture

As one of the foremost evangelical thinkers of the twentieth century, Francis A. Schaeffer long pondered the fate of declining Western culture. Profoundly aware of the similarities modern culture shares with societies that came before, Schaeffer embarked on a journey to uncover the movements that gave rise to modern culture and resulted in the decline of the Christian worldview.

Forty years later, his classic book How Should We Then Live? is as relevant today as it was when it was first published. Schaeffer argues that the erosion of society begins with a shift away from biblical truth. To support this claim, he walks readers through history, beginning with the fall of Rome, through the Middle Ages, the Enlightenment, and up to the twentieth century. This latest edition analyzes the reasons for modern society’s state of affairs and presents the solution: living by the Christian ethic, fully accepting God’s revelation, and affirming the morals, values, and meaning of the Bible.

DISTINCTIVES
• Written by renowned Christian philosopher Francis A. Schaeffer
• Engages with the ideas of Plato, John Locke, Thomas Jefferson, and Voltaire
• A practical assessment of the evolution of culture and the steadfast alternative offered by the biblical worldview
• Examines the art, architecture, and ideas that shaped modern society
• Redesigned with a new cover, replacing 978-1-58134-536-0

FRANCIS A. SCHAEFFER (1912–1984) authored more than twenty books, which have been translated into several languages and have sold millions globally. He and his wife, Edith, founded the L’Abri Fellowship international study and discipleship centers. Recognized internationally for his work in Christianity and culture, Schaeffer passed away in 1984 but his influence and legacy continue worldwide.
FRANCIS A. SCHAEFFER

POLLUTION AND THE DEATH OF MAN
[Afterword by Udo W. Middelmann]

The earth is home to 7.8 billion people. As this number grows, so does the awareness of a seemingly endless list of environmental concerns threatening their existence—landfills, off-shore spills, toxic wastes, population explosion, and ozone depletion. As each of these concerns are a threat to humanity, how should Christians respond?

Pollution and the Death of Man by Francis A. Schaeffer was first written in 1970, yet it remains relevant as the ecological threats of Schaeffer’s day continue to pose challenges today. Schaeffer studies these contemporary ecological crises through the lens of theology and Scripture, arguing that Christians must return to a profoundly biblical understanding of God’s relationship to the earth and his divine mandate to exercise godly dominion over it.

DISTINCTIVES

• Written by renowned Christian philosopher Francis A. Schaeffer
• Philosophical assessment of mankind’s relationship to the earth showing how the truth of God as creator gives true meaning and purpose
• Includes appendices by the late American historian Lynn White Jr., and the late sociologist Richard L. Means
• Conclusion written by Udo Middelmann
• Redesigned with a new cover, replacing 978-1-4335-1947-5

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ELLIO CLARK

MISSION AFFIRMED
Recovering the Missionary Motivation of Paul

As a model for Christian missions, the apostle Paul is praised for his sense of urgency when proclaiming the gospel, but are modern churches missing his broader motivation? Paul didn’t view missions as simply accomplishing a goal; he valued affirmation from God, seeking it fervently in every area of his ministry. How can churches today emulate that ambition in their own mission efforts?

In Mission Affirmed, author and missionary Elliot Clark seeks to shift the focus of ministries from mere efficiency to Christ-centered service that prioritizes the will and approval of God. By studying Paul’s ministry, particularly in 2 Corinthians, readers learn that his motivation wasn’t dependent on circumstances but on the Spirit, helping him remain faithful despite suffering and setbacks. This book equips local churches in the same way as they send missionaries into the field, serving together and stewarding the gospel in pursuit of God’s praise.

DISTINCTIVES
• Published in conjunction with the Gospel Coalition (TGC)
• Provides a holistic look at Paul’s ministry, methods, and motivation
• Helps churches vet and send missionaries
• Points out common weaknesses in modern missions and provides practical solutions
• Includes descriptive examples from the author’s own experiences as a missionary

ELLIO CLARK (MDiv, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) lived in Central Asia among an unreached people group where he served as a cross-cultural church planter along with his wife and children. He currently works with Training Leaders International, equipping indigenous church leaders overseas and diaspora pastors within the US. He is the author of Evangelism as Exiles.
PATRICK SCHREINER; SERIES EDITED BY THOMAS R. SCHREINER AND BRIAN S. ROSNER

THE MISSION OF THE TRIUNE GOD
A Theology of Acts

The book of Acts is unlike any other in Scripture; it has no rival in terms of a book spanning so many different lands. Written by a Gentle, it recounts the birth of the church age and the lives of early Christians that serve as lasting examples for the church today. When believers see how these events worked together to fulfill God’s promises, they gain a better understanding of the Trinitarian heart of Acts.

