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Purpose: The purpose of the *Southwestern D6 Family Ministry Journal* is to support the thinking and practices of parenting in Christian homes, in family ministry in the local church, and in parachurch settings that reflect God's intent for generational discipleship as presented in Deuteronomy 6 and other biblical texts. This purpose is achieved by the publication of academic peer-reviewed articles along with a limited selection of practitioner insights and book reviews on recent family ministry titles. The journal is primarily intended for two audiences: (1) an academic community of professors and students in institutions of higher learning who are committed to the development of a new generation of Christian ministers and community leaders and (2) those professionals who are already serving in local church and parachurch settings. The Journal hopes to facilitate discussion and learning among both groups.

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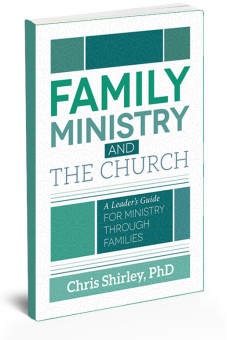

Family Ministry and the Church: A Leader's Guide for Ministry Through Families

by Chris Shirley, Ph.D. (2018)

Category: Christian Discipleship, Christian Education, Christian Living

Purpose:
In my search for family ministry textbooks, I find there is a need for a balance between parent-equipping and family-strengthening topics. *Family Ministry and the Church* is my response to the need for a book that addresses the many theological and practical facets of family ministry and is relevant to present and future church leaders. The intended audience is those who either are training for ministry leadership or are current leaders: pastors, age-group ministers, and volunteer ministry leaders.

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Book Summary:
Chris Shirley and his contributors provide an excellent resource for ministry leaders as well as college and seminary students. Topics included in the work are defining family ministry, equipping every member of the family for ministry, the pastor's leadership, strengthening marriages and parents, equipping grandparents, biblical responses to contemporary family issues, and several more. Chris Shirley is joined in writing this work by the following contributors: Scott Floyd, Ph.D.; Brian Haynes, D.Min.; Karen Kennemur, Ph.D.; Richard Ross, Ph.D.; and Paul Stutz, Ph.D.

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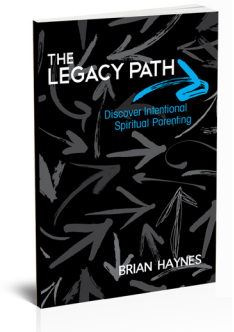
Practical Family Ministry: A Collection of Ideas for Your Church by Timothy Paul Jones, Ph.D. and John David Trentham, Ph.D.
The DNA of D6: Building Blocks of Generational Discipleship by Ron Hunter Jr., Ph.D.

Endorsement:
Julie Flatt–"This book is an excellent resource for pastors, leaders, parents, or anyone interested in family ministry. Dr. Shirley wonderfully combines the ideas of previous authors to accurately communicate the importance of involving both the church and family in ministry."



The Legacy Path: Discover Intentional Spiritual Parenting

by Brian Haynes, D.Min. (2011)

Category: Christian Family & Relationships

Purpose:
We know we are to build a legacy of faith from generation to generation, but we just don't know what to do. If you read this book, you will be pointed in exactly the right direction. This book will give you a foundation and plan to develop a common purpose to your parenting. *The Legacy Path* is a plan for intentional spiritual parenting.

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Brian serves as lead pastor at Bay Area Church in the Houston area. Brian is a pastor, preacher, and ministry leader. His ministry focuses include applying the Scriptures, church revitalization in the 21st century, equipping families, and serving the world with the gospel. He is the author of the books *Shift: What It Takes to Finally Reach Families Today* and *The Legacy Path: Discover Intentional Spiritual Parenting.* He is a graduate of Baylor University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. Brian is married to Angela and they have three daughters, Hailey, Madelyn, and Eden.

Book Summary:
Every path has a destination. Brian Haynes wants to take parents down the path of intentional spiritual parenting. The destination is a new generation of children emerging as adults who know how to love God and love people. This new generation will also know how to equip their own children to do the same. *The Legacy Path* is a book meant to change the culture by moving our children and grandchildren toward life God's way instead of life portrayed as right in the eyes of the world. The reader will find many practical steps explained allowing the destination to be reached.

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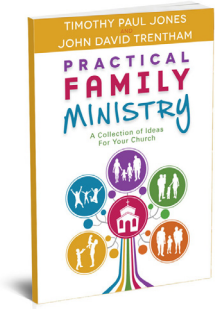
Similar Books in Category:
Parenting With Kingdom Purpose by Ken Hemphill, Ph.D. and Richard Ross, Ph.D.
The DNA of D6: Building Blocks of Generational Discipleship by Ron Hunter Jr., Ph.D.
Family Ministry Field Guide: How Your Church Can Equip Parents to Make Disciples by Timothy Paul Jones, Ph.D.

Endorsements:
Dr. Rob Rienow–"Parenting is not simply about raising kids. Parenting advances the Kingdom of Christ to the ends of the earth! The Legacy Path *brings this compelling biblical vision into everyday family life. Writing from a deep love for God and His Word, Haynes will encourage and equip you to impact your family for generations to come."*

Mark Holmen–"If you are looking for a way to lead your kids to have a lasting faith in Jesus Christ 'so that they may enjoy long life' (Deut. 6) then I would strongly recommend The Legacy Path *because it is simple, practical, and transformational. Through* The Legacy Path, *Brian Haynes has provided a great resource that will help families of every shape and size bring Christ and Christlike living back into the center of their home."*



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Category: Christian Discipleship, Christian Family & Relationships

Purpose:
This book is meant to fill in one of the gaps I have experienced that still remains among the people most committed to family ministry. The purpose of this book is to provide a wide range of new approaches and patterns for each of your church's ministries. These ideas are structured around what I believe to be the two key dynamics in faith-at-home ministry: family-as-church and church-as-family.

Citation:
APA–Jones, T. P., & Trentham, J. D. (Eds.). (2015). *Practical family ministry: A collection of ideas for your church.* Randall House.
Turabian–Jones, Timothy P., and John David Trentham, eds. *Practical Family Ministry: A Collection of Ideas for Your Church.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2015.

Author bio:
Timothy Paul Jones serves as both editor and contributor for this work. Other contributors include Danny R. Bowen, Scott Douglas, Christopher Harding, Brian Howard Honett, Gary May, Philip L. McKinney II, Joshua A. Remy, Robert Lee Stanford, John Ellis Steen, Matthew Scott Thompson, John David Trentham, and Steve Wright. Timothy Paul Jones serves as a professor and associate vice president at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to teaching, he led several congregations as a pastor and in associate ministry roles. Dr. Jones has written widely in the fields of apologetics and family ministry including *The Family Ministry Field Guide* and *How We Got the Bible.* He is married to Rayann and they have three daughters. The Jones family works in SojournKids and community group ministry at Sojourn Community Church.

