

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

2008 Suggested Reading List

- Anderson, Neil. *The Path to Reconciliation: Connecting People to God and Each Other*, Regal Books, 2008. Neil highlights our deeply personal need for reconciliation by practicing repentance, reparation, and forgiveness.
- Arp, David and Claudia, John and Margaret Bell. *Fixing Family Friction*, Focus on the Family by Tyndale House Publisher, Inc., 2008. A practical blueprint for showing how we should be both loving and strong as we deal with our immediate and extended families.
- Baker, Howard. *The One True Thing*, NavPress, 2007. Howard Baker says that every human yearning at its core is a desire for God. The author uses great writers of the past and biblical stories to guide us through stages of pursuing God: seeking, choosing, and ultimately valuing Him above all else.
- Blackaby, Richard. *Unlimiting God*, Multnomah, 2008. Inspires a new level of walking with God by showing us we should not settle for less than God intends for us.
- Buck, Janie and Mary Lou Davis. *Flight Path*, Christian Focus Publications, Ltd. reprinted 2006. A biography of Frank Barker, Jr., beloved pastor of the Seabolts when they lived in Birmingham. A portrait of a powerful, God-called and commissioned servant impacting the Kingdom of God.
- Baucham, Voddie T. Jr. *Family Driven Faith: Doing What it Takes to Raise Sons and Daughters Who Walk with God*, Good News Publishers, 2007. The book promotes home-based discipleship and child rearing. Challenges parents and the Church to save a generation that is rapidly walking away from the faith.
- Colson, Charles, and Harold Fickett. *The Faith: What Christian Believe, Why They Believe It, and Why It Matters*, Zondervan, 2008. Response for Christ followers who want to be prepared to defend their faith intelligently and passionately.
- DeMoss, Nancy Leigh and Dannah Gresh. *Lies Young Women Believe*, Moody Publishers, 2008. One of our favorite authors and CBS speakers explains how young women can be set free by knowing the Truth.
- DeStefano, Anthony. *Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To*, Doubleday, 2007. This book is recommended by the National Day of Prayer Task Force in Colorado Springs.
- Engstrom, Ted W. *The Essential Engstrom*, Authentic Publishing, 2007. Proven principles of leadership edited by Timothy J. Beals. Ted Engstrom left an enduring legacy of leadership from his positions as president, CEO and board member of many of the most influential for-profit and not-for-profit companies in North America. A wonderful summary to aid any leader.
- Engstrom, Ted and Paul Cedar. *Compassionate Leadership. Regal Books from Gospel Light*, 2006. Examines the life of the Lord Jesus Christ as the ultimate servant leader and invites younger leaders to learn with the authors as they examine His guiding legacy.
- Hession, Roy. *The Calvary Road*. Christian Literature Crusade, 1990. This is one of the most influential books on personal revival ever written! It was first published in 1950 and now includes an additional chapter "40 Years Later." On the list again this year. Mandatory reading for all of us!
- Jenkins, Jerry B. *Loving Your Marriage Enough to Protect It* (previously published as *Hedges*), Moody Press, 1993. Highly recommended reading for those in coed ministry.

Jeremiah, David. *Signs of Life: Back to the Basics of Authentic Christianity*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2007. Just as there are physical signs of life, there are spiritual ones as well. A 40-Day Journey.

Laughlin, Fredric L. and Robert C. Andringa. *Good Governance for Nonprofits*, Amacom Books, 2007. Developing Principles and Policies for an Effective Board. This is a roadmap to good governance and used by our Community Bible Study Board of Trustees as a resource.

Lindsley, Art. *True Truth: Defending Absolute Truth in a Relativistic World*, InterVarsity Press, 2004. Defending truth is clearly a current and future challenge for all Teaching Directors.

MacArthur, John. *Why Believe the Bible?* Regal Publishers from Gospel Light, 2007. Can we really trust God's Word for what it says? Book includes a Bible reading plan.

Maxwell, John. *Go for Gold: Inspiration to Increase Your Leadership Impact*, Thomas Nelson, 2008. Another great book by one of our **CBS** Leadership Conference contributors.

McDowell, Josh. *The Last Christian Generation*, Green Key Books, 2006. Research reveals an alarming trend among today's youth---They do not believe that Christ is God's Son or that the Holy Spirit is real; and think that "doing good" is enough. Great for those serving in Student CBS!

Morgan, Robert J. *The Red Sea Rules*, Thomas Nelson, 2001. The National Day of Prayer Task Force recommends this book. 10 God-Given Strategies for difficult times. The same God who led you in will lead you out.

Sala, Harold J. *Why You Can Have Confidence in the Bible*, Harvest House Publishers, 2008. Recommended by Ravi Zacharias, John MacArthur, and Norman Geisler as giving a compelling case for the authenticity of the Book. A great book to give to someone who has never honestly faced the question of "Can I really trust this Book?"

Stanley, Andy. *Making Vision Stick*, Zondervan, 2007. "It is better to have a vision statement that is incomplete and memorable than to have one that is complete and forgettable." May our mission statement in Community Bible Study stick and be memorable!

Stanley, Charles F. *Landmines in the Path of the Believer*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2007. Are you aware of the hidden dangers planted by Satan along your spiritual path? Navigational help!

Stowell, Joseph M. *From the Front Lines: Lessons from the Trenches of Life*, Discovery House Publishers, 2007. More encouragement from our speaker at the January Teaching Directors Conference.

Strobel, Lee. *The Case for the Real Jesus: A Journalist Investigates Current Attacks on the Identity of Christ*, Zondervan, 2007. Strobel scrutinizes the evidence evaluating arguments of atheists, liberal theologians, and other.

Swenson, Richard. *Margin: Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives, Revised*, NavPress, 2004. One of our main speakers for 2008 TD Conference.

Tada, Joni Eareckson, *31 Days Toward Passionate Faith*, Multnomah Books, 2006. Another powerful devotional from Joni showing the blessing of daily spiritual vibrancy through active trust in God.

Various Pastors Wives. *Free to Soar: How You Can Love the Church, Serve with Your Husband, and Fulfill Your Destiny as a Woman in Ministry*, Gospel Light, 2005. A compilation of global pastors' wives who serve with their husbands in ministry. Recommended by Beth Olson, RD Eve.

Zacharias, Ravi. *The Grand Weaver: How God Shapes Us Through the Events of Our Lives*, Zondervan, 2007. How differently would we live if we believed that every event of our lives – from the happy to the tragic to the mundane – was part of a meticulous and purposeful design with all of the elements intertwined with breathtaking precision?