In The Mission of the Triune God, author Patrick Schreiner argues that Luke’s theology stems from the order of his narrative. He shows how the major themes in Acts, including the formation of the church, salvation offered to all flesh, and the prolific spread of the gospel, connect. Through Schreiner’s clear presentation and helpful graphics, readers follow the early church as it grows “all under the plan of God, centered on King Jesus, and empowered by the Spirit.”

DISTINCTIVES
• Part of the New Testament Theology series
• Forthcoming volumes in the series will examine the books of Luke, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, and Hebrews
• A great companion to commentaries on Acts
• Examines the lives of early Christians after Jesus’s ascension
• Tables and graphics help readers visualize key theological themes

ABOUT THE SERIES

SERIES DISTINCTIVES
• Series edited by Thomas R. Schreiner and Brian S. Rosner
• Identifies and presents the main theological ideas in each New Testament text
• Focuses on exegesis, systematic theology, and Christian ethics
• Ideal for use as textbooks in college and seminary classes

PATRICK SCHREINER (PhD, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) is associate professor of New Testament and biblical theology at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. He is the author of The Kingdom of God and the Glory of the Cross; Matthew, Disciple and Scribe; The Ascension of Christ; and The Visual Word.
Matt Rhodes

No Shortcut to Success
A Manifesto for Modern Missions
[Foreword by Mark Dever]

Trendy new missions strategies are a dime a dozen, promising missionaries monumental results in record time. These strategies report explosive movements of people turning to Christ, but their claims are often dubious and they do little to ensure the health of believers or churches that remain. How can churches and missionaries address the urgent need to reach unreached people without falling for quick fixes?

In No Shortcut to Success, author and missionary Matt Rhodes implores Christians to stop chasing silver-bullet strategies and short-term missions, and instead embrace theologically robust and historically demonstrated methods of evangelism and discipleship—the same ones used by historic figures such as William Carey and Adoniram Judson. These great missionaries didn’t rush evangelism; they spent time studying Scripture, mastering foreign languages, and building long-term relationships. Rhodes explains that modern missionaries’ emphasis on minimal training and quick conversions can result in slipshod evangelism that harms the communities they intend to help. He also warns against underestimating the value of individual skill and effort—under the guise of “getting out of the Lord’s way”—and empowers Christians with practical, biblical steps to proactively engage unreached groups.

Distinctives
- Examines the work of respected missionaries throughout history
- Encourages missionaries to invest in theological education, communication, and technical skills
- Covers important topics including prayer, fasting, and spiritual warfare
- Includes specific advice for singles, parents, and other groups
- Underscores the importance of professionalism in missions
- Examines strengths and weaknesses of recent missionary movements

Matt Rhodes grew up in San Diego, California, and has lived in North Africa since 2011. He and his wife, Kim, serve as part of a church-planting team to a previously unengaged people group.
JONATHAN K. DODSON

GOSPEL-CENTERED DISCIPLESHIP
Revised and Expanded

[Foreword by Matt Chandler]

Biblical discipleship emphasizes encouragement, repentance, and spiritual growth—essential parts of the Christian life. However, well-meaning believers often struggle to follow Jesus, unaware their views are too legalistic, licentious, or individualistic. How can churches and Christians develop a healthy, successful path to disciple-making?

In this second edition of Gospel-Centered Discipleship, Jonathan Dodson presents an effective, Spirit-led model for sanctification. Reminding readers that real discipleship is imperfect yet transformational, Dodson encourages Christians to engage more authentically with others as they grow in faith. Drawing from his own failures and successes while following Jesus, Dodson defines discipleship, describes the heart of a disciple, and gives practical guidance for mentor and peer-based discipleship as Jesus intended.