Book Summary:
Timothy Paul Jones, along with the other contributors, offers practical and encouraging advice to those who want to impact the next generation. Readers are reminded of the God-designed channels through which discipleship should occur: the church and the home. With a solid foundation of biblical guidelines, each writer offers workable strategies and ideas for family ministry. Parents as well as ministry leaders will be equipped to do their part to carry out the spiritual discipline of discipleship. This resource will help pastors and other church leaders evaluate all aspects of ministry in relation to equipping families to disciple the next generation. It is a perfect tool for ministry staff to read together as it sets up the right perspective on the future of the church.

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Chapter 3–Family, a Context for Discipleship–John Ellis Steen
Chapter 4–Family Meals, a Place of Spiritual Nourishment–Matthew Scott Thompson
Chapter 5–Family on Mission–Scott Douglas
Section Two: The Church as a Family
Chapter 6–Be a Family by Equipping Parents–Danny R. Bowen
Chapter 7–Be a Family for Emerging Adults–John David Trentham
Chapter 8–Be a Family for Blended Families–Joshua A. Remy
Chapter 9–Be a Family by Giving Grandparents a Vision for the Generations–Gary May
Chapter 10–Be a Family for Senior Adults–Robert Lee Stanford
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Chapter 11–Developing a D6 Vision for Our Families: Parenting From the Perspective of a Story That's Bigger Than Me–Timothy Paul Jones
Chapter 12–Developing a D6 Vision for Our Ministry: When God Speaks Through Google–Philip L. McKinney II
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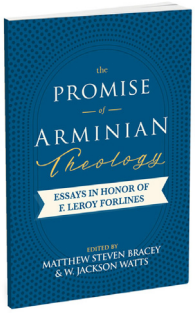
Similar Books in Category:
Family Ministry and the Church: A Leader's Guide for Ministry Through Families by Chris Shirley, Ph.D.
A Theology for Family Ministry by Michael Anthony, Ph.D. and Michelle Anthony, Ed.D.
Family Ministry Field Guide: How Your Church Can Equip Parents to Make Disciples by Timothy Paul Jones, Ph.D.

Endorsement:
Ben Tyler–"This book has been a blessing and is filled with loads of helpful and practical ideas to help your church build a functional and healthy family ministry. Definitely a must-have for any person ministering to children, students, or families."



The Promise of Arminian Theology: Essays in Honor of F. Leroy Forlines

by Matthew Steven Bracey, J.D., and W. Jackson Watts, Ph.D. (2016)

Category: Christian Theology

Purpose:
Forlines' work demonstrates that Reformed Arminian theology is biblically faithful, theologically coherent, and spiritually robust. It reveals a theology that offers hope and promise for God's people in numerous areas of life and ministry.

Citation:
APA–Bracey, M. S., & Watts, W. J. (Eds.). (2016). *The promise of Arminian theology: Essays in honor of F. Leroy Forlines.* Randall House.
Turabian–Bracey, Matthew Steven, and W. Jackson Watts, eds. *The Promise of Arminian Theology: Essays in Honor of F. Leroy Forlines.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2016.

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W. Jackson Watts is the pastor of Grace Free Will Baptist Church in the St. Louis metro area, where he has served since 2011. He is a graduate of Welch College (B.A.), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Duke Divinity School (Th.M.). He completed his doctorate in theology and culture at Concordia Seminary (Ph.D.). Watts is the author of *Biblical Beliefs: Doctrines Believers Should Know,* and a co-founder and senior editor of the Helwys Society Forum. He serves in denominational leadership roles at both the state and national levels. Jackson and his wife, Mckensie, live in Pevely, Missouri.

Book Summary: This book is a collection of essays to honor F. Leroy Forlines who had a long career as a college professor teaching Bible and theology classes at Welch College. Led by editors Matthew Steven Bracey and W. Jackson Watts, the contributors are Andrew Ball, James Forlines, Jon Forlines, Kevin L. Hester, Matthew McAffee, Edward E. Moody Jr., Phillip T. Morgan, David Outlaw, Jesse F. Owens, Robert E. Picirilli, J. Matthew Pinson, Barry Raper, and Christopher Talbot. The contributors collaborated to celebrate and honor him for foundations he has laid for future generations toward Christian faithfulness. This work explores aspects of Forlines' work through summary, synthesis, analysis, and critical engagement.

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Part II: Understanding the Gospel
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- Chapter 4–Forlines' Theology of Atonement and Justification–Jesse F. Owens
- Chapter 5–Sanctification and Spirituality–Barry Raper
- Chapter 6–Leaving Jesus: Forlines' View of Conditional Perseverance–David Outlaw
- Chapter 7–Forlinesean Eschatology: A Progressive Covenantal Approach–Matthew McAffee

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- Chapter 11–Understanding and Helping People–Edward E. Moody Jr.

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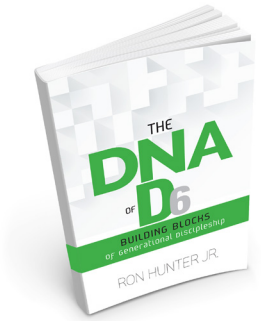
Similar Books in Category:
Free Will Revisited: A Respectful Response to Luther, Calvin, and Edwards by Robert E. Picirilli, Ph.D.
Biblical Ethics: Ethics for Happier Living by F. Leroy Forlines

Endorsement:
Eric L. Johnson–"The portrait of a wise, kind, and saintly man emerges from these pages. They simultaneously document Mr. Forlines' thoughtfulness regarding important theological, cultural, and practical issues of our day, as well as the affection toward him that his long ministry has engendered in others. As a result, those who did not know him can have some appreciation for the legacy of a Christian life lived well before and with others."



The DNA of D6: Building Blocks of Generational Discipleship

by Ron Hunter Jr., Ph.D. (2015)

Category: Christian Discipleship, Christian Family & Relationships

Purpose:
The DNA of D6 will walk you through what it takes to build a new culture that loves and values every age. Churches can change their DNA when ministry leaders equip people for ministry rather than just do ministry. *The DNA of D6* provides any church with the stimulus to plan, strategize, evaluate, and refine its discipleship and more specifically its family ministry. The principle of this book is about the church helping the home, and any size church can do this.

Citation:
APA–Hunter, R. Jr., (2015). *The DNA of D6: Building blocks of generational discipleship.* Randall House.
Turabian–Hunter, Ron Jr., *The DNA of D6: Building Blocks of Generational Discipleship.* Nashville: Randall House, 2015.