DISTINCTIVES

- Includes three new chapters
- Clarifies how discipleship can be practical and gospel-centered
- Addresses the Holy Spirit’s involvement in discipleship
- Features new illustrations
- Foreword by Matt Chandler

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DUSTIN BENGE

THE LOVELIEST PLACE
The Beauty and Glory of the Church

Dear. Precious. Lovely. The Bible describes the church in extraordinary ways, even using beautiful poetry and metaphors. How does this compare to how Christians today describe the church? Unfortunately, many believers focus more on its mission, structure, or specific programs than on its inherent beauty. It’s time to spark a renewed affection for the church.

In The Loveliest Place, Dustin Benge urges Christians to see the holy assembly of God’s redeemed people in all its eternal beauty. He explains what makes the church lovely, including the Trinitarian relationship, worship, service, and gospel proclamation. For those who have never learned to view the church as God sees it, or have become disillusioned by its flaws, this book is a reminder that the corporate gathering of believers is a reflection of God’s indescribable beauty.

This is the third book in the Union series, which invites readers to experience deeper enjoyment of God through four interconnected values: delighting in God, growing in Christ, serving the church, and blessing the world.

DISTINCTIVES
- Historically grounded, accessible study on what the church is and why it exists
- Part of the Union series
- Focuses on the beauty, not just the biblical function, of the church

ABOUT THE SERIES
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SERIES DISTINCTIVES
- Edited by Michael Reeves, president of Union School of Theology
- Each volume features a concise edition for broader distribution
- Authors include Michael Reeves, Daniel Hames, Dane Ortlund, and Dustin Benge

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WHY SHOULD WE LOVE THE LOCAL CHURCH?

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JEN OSHMAN

CULTURAL COUNTERFEITS
Confronting 5 Empty Promises of Our Age and How We Were Made for So Much More
[Foreword by Christine Hoover]

In today’s culture, women and girls are influenced by idols that promise purpose and meaning for their lives—outward beauty and ability, sex, abortion, and gender fluidity. Christian women aren’t exempt from these temptations either, and can even elevate good things like marriage and motherhood to the status of idolatry. Women may sense that these idols are hollow and leave them feeling unsettled, but where should they turn instead?

In Cultural Counterfeits, Jen Oshman encourages women to reject the empty, destructive promises these idols offer and embrace something much more satisfying. She casts a vision for women to experience real hope and peace in Jesus, calling them to recognize their unshakeable and eternal identities in him. This timely and compelling resource will help women find freedom and joy as they explore God’s good design and purpose for their lives.

DISTINCTIVES
- Addresses current topics such as the #MeToo movement, LGBTQIA+, social media, and feminism
- Explains “how we got here,” giving a brief history of the sexual revolution up to today
- Written by the author of Enough about Me: Find Lasting Joy in the Age of Self
- Includes discussion questions

JEN OSHMAN has been in women’s ministry for over two decades as a missionary and pastor’s wife on three continents. She’s the mother of four daughters, the author of Enough about Me: Find Lasting Joy in the Age of Self, and the host of All Things, a podcast about cultural events and trends. Her family currently resides in Colorado, where they planted Redemption Parker, an Acts29 church.
AIMEE JOSEPH

DEMYSTIFYING DECISION-MAKING
A Practical Guide

On an average day, women make countless decisions: Should I get out of bed or hit the snooze button? What should I have for breakfast? Where should we go for this year’s vacation? While some decisions are easy to make, others can leave individuals paralyzed and full of anxiety. As Christians living in an increasingly individualistic society, what’s the best strategy for making decisions that honor God while becoming more like him in the process?

Writing from her own experience and pointing to biblical examples, Aimee Joseph offers a biblical and theological framework for decision-making. She explains God’s design for humans as decision-makers, the biblical model for making choices, common wrong approaches, practical tips, and what to do when you’ve made a poor decision. With the philosophy that “as we shape our decisions, our decisions shape us,” Joseph teaches readers how to worship and draw closer to Christ through their daily decisions.

DISTINCTIVES
- A practical guide to help Christians make decisions as God’s image bearers
- Published in conjunction with the Gospel Coalition (TGC)
- Includes study questions
- Features helpful charts including “The Dashboard of Decisions” and a decision-making flowchart

AIMEE JOSEPH has spent many years directing women’s discipleship and ministry at Redeemer Presbyterian Church and in Campus Outreach San Diego. She and her husband are currently in the process of planting Center City Church in their neighborhood. You can read more of her writing at aimeejoseph.blog.
SUFFERING WISELY AND WELL
The Grief of Job and the Grace of God

Why does God allow suffering? The pain of suffering can be overwhelmingly mysterious, but the Bible does provide answers. Throughout Scripture, God allows trials in order to accomplish specific purposes in the lives of his people. When faced with suffering they experience spiritual growth; repentance from sin; or, as in the Old Testament story of Job, the chance to demonstrate devotion to God in the face of inexplicable agony.

In Suffering Wisely and Well, Eric Ortlund explores different types of trials throughout Scripture, revealing the spiritual purpose for each and reassuring readers with God’s promise of restoration. The majority of the book focuses on Job, one of the most well-known yet misunderstood stories of suffering. Ortlund thoughtfully analyzes the text chapter by chapter, including the doubt of Job’s friends, God’s response to Job’s questions, and the meaning behind important imagery including references to Leviathan and Behemoth. Suffering Wisely and Well shows readers how to deepen their relationship with God during painful experiences in their own lives and how to comfort others who are hurting.

DISTINCTIVES
• Chapters end with a “What Have We Learned?” summary
• Helps readers understand how to interpret suffering from a biblical perspective
• Teaches Christians how to avoid blame or legalism when addressing the suffering of others

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SAM STORMS

A DOZEN THINGS GOD DID WITH YOUR SIN (AND THREE THINGS HE’LL NEVER DO)
[Foreword by Ray Ortlund]

Every Christian has experienced days or even seasons of feeling extreme guilt over past or present sins, thinking that God is angry or disgusted with them—sometimes even wondering if they’re truly saved. This often happens when believers fixate on their sins while forgetting what Christ has already done on their behalf at the cross. Sam Storms explains it this way: “What consumes us is what we have done by sinning. What ought to consume us is grateful meditation on what God has done with our sinning.”

In his latest book, Storms addresses this anxiety over sin by reminding believers of the good news of the gospel. Beginning with an explanation of the glory of penal substitution, he walks through 12 things God did with their sin, including forgiving it, passing over it, and casting it into the depths of the sea. He also explains 3 things God will never do with their sin, such as counting it against them. Walking through the Bible’s teaching, Storms helps believers find freedom, joy, and peace in knowing what God has done (and will never do) with their sin through the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus.

DISTINCTIVES

• Addresses a common concern among Christians of all ages
• Explains the important difference between “eternal union” with God and “experiential communion” with him
• Written by the author of more than 30 books, including Tough Topics; Kept for Jesus; and A Sincere and Pure Devotion to Christ

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JARED KENNEDY

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN’S MINISTRY ON MISSION

Practical Strategies for Discipling the Next Generation

When building a children’s ministry at a church, there is so much to consider: Which curriculum should we use? How many volunteers do we need? How do we keep parents in the loop? And that’s before we run into stalled check-in computers, missing activity sheets, and floors that need to be vacuumed. While all of the tasks of children’s ministry are important, leaders can get easily distracted with the everyday work of doing ministry and lose sight of the main focus—the gospel.

Writing from personal ministry experience, Jared Kennedy shares a four-fold approach for gospel-centered, missional children’s ministry: hospitality, teaching, discipleship, and mission. This practical resource covers a variety of topics ranging from creating child protection policies to putting together lesson plans to catechism, helpful for children’s ministers and volunteers alike as they disciple children with the powerful message of the gospel.

DISTINCTIVES

- Published in conjunction with the Gospel Coalition (TGC)
- Includes questions for reflection and evaluation
- A practical and helpful resource for children’s ministries (nursery–5th grade)

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A BIBLICAL CASE AGAINST THEISTIC EVOLUTION

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A BIBLICAL CASE AGAINST THEISTIC EVOLUTION

Even Christians strongly debate Scripture’s account of creation, with some declaring that major events in the book of Genesis— from the origin of Adam and Eve to God’s curse on the world— were purely symbolic. Several respected scholars endorse this theory, but is it consistent with the Bible’s teaching?

In A Biblical Case against Theistic Evolution, condensed and adapted from Theistic Evolution, Wayne Grudem and other leading scholars challenge the belief that Genesis is mostly symbolic, rather than a true, historical narrative. Grudem examines 12 specific events in Genesis 1–3 and explains why acknowledging their historicity is critical to understanding the rest of Scripture. He also emphasizes several foundational doctrines, including God’s ongoing involvement in creation, the beginnings of mankind, and the origin of sin and death, to show readers how the theory of theistic evolution undermines essential truths throughout the Old and New Testaments.