Author bio:
Ron Hunter has served as executive director and CEO of D6 Family Ministry in Nashville, Tennessee, since 2002. Ron served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army. He served in local church ministry for eleven years before coming to D6 Family Ministry. He earned his B.A. in Bible and Pastoral Ministry from Welch College, Master's in Public Administration from the University of Colorado, and his Ph.D. in leadership from the Cook School of Leadership at Dallas Baptist University. He has written over 60 articles for various magazines and authored or helped author three books, *Toy Box Leadership, Youth Ministry in the 21st Century: Five Views,* and *The DNA of D6: Building Blocks of Generational Discipleship,* along with *Recalibrate: A New Measure for Family Ministry* from Randall House. He is the co-founder of the D6 Conference and co-hosts a weekly family ministry podcast. The two titles Ron is most proud of are husband and father. He married his college sweetheart, Pam, and they have two adult kids serving Christ.

Book Summary:
Dr. Ron Hunter begins the book by sharing a vital philosophy necessary to understand before a leader can move on to strategy. He also shares important principles that will lead to implementation. This book is the ideal resource whether a ministry leader is just beginning in family ministry or has an established program needing refinement. Readers will be able to build on the foundation of a timeless philosophy to disciple the next generation. Dr. Hunter shares the timeless message of Deuteronomy 6:5–7, and the philosophy of generational discipleship. All ministry leaders will appreciate the strategies that follow and find valuable resources to evaluate and expand any element of discipleship ministry. Dr. Hunter shares key principles on biblical worldview along with insightful understanding of the one-eared Mickey Mouse, the senior pastor complex, and the unseen staff member. The ultimate goal is to provide resources for the church to become healthier and see generations to come benefit from a solid discipleship program.

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Chapter 8–The Unseen Staff Member
Chapter 9–Reach and Teach Strategy
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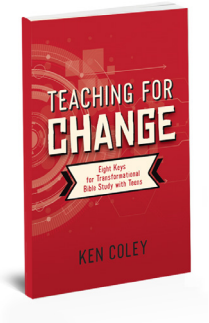
Similar Books in Category:
Family Ministry Field Guide: How Your Church Can Equip Parents to Make Disciples by Timothy Paul Jones, Ph.D.
Connecting Church & Home: A Grace-Based Partnership by Dr. Tim Kimmel

Endorsements:
Dr. Sean McDowell–"The DNA of D6 is a timely and critical resource for the church today. Ron provides both hope and a roadmap to help the church partner with parents to accomplish their more important task–discipling their kids. This book is easy to read and is full of memorable and practical steps for passing on the faith to the next generation."

Dr. John Trent–"My friend Ron Hunter is nothing short of a world-class spiritual DNA expert. Ron understands the building blocks God uses to build strong families and strong children. He shares them in a way that's real, really understandable, and really needed by parents today. The D6 movement that Ron launched has revolutionized faith formation in hundreds of churches across our country. Now, at last, there's a book that YOU can take home and see these incredible D6 principles impact in YOUR LIFE, your faith, and your children's faith today!"



Teaching for Change: Eight Keys for Transformational Bible Study With Teens

by Ken Coley, Ed.D. (2017)

Category: Youth Christian Ministry, Christian Education

Purpose:
This book will reflect on the challenges and barriers to more effective teaching that exist in nearly every church and steps you and your fellow teachers/leaders can take to engage your members in life-changing Bible study.

Citation:
APA–Coley, K. (2017). *Teaching for change: Eight keys for transformational Bible study with teens.* Randall House.
Turabian–Coley, Ken. *Teaching for Change: Eight Keys for Transformational Bible Study With Teens.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2017.

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Ken Coley, Ed.D., has enjoyed a long career in education that includes church ministry and educational leadership. For the last twenty years he has taught master's- and doctoral-level classes in educational leadership at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Currently Coley is the director of the Doctor of Education Program. He frequently speaks at conferences throughout the United States and has presented internationally in Canada, Haiti, Cuba, Panama, and the Congo (DRC). Ken has been married to his wife Kathy for 42 years, and they have two children, Scott and Caitlin, who are both teachers.

Book Summary:
Teaching for Change guides teachers to unravel the mystery of how students absorb and process information. This insight leads to better prepared lessons that will engage the hearts and minds of students. Dr. Coley offers many easily implemented ideas for sharing the truth of God's Word that will connect with teens on a deeper level. Along with providing eight key concepts of effective teaching essential to real transformation in the lives of students, Dr. Coley also includes practical illustrations of how the key concepts look in a typical lesson. Each chapter ends with questions for deeper reflection or group discussion.

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Chapter 1–How do teens learn and remember?
Effective teachers know their students' brains don't have Velcro.
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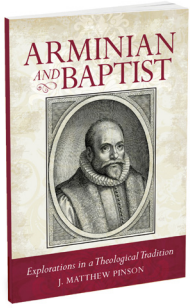
Effective teachers engage their learners.
Chapter 4–Do teens all learn the same way?
Effective teachers recognize and respond to the need for diversity in their approaches.
Chapter 5–How did the teacher master the material?
Effective teachers are aware of their own thinking and model this for their teens.
Chapter 6–Why do so many teens dislike group work?
Effective teachers skillfully design cooperative learning activities so the results are positive and productive.
Chapter 7–We are having fun, but how do I know the teenagers are learning anything?
Effective teachers include brief assessments that provide evidence of student learning.
Chapter 8–So what does this look like when I prepare the lesson?
Effective teachers create a lesson plan that leads to transformation.
Bibliography

Similar Books in Category:
Teaching Students Not Lessons by Jonathan N. Thigpen
Youth Culture 101 by Walt Mueller

Endorsements:
Dr. Mary Martin–"Teaching that creates change requires knowledge about what works well and doesn't work well in helping students understand God's Word. Dr. Coley has provided a very practical primer of proven effective teaching techniques that are inspiring and easily implemented across all cultures and age groups."

Dr. Richard Ross–"Ken Coley has spent much of his life carefully studying how to craft transformational Bible study for teenagers. He is a recognized leader in the field. As a gift to the kingdom and to youth ministry, he has consolidated his insights in this new book. Youth pastors who speak to packed rooms of teenagers, those who weekly lead small-group Bible studies, and those who mentor a teenager one-on-one all will profit from his insights. I highly recommend this book to those special leaders committed to the next generation."



Arminian and Baptist: Explorations in a Theological Tradition

by J. Matthew Pinson, Ed.D. (2015)

Category: Christian Theology

Purpose:
Over the past couple of decades, I have written a number of essays on this sort of Arminianism and how Arminian Baptists may locate themselves within the Christian tradition. I trust that the bringing together of all these essays into one volume will be of help to those who wish to understand the Arminian Baptist theological tradition and the unique stream of Arminian theology associated with it, thus complementing a growing body of literature from this theological vantage point.

Citation:
APA–Pinson, J. M. (2015). *Arminian and Baptist: Explorations in a theological tradition.* Randall House.
Turabian–Pinson, J. Matthew. *Arminian and Baptist: Explorations in a Theological Tradition.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2015.

Author bio:
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Book Summary:
In this book, Dr. J. Matthew Pinson presents a collection of historical-theological essays from the vantage point of a variety of Arminianism coming to be known as Reformed Arminianism. These essays describe the contours of the theology of the seventeenth-century English General Baptists Thomas Helwys and Thomas Grantham, showing their kinship with the thought of Jacobus Arminius and the ways they diverged from thinkers such as John Smyth, John Goodwin, and John Wesley. Unlike these latter thinkers, Helwys and Grantham emphasized more Reformed understandings of the meaning of sin and salvation. This is seen most clearly in their doctrines of total depravity, penal substitutionary atonement, the imputation of the active and passive obedience of Christ, and progressive sanctification. These doctrines produced a way of looking at perseverance and apostasy that emphasizes perseverance through faith alone rather than remaining in a state of grace through works and penitence.

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Chapter 5–Thomas Grantham and the Diversity of Arminian Soteriology
Chapter 6–Atonement, Justification, and Apostasy in the Theology of John Wesley
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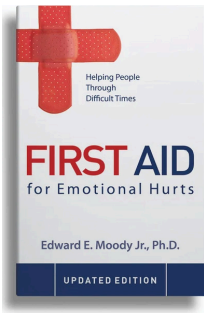
Similar Books in Category:
Grace, Faith, Free Will: Contrasting Views of Salvation: Calvinism and Arminianism by Robert E. Picirilli, Ph.D.
A Free Will Baptist Handbook: Heritage, Beliefs, and Ministries by J. Matthew Pinson, Ed.D.
Classical Arminianism: A Theology of Salvation by F. Leroy Forlines

Endorsements:
Russell Moore, Ph.D.–"I thank God for the resurgence of grace-oriented, gospel-focused Arminianism represented in this book. This is an Arminianism with a deep sense of radical human depravity, the sovereign initiative of God, penal substitutionary atonement, and the imputation of the active and passive obedience of Christ to the believer. We may sometimes disagree on the 'how' and the 'when' of salvation, but we agree on the 'what' and the 'Who.'"

F. Leroy Forlines–"I highly recommend this book. Most Arminians will encounter some surprises here. I also recommend it to Calvinists. Our first obligation to those with whom we disagree is to find out what they are actually saying. If this happens, Arminianism will be given a new face in the theological world."



First Aid for Emotional Hurts: Helping People Through Difficult Times Updated Edition

by Edward E. Moody Jr., Ph.D. (2026)

Category: Christian Counseling, Religious Counseling, Christian Church Administration

Purpose:
The goal of this book is to equip ourselves to strengthen one another in the most difficult situations that come to us throughout our lives.

Citation:
APA–Moody, E. E. Jr., (2018). *First aid for emotional hurts: Helping people through difficult times.* Randall House.
Turabian–Moody, Edward E. Jr., *First Aid for Emotional Hurts: Helping People Through Difficult Times.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2018.

Author bio: Dr. Edward E. Moody Jr. has been a counselor educator at North Carolina Central University since 1995. He is a professor of counselor education and associate dean of the school of education. He also serves as pastor at Tippett's Chapel in Clayton, North Carolina. He has a Ph.D. from North Carolina State University in counselor education, an M.A. from Middle Tennessee State University in clinical psychology, and a B.A. from Welch College in pastoral training. He is a licensed professional counselor supervisor as well as a licensed health services provider-psychological associate. The Licensed Professional Counselor Association of North Carolina honored him as their Counselor of the Year in 2016. He and his wife, Lynne, live in North Carolina, along with their two children.

Book Summary:
This book will provide pastors, church leaders, and anyone else attempting to respond to a crisis with tools and knowledge needed to help the hurting through significant issues of life. A biblical model of helping others is provided along with an overview of situations one may face when dealing with emotional and mental illnesses, grief and loss, addiction, and depression, just to mention a few. The author provides an extensive list of resources related to each topic including names of professionals in the field as well as website addresses. The book includes explanations of medical terms and an index of drugs used to treat people in various situations. Dr. Moody speaks with a qualified voice to the subjects covered, providing a useful tool to anyone faced with helping people through difficult times.

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Chapter 7–Breaking the Deadly Cycle

Chapter 8–Helping People With Problems We Don't Understand

Chapter 9–Helping Families Survive and Thrive

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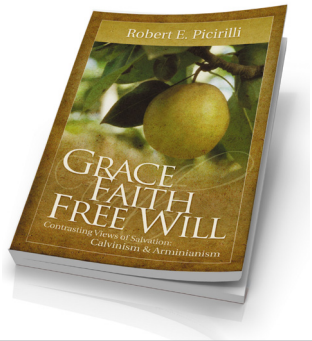
Similar Books in Category:
The Quick-Reference Guide to Biblical Counseling by Dr. Tim Clinton and Dr. Ron Hawkins
Grace for the Afflicted: A Clinical and Biblical Perspective on Mental Illness by Matthew Stanford, Ph.D.

Endorsements:
Dr. H. H. "Chip" Hardy–"Drawing on his many years of experience as a pastor and mental health professional, Dr. Moody's book provides a timely call and helpful resource for the Church to respond to one of the most overlooked needs of our time. No one should wait for difficult situations to consider how to respond appropriately. You are in a position to begin helping now!"

Dr. Carol Ann King–"Dr. Moody is a well-respected expert in behavioral health counseling and crisis intervention, and he has captured essential life-saving information in his latest edition of First Aid for Emotional Hurts. *I highly recommend this book for community and church members, mission laypeople, those new to the ministry, and anyone who yearns to be able to help someone in need."*



Grace, Faith, Free Will: Contrasting Views of Salvation: Calvinism & Arminianism

by Robert E. Picirilli, Ph.D. (2002)

Category: Free Will & Determinism, Soteriology, Christian Theology, Free Will & Determinism Philosophy

Purpose:
Dr. Picirilli reclaims the original views of Arminius and his defenders. By writing this book, Dr. Picirilli wishes to contribute to the contemporary renewal of discussion about the issues that have divided Calvinism and Arminianism since the Reformation. Additionally, he wants to draw debates back to fundamental issues and help those on each side to understand the opposing views from inside.

Citation:
APA–Picirilli, R. E. (2002). *Grace, faith, free will: Contrasting views of salvation: Calvinism & Arminianism.* Randall House.
Turabian–Picirilli, Robert E. *Grace, Faith, Free Will: Contrasting Views of Salvation: Calvinism & Arminianism.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2002.

Author bio:
Dr. Robert E. Picirilli is the former academic dean and professor of Greek and New Testament Studies at Welch College in Gallatin, Tennessee. He has several published books, booklets, and articles in denominational publications and theological journals. Since 1983, he has served as the general editor for *The Randall House Bible Commentary* series.

Book Summary:
The author renews the discussion of issues that have divided Calvinism and Arminianism since the Reformation. Although he presents both classic Calvinism and Arminianism to help readers intelligently decide for themselves, Dr. Picirilli unashamedly advocates a very specific form of Arminianism as the best resolution of the tensions between the two doctrinal positions. He presents a "Reformation Arminianism" that defends total depravity, the sovereignty of God to control all things for the certain accomplishment of His will, God's perfect foreknowledge of, and the certainty of, all future events–including the free, moral choices of human beings–the penal satisfaction view of the atonement, salvation by grace through faith and not by works–from beginning to end–and apostasy that cannot be remedied.

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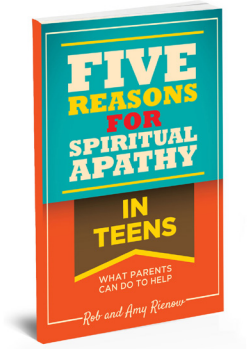
Chosen but Free: A Balanced View of God's Sovereignty and Free Will by Norman L. Geisler, Ph.D.
Classical Arminianism: A Theology of Salvation by F. Leroy Forlines, edited by J. Matthew Pinson, Ed.D.
Salvation and Sovereignty: A Molinist Approach by Kenneth Keathley, Ph.D.

Endorsement:
Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga–"I commend Bob Picirilli for such an erudite, comprehensive, and persuasive presentation of the classical Arminian position as contrasted with Calvinism and sub-Calvinism. The final chapter which analyzes Hebrews and Petrine writings with respect for the finality of apostasy is one of the strongest arguments on the same that I have read."



Five Reasons for Spiritual Apathy in Teens: What Parents Can Do to Help

by Rob Rienow, D.Min., and Amy Rienow (2015)

Category: Christian Families, Christian Family & Relationships, Two-Hour Religion & Spirituality Short Reads

Purpose:
This book focuses on the root causes of spiritual apathy in teens and an action plan parents can use to cultivate faith and character during the challenging teen years.

Citation:
APA–Rienow, R., & Rienow, A. (2015). *Five reasons for spiritual apathy in teens: What parents can do to help.* Randall House.
Turabian–Rienow, Rob, and Amy Rienow. *Five Reasons for Spiritual Apathy in Teens: What Parents Can Do to Help.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2015.

Author bio:
Rob and Amy Rienow were married in 1994 and have been blessed with seven children. They believe their most important ministry is loving and leading their children to love and follow Jesus. Through Visionary Family Ministries they offer Bible-driven resources for families along with marriage and parenting conferences for churches around the world. They also co-authored *Visionary Marriage,* encouraging couples to pursue a Kingdom purpose for their marriage and family.

Book Summary:
When teens are struggling, disconnected, and apathetic, they need parental engagement more than ever. It's not the time to passively accept the behavior as normal and ignore the situation. Rob and Amy Rienow share from a place of genuine concern for teens and parents alike. They remind readers that spiritual apathy is a serious problem that needs to be given proper attention. The Rienows share five reasons spiritual apathy exists in the lives of teens and counter those reasons with practical steps parents can take to resolve the issue. Readers are reminded teens are in the midst of making decisions that impact the rest of their lives, and parental involvement is needed more than ever during the challenging teen years.

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Chapter 1–The Parent's Heart

Chapter 2–The Teenager's Heart

Chapter 3–The Presence of Secret Sin

Chapter 4–A Lack of Spiritual Nourishment

Chapter 5–A Spirit of Rebellion

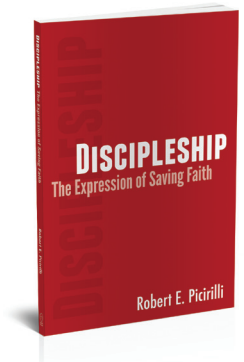
Chapter 6–Heart Changing Prayer

Similar Books in Category:
Within Reach: The Power of Small Changes in Keeping Students Connected by Ben Trueblood
Surviving Culture: When Character and Your World Collide by Dr. Edward E. Moody Jr.

Endorsements:
"We thought that we were just dealing with simple rebellion. Now we have a much better understanding of our son's heart and how we can point him toward Jesus."

"Sadly, we had become passive parents, thinking that the youth group and Christian school would take the lead in our daughter's spiritual training. This was a huge encouragement to spiritually reconnect with our daughter."

"Thank you! We have been struggling with increasing apathy and disrespect from our son, but now we have a plan to build a better relationship."



Discipleship: The Expression of Saving Faith

by Robert E. Picirilli, Ph.D. (2013)

Category: Christian Theology

Purpose: The purpose of this book is to explore the teaching of our Lord and His apostles about salvation based on a fresh investigation of what the New Testament has to say about the subject.

Citation:
APA–Picirilli, R. E. (2013). *Discipleship: The expression of saving faith.* Randall House.
Turabian–Picirilli, Robert E. *Discipleship: The Expression of Saving Faith.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2013.

Author bio: Dr. Robert E. Picirilli is the former academic dean and professor of Greek and New Testament Studies at Welch College in Gallatin, Tennessee. He has several published books, booklets, and articles in denominational publications and theological journals. He serves as the general editor for *The Randall House Bible Commentary* series.

Book Summary: *Discipleship* is a great read for those who have grappled with questions like: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Is being a disciple of Jesus the same thing as being a Christian? What does a life of discipleship look like? Dr. Picirilli provides practical answers and applications for the reader through an exhaustive study of what the New Testament writers said about the requirements for salvation. He offers sound, comprehensive exegesis demonstrating that repentance, obedience, and discipleship are biblical expressions of saving faith. Dr. Picirilli presents a thorough scholarly approach to dealing with the Greek grammar, relevant textual issues, and contrasting interpretations on topics including assurance of salvation, apostasy, backsliding, holiness, sanctification, and sin. He also shares important implications of how we should present the gospel, offer assurance of salvation, and incorporate proper church discipline.

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Chapter 1–The Transaction Model: Justification by Faith in Paul
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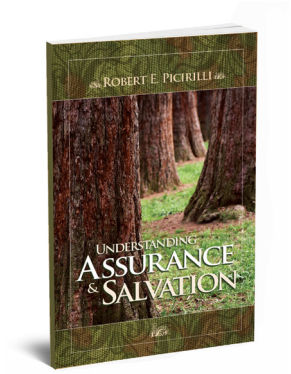
Chapter 5–Paul and the Discipleship Model
Chapter 6–Faith and Works in James and Hebrews
Chapter 7–Discipleship and Sanctification
Chapter 8–Discipleship and the Problem of Sin
Chapter 9–Drawing It All Together
Conclusion–So What Is a Follower of Christ?

Similar Books in Category:
Chosen but Free: A Balanced View of God's Sovereignty and Free Will by Norman L. Geisler, Ph.D.
The Quest for Truth: Answering Life's Inescapable Questions by F. Leroy Forlines
Grace, Faith, Free Will: Contrasting Views of Salvation: Calvinism & Arminianism by Robert E. Picirilli, Ph.D.

Endorsements:
Alan Stanley–"If I could list five questions that the church needs to focus on today, this would certainly be one of them: what does it mean to have faith in Jesus Christ? Many Christians speak of faith as though it were either a thing of the past or a belief about Jesus as if He were a doctrine. But those who have that kind of faith invariably admit to a deep-seated feeling of disappointment with their Christianity. So is it possible that our familiarity with the term faith has blinded us to its real meaning and how it is to function in our daily lives? Robert Picirilli thinks so. To that end he has produced a survey of the New Testament that shows how faith alone simply believes and responds to God's commands and promises. Readers will find this book both helpful and clarifying."

J. Matthew Pinson, Ed.D.–"In the classic, engaging prose we have come to expect from Dr. Picirilli, he makes in this book as compelling a case as I have ever read for the fact that discipleship and sanctification are the necessary biblical accompaniments of true justification. If church leaders will read this book and teach and preach its contents, they will see real gospel renewal in their ministries."



Understanding Assurance & Salvation

by Robert E. Picirilli, Ph.D. (2006)

Category: Christian Ministry, 90-Minute Religion & Spirituality Short Reads, Christian Evangelism

Purpose:
This book presents the Reformed Arminian position of assurance and salvation in easy-to-understand terms that prove beneficial to both scholar and layperson.

Citation:
APA–Picirilli, R. E. (2006). *Understanding assurance & salvation.* Randall House.
Turabian–Picirilli, Robert E. *Understanding Assurance & Salvation.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2006.

Author bio:
Dr. Robert E. Picirilli is the former academic dean and professor of Greek and New Testament Studies at Welch College in Nashville, Tennessee. He has several published books, booklets, and articles in denominational publications and theological journals. He serves as the general editor for *The Randall House Bible Commentary* series.

Book Summary:
Dr. Picirilli gives a basic overview of the teachings of Jacobus Arminius and discusses the biblical explanation of the possibility of apostasy. This is an ideal book for ministers and church leaders to have in the office library. This quick read includes ideas for anyone interested in doctrine and theology.

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Similar Books in Category:
Free Will Revisited: A Respectful Response to Luther, Calvin, and Edwards
by Robert E. Picirilli, Ph.D.
Classical Arminianism: A Theology of Salvation
by F. Leroy Forlines, edited by J. Matthew Pinson, Ed.D.
Grace, Faith, Free Will: Contrasting Views of Salvation: Calvinism & Arminianism
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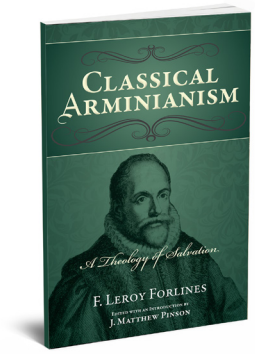

Classical Arminianism: A Theology of Salvation

by F. Leroy Forlines, edited by J. Matthew Pinson, Ed.D. (2011)

Category: Christian Theology

Purpose:
The purpose for this book is to help readers from diverse confessional backgrounds realize F. Leroy Forlines's maxim, which has characterized him personally and professionally: that biblical truth is for the whole life.

Citation:
APA–Forlines, F. L. (2011). *Classical Arminianism: A theology of salvation* (J. M. Pinson, Ed.). Randall House.
Turabian–Forlines, F. Leroy. *Classical Arminianism: A Theology of Salvation.* Edited by J. Matthew Pinson. Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2011.

Author bio:
F. Leroy Forlines is a prolific author having published *The Randall House Bible Commentary: Romans, Biblical Systematics, The Quest for Truth,* and *Biblical Ethics.* His monthly column "Christian Doctrine" was published in *Contact* magazine for 15 years. Forlines taught at Welch College for 50 years and served as adjunct professor. He has also served on the Commission for Theological Integrity since its inception in 1962 for the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He is adjunct professor of Theology at Russian Baptist Theological Institute at the Chelyabinsk Affiliate of the Moscow Theological Institute, under the auspices of Free Will Baptist International Missions.

Book Summary:
This book is a valuable contribution to the Arminian-Calvinist debate. Forlines and Dr. Pinson have worked together to provide a good resource from an Arminian interpretation. Forlines is known for his work on this subject, having previously published *The Quest for Truth* with Randall House in 2001. This new book takes the content related to the doctrine of salvation from that original work, arranging it in logical order in a more reader-friendly fashion. Dr. Pinson added his introduction to the work and edited the content related to the doctrine of salvation. This is an excellent resource for study of the Arminian view for those seeking to defend their theological position.

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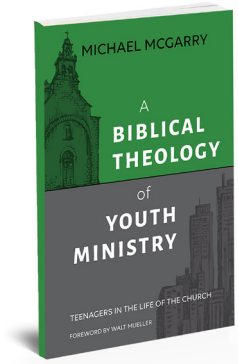
Chapter 5–Scriptural Support for Conditional Election
Chapter 6–The Nature of Atonement and Justification
Chapter 7–The Condition of Salvation
Chapter 8–Sanctification
Chapter 9–The Perseverance of the Saints
Chapter 10–Apostasy and Assurance: Doctrinal and Practical Considerations

Similar Books in Category:
Arminian and Baptist: Explorations in a Theological Tradition by J. Matthew Pinson, Ed.D.
Grace, Faith, Free Will: Contrasting Views of Salvation: Calvinism & Arminianism by Robert E. Picirilli, Ph.D.
The Quest for Truth: Answering Life's Inescapable Questions by F. Leroy Forlines

Endorsements:
I. Howard Marshall–"Professor Forlines here develops at greater length the approach already taken in his commentary on Romans. The result is a careful defense of a model in which God works to achieve salvation in human beings by 'influence and response' rather than by 'cause and effect,' a view which commends itself as doing better justice to the concept of a personal God entering into relationships with human beings as persons."

L. Igou Hodges–"Forlines has presented to the Christian community an excellent practical presentation and defense of the classical non-Wesleyan Arminianism that is rarely represented in the systematic theology sections of academic and church libraries, a challenge for Calvinistic writers to answer, and an example of the necessary and fruitful wedding of doctrine and life directed toward the zealous ministry of the gospel."



A Biblical Theology of Youth Ministry: Teenagers in the Life of the Church

by Michael McGarry, D.Min. (2019)

Category: Youth Ministry Leaders, Seminary Students

Purpose: The purpose of this book is to address questions by presenting a biblical, historical, and theological foundation for youth ministry. The emphasis of this book is on presenting a clear and simple but thoroughly biblical framework for thinking about youth ministry as the church's expression of partnership with the family for co-evangelizing and co-discipling the next generation.

Citation:
APA–McGarry, M. (2019). *A biblical theology of youth ministry: Teenagers in the life of the church.* Randall House.
Turabian–McGarry, Michael. *A Biblical Theology of Youth Ministry: Teenagers in the Life of the Church.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2019.

Author bio: Michael McGarry has served in youth ministry for 14 years and is passionate about translating sound doctrine to the next generation. He earned his D.Min. and M.Div. at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and also studied at Gordon College. He is married to Tracy, a middle school teacher, and has two smart and funny kids, Matthew and Hannah. They live in Norton, Massachusetts.

Book Summary: Youth ministry today has fallen on hard times. Many churches continue to employ the same methods that have become entrenched over the last few decades, while others are questioning the need for it at all. Michael McGarry explores the foundation of youth ministry in the Old and New Testaments and brings that together with church history in a compelling way. This contemplative and well-researched book provides a careful critique of youth ministry along with practical guidance for those serving in ministry. The author directs the reader toward a new era of youth ministry where parents and intergenerational ministry play a more significant role.

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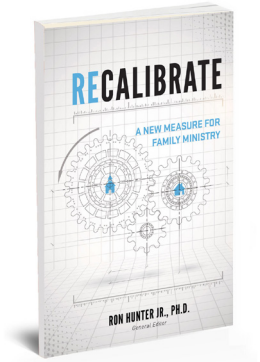
Chapter 6–The Family and Youth Ministry
Chapter 7–The Gospel and Youth Ministry
Chapter 8–Youth Ministry as a Bridge Between the Church and Home
Epilogue–The Bare Minimums of a Biblical Youth Ministry

Similar Books in Category:
Adoptive Youth Ministry: Integrating Emerging Generations Into the Family of Faith (Youth, Family, and Culture) by Chap Clark, Ph.D.
Trained in the Fear of God: Family Ministry in Theological, Historical, and Practical Perspective by Randy Stinson and Timothy Paul Jones, Ph.D.

Endorsements:
Walt Mueller–"This book will serve our youth ministry community well. For those who are just now embarking on their youth ministry journey, Mike provides a biblical/theological foundation on which to build faithful praxis. For those who have been on the youth ministry journey for some time, Mike offers a theological perspective that will serve to help you evaluate the foundations and direction of your ministry in ways that I hope will lead to both affirmations and course corrections."

Cameron Cole–"Mike McGarry has been an important figure and thinker in the reform of youth ministry and this book is a culmination of his many contributions. This book is dense enough to be stimulating to the veteran youth pastor and accessible enough to inform the brand new youth pastor. A Biblical Theology of Youth Ministry *is an essential read for those engaged in ministry to young people. It brings together Scripture, church history, and theology in a manner that helps build an instructive foundation for effective, faithful youth ministry."*



Recalibrate: A New Measure for Family Ministry

by Ron Hunter Jr., Ph.D. (2019)

Category: Ministry Leaders

Purpose:
This book helps you see family ministry from 14 distinct areas of your church, enables you to spot unhealthy norms, offers new norms, and most importantly, provides ways to measure each area.

Citation:
APA–Hunter, R., Jr. (Ed.). (2019). *Recalibrate: A new measure for family ministry*. Randall House.
Turabian–Hunter, Ron Jr., ed. *Recalibrate: A New Measure for Family Ministry*. Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2019.

Author bio:
Ron Hunter has served as executive director and CEO of D6 Family Ministry in Nashville, Tennessee, since 2002. Ron served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army. He served in local church ministry for eleven years before coming to D6 Family Ministry. He earned his B.A. in Bible and Pastoral Ministry from Welch College, Master's in Public Administration from the University of Colorado, and his Ph.D. in leadership from the Cook School of Leadership at Dallas Baptist University. He has written over 60 articles for various magazines and authored or helped author three books, *Toy Box Leadership*, *Youth Ministry in the 21st Century*: *Five Views*, and *The DNA of D6: Building Blocks of Generational Discipleship*, along with *Recalibrate: A New Measure for Family Ministry* from Randall House. He is the co-founder of the D6 Conference and co-hosts a weekly family ministry podcast. The two titles Ron is most proud of are husband and father. He married his college sweetheart, Pam, and they have two adult kids serving Christ.

Book Summary:
Are you seeking clarity in your vision for family ministry? Imagine bringing together fifteen ministry experts who have accumulated a wealth of experience and wisdom on that very topic. This book is the message from those experts revealing a clearer vision for the future of any ministry. Each chapter addresses a distinct area of church ministry, reveals current unhealthy norms, offers new norms, and most importantly, provides ways to measure each area. It is vital to the future of your ministry to recalibrate to a healthy norm. *Recalibrate* will help ministry leaders reach that goal.

Endorsement:
Shaddo from Amazon–"This book has the potential to change everything in your ministry! Great suggestions, wisdom and insight for fleshing out a family ministry model within the church. Highly recommend this book for ministry leaders. Almost every single page is highlighted! Grab a copy!"

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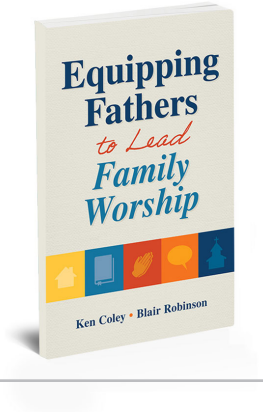
Recalibrate the Age-Specific Ministries:
Chapter 5 – Fearless Family From Courageous Parenting by Jimmy Myers
Chapter 6 – Grandparenting the Way It Was Meant to Be by Jim Wideman
Chapter 7 – Young Adults Are Not the Gap Into Adulthood by Jay Strother
Chapter 8 – Youth Ministry in Thirds by Richard Ross
Chapter 9 – The Future Steps of Our Children by Lydia Randall
Recalibrate the Challenges of Family Ministry:
Chapter 10 – The Picture Frames Are Different but Single Parents and Stepparents Are Families Too by Tammy G. Daughtry
Chapter 11 – When Churched Kids Don't Have Churched Parents by Timothy Paul Jones
Chapter 12 – Ordinary Parents, Extraordinary Father: Surviving Prodigal Years by Christopher Yuan
Chapter 13 – Marriage: Your First and Most Important Ministry by Scott Kedersha
Chapter 14 – Guiding Teens and Their Parents Through Cultural Challenges by Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller

Similar Books in Category:
Family Ministry and the Church: A Leader's Guide for Ministry Through Families by Chris Shirley
The Family Ministry Playbook for Partnering With Parents by Phil Bell



Equipping Fathers to Lead Family Worship

by Ken Coley, Ed.D. and Blair Robinson, D.Min. (2021)

Category: Ministry Leaders, Pastors, and Fathers

Purpose:
This book is a guide for pastors to equip fathers to lead family worship in their homes but can ultimately serve all fathers as well. The authors present biblical concepts about the basics of family worship for readers to model a joyful celebration of their relationship with the Heavenly Father for their congregations and families.

Citation:
APA–Coley, K., & Robinson, B. (2021). *Equipping fathers to lead family worship*. Randall House.
Turabian–Coley, Kenneth, and Blair Robinson. *Equipping Fathers to Lead Family Worship*. Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2021.

Author bio:
Kenneth Coley, Ed.D., is a senior professor of Christian education at Southeastern Seminary, where he is the director of the Ed.D. Program. He has authored or edited seven books, including *Teaching for Change: Eight Keys for Transformational Bible Study with Teens*, published by Randall House.
Blair Robinson, D.Min., is the associate pastor of Christ Covenant Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. He has pastored churches in Texas and North Carolina, overseeing ministries in adult education, discipleship, and missions. He and his wife, Lauren, have three children.

Book Summary:
Equipping Fathers to Lead Family Worship offers a historical, theological, biblical, and pedagogical text that focuses on the responsibility that Christian fathers have to lead their families in the worship of God. The book is for use in local churches and Christian households and is meant to serve as a resource to assist pastors and leaders to equip fathers and family household leaders with personal and family worship practices.

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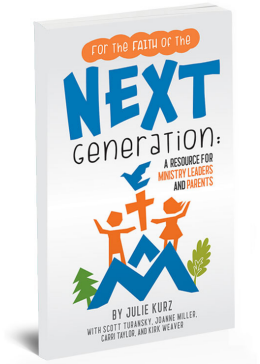
Appendix A – Resources for Family Worship Models and a Sample Family Worship Structure
Appendix B – Great Resources for Learning More About Family Worship
Appendix C – Basic Educational Learning Concepts

Similar Books in Category:
For the Faith of the Next Generation: A Resource for Ministry Leaders and Parents by Julie Kurz
Life in Christ series by Charles Spurgeon

Endorsement:
Van from Amazon–"This is such a great resource for fathers who want to lead their families in worship. It has an easy-to-follow format that is biblical and very practical. I highly recommend it!"



For the Faith of the Next Generation: A Resource for Ministry Leaders and Parents

by Julie Kurz (2022)

Category: Parents, Church Leaders, and Children's Teachers

Purpose:
The purpose of this book is to help move from awareness to a greater measure of success in keeping our kids in the faith. The goal is to help parents and children's workers discover and understand the many factors that impact how faith is developed in children and provide them with an understanding of how to teach God's Word in ways that effectively impact children–helping them begin a spiritual journey, seeking, knowing, and serving God all of their lives.

Citation:
APA–Kurz, J. (2022). *For the faith of the next generation: A resource for ministry leaders and parents*. Randall House.
Turabian–Kurz, Julie. *For the Faith of the Next Generation: A Resource for Ministry Leaders and Parents*. Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2022.

Author bio:
Julie Kurz has over 30 years of experience in children's ministry as a children's ministry director and an independent consultant for Reconnect Ministries. Julie served on the National Family and Children's Ministry Team for the Evangelical Free Church of America, and on the National Association of Family Ministries Team. She has also worked with Transform World on the Family Challenge Track and the 4-14 Window Movement. For the past ten years she has served as the children's ministry specialist for Church Assistance Ministries. Julie and her husband Dave have been married 50 years and have three adult children and seven grandchildren.

Book Summary:
Promotes a biblical model for passing faith to the next generation, where the home is the primary source of spiritual development for children and the church comes alongside with training, equipping, resources, and encouragement.

Endorsements:
Dr. Rob Rienow–"God can use this book to transform your ministry and your family. These pages are filled with God's plan for parents and grandparents to take the lead in passing faith through the generations and for local churches to develop an intentional plan to partner with families for the sake of the Gospel. Julie writes with a love for God, a commitment to Scripture, a passion for families, and deep experience in ministry. If you are passionate about seeing the next generation follow Jesus, in your family and in your church, this book will sharpen your vision and encourage your heart."

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Chapter 8 – How Do Children Develop Spiritually?
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Chapter 10 – Family Time by Kirk Weaver
Chapter 11 – Faith: What Children Need to Know to Grow Spiritually
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Chapter 17 – What's the Goal?
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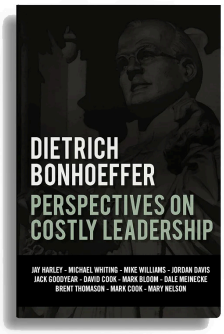
Similar Books in Category:
The Family Ministry Playbook for Partnering with Parents by Phil Bell

Kirk B. Weaver, Amazon–"Julie brings both perspectives of being a children's ministry leader and parent to the discussion of family ministry. Throughout the book she recommends excellent resources on all aspects of where we are today and where we need to head moving forward. I have read most of these resources and can vouch for their importance in understanding the challenges and opportunities facing churches and families. The issue in a nutshell...both families and churches seek to pass the faith to future generations. The current system of relying primarily on children's ministry programs is not working. We need to get back to the biblical plan of families as primary teachers while the church provides support. Julie has helped both families and churches successfully navigate this critical realignment."



Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Perspectives on Costly Leadership

by Jay Harley, Ed.D. (2021)

Category: Christian Ministry, Leadership

Purpose:
This book gives readers an understanding of what made Bonhoeffer who he was and why he took the stand he did and gives insights into how to draw principles from his leadership.

Citation