DISTINCTIVES

• Condensed and adapted from Theistic Evolution: A Scientific, Philosophical, and Theological Critique
• Contributors include John D. Currid, Guy Prentiss Waters, Gregg R. Allison, and Fred G. Zaspe1
• Studies twelve key biblical events in the first three chapters of Genesis

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COVENANTAL APOLOGETICS
Principles and Practice in Defense of Our Faith
[Foreword by William Edgar]

In an age when the works of “New Atheists” such as Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins fill bookstores and top best-seller lists, the topic of Christian apologetics has never been more timely. Yet the thought of defending the faith against the attacks of unbelievers is daunting to many Christians. Following in the footsteps of groundbreaking apologist Cornelius Van Til, Scott Oliphint has written an accessible introduction to Reformed apologetics, explaining the biblical and theological principles behind a distinctly “covenantal” approach and offering practical guidance for interacting with and persuading those who don’t believe. Written for leaders and laypeople alike, this book will encourage and equip Christians to boldly proclaim the gospel and answer the challenges of skeptics in an increasingly skeptical world.

DISTINCTIVES
- Explores biblical and theological foundations for Christian apologetics
- Includes practical examples of apologetic conversations with unbelievers
- Author is a well-respected apologist who also coedited Christian Apologetics Past and Present, a two-volume overview of apologetics throughout church history
- Provides the fullest defense of presuppositionalism and covenental apologetics while also offering the most practical application
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A QUEST FOR GODLINESS
The Puritan Vision of the Christian Life

A Quest for Godliness explores the depth and breadth of Puritan spiritual life. Drawing on a lifetime of study, renowned evangelical theologian and church leader J. I. Packer surveys the lives and teachings of great Puritan leaders such as John Owen, Richard Baxter, and Jonathan Edwards. He examines the Puritan view of the Bible, spiritual gifts, the Sabbath, worship, social action, and the family. The Puritans’ faith, Packer argues, stands in marked contrast with the superficiality of modern western Christianity.

In a time of falling vision and decaying values, this powerful portrait of the Puritans is a beacon of hope that calls Christians to radical commitment and action, both of which are desperately needed today. Beautifully written, A Quest for Godliness is a moving and challenging exploration of Puritan life and thought.

DISTINCTIVES
- A descriptive survey of the history of the Puritans
- Shares lessons that present-day believers can learn regarding evangelism, preaching, Christian living, and more
- Hardcover edition

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Does the Gospel Promise Health and Prosperity?

Many new believers have questions about what it means to live as a Christian in the context of a local church, and pastors are looking for resources to pass along to their congregations to help them think biblically about the Christian life. Church Questions is a series by 9Marks that seeks to provide Christians with sound and accessible biblical teaching by answering common questions about church life. Each booklet offers biblical answers and practical applications with the goal of nurturing healthy church practice and commitment.

This short booklet by pastor Sean DeMars addresses the dangers of the prosperity gospel. Writing from personal experience, he lays out the 4 core elements of this movement and answers questions such as Is the prosperity gospel biblical? and Does God promise me a prosperous life? This guide will help readers understand how the prosperity gospel twists Scripture and leads people astray, ultimately undermining the message of the true gospel.

DISTINCTIVES

- Includes practical ideas to help family members and friends who believe in the prosperity gospel
- Part of a series that helps Christians understand the centrality of the local church in Christian discipleship
- Part of the Church Questions series created in partnership with 9Marks
- Formatted as a small booklet ideal for sharing

ABOUT THE SERIES

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- Each book includes practical applications for individuals and churches
- Available in discounted packs of 5
- Published in partnership with 9Marks

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CAN WOMEN BE PASTORS?

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In this Church Questions booklet, Greg Gilbert answers the question Can women be pastors? Gilbert explains why God reserved the office of pastor and elder exclusively for men by examining the structures of authority God established from the very beginning. Focusing on texts in Genesis 1–3 and 1 Timothy 2, Gilbert makes a case for why God’s original design for church leadership is not arbitrary, but part of his good and beautiful plan.

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WHAT DO DEACONS DO?

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In this concise booklet, Juan Sanchez explains the essential role deacons play in the life of the church. He addresses topics such as why churches need deacons, how deacons carry out their role, who is eligible to be a deacon, and how diaconal service exemplifies the character of Christ. Valuable for church leaders and members alike, this resource helps readers understand what the Bible has to say about this important church office and why its ministry is indispensable.

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GOD, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Many Christians remain perplexed about modern technology. New iPhones and social media platforms, self-driving cars, and genetic engineering all prove that human innovation is not slowing down for anyone. But as technologies multiply and life in this age becomes more complex, the questions become more stark: What does God think of human technology? Is he threatened by all its power? Is he trying to dismantle Silicon Valley?

In his latest book, journalist Tony Reinke addresses these and other hard questions head-on from the Bible. By turning to 9 key passages and engaging with several theologians and thinkers, Reinke seeks to dismantle 12 common myths Christians often hold about technology, helping them understand the story of where human innovation came from and to embrace the church’s essential role in it.

DISTINCTIVES

• Written by the author of 12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You and Competing Spectacles: Treasuring Christ in the Media Age
• Interacts with Christian and non-Christian sources on technology and theology including John Calvin, Herman Bavinck, Wendell Berry, and Elon Musk
• Discusses the history and philosophy behind major technological innovations
• Presents a biblical theology of technology

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STRANGE NEW WORLD
How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution
[Foreword by Ryan T. Anderson]

How did the world arrive at its current, disorienting state of identity politics, and how should the church respond? Historian Carl R. Trueman 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. For fans of Trueman’s The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self, this new book offers a more concise presentation and application of some of the most critical topics of our day.

DISTINCTIVES
• Explores the history of the sexual revolution and its impact on today’s culture
• Gives readers a clear analysis of cultural shifts affecting their personal identity
• A shorter presentation of the points in Trueman’s popular book The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self

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MARK VROEGOP

DARK CLOUDS, DEEP MERCY
DEVOTIONAL JOURNAL

A Companion Devotional Journal to the Award-Winning Book Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy

In his book Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy, pastor Mark Vroegop seeks to restore the lost art of lament by helping readers discover the power of honest wrestling with the questions that come with grief and suffering. He explores how the Bible—through the psalms of lament and the book of Lamentations—invites believers to grieve, struggle, and tap into the rich reservoir of grace and mercy God offers in the darkest moments of their lives.

The Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy Devotional Journal is an ideal companion for anyone wanting to apply the knowledge they gained about lament from the book and practice it in their own life. The journal features 15 devotions, with each one focused on one psalm of lament. Each devotion includes an inspirational overview, a quote from Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy, guidance for how to outline the passage, space to write a personal lament, and a summary that includes four reflection questions and a brief prayer.

- **Includes Practical Helps:** The appendixes include an index with suggested psalms for various struggles (including grief, betrayal, loss, injustice, and loneliness), advice on how to use the journal in groups, and examples of the Turn-Complain-Ask-Trust framework found in the book.
- **Personal and Biblical:** A guided devotional that points to a biblical model for personally processing pain and grief, organized into four categories of lament: personal, collective, repentant, and justice-seeking.
- **A Wide Variety of Uses:** Perfect for Bible study groups, counselors, pastors, family devotions, and grief-counseling groups.

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CARL R. TRUEMAN

STRANGE NEW WORLD STUDY GUIDE

Learn about Modern Identity Politics from a Biblical Perspective in this Study Guide to Carl Trueman’s *Strange New World*

In his book *Strange New World*, Carl R. Trueman reviews the history of Western thought—including the Romantics, Nietzsche, Marx, and the New Left—showing how the world arrived at this current era of “expressive individualism.”

In the *Strange New World Study Guide*, Trueman walks through each of the book’s 9 chapters, summarizing key points, posing thought-provoking questions, and providing Bible verses for further reading. Focusing specifically on *Strange New World’s* theological themes, this guide helps individuals and groups study the biblical ideas Trueman presents.

- **Helpful Biblical Analysis of Cultural Issues**: Examines how technology, pornography, and other influences shaped current identity politics, and discusses the implications of these ideas on religion, free speech, and personal identity
- **Interactive**: Includes questions and Bible verses for guided study and discussion
- **Accessible Resource for Churches**: Helps pastors and laypeople share the book’s theological points
- **Part of the Strange New World Product Suite**: Can be used in conjunction with the *Strange New World* book and the *Strange New World* Video Lectures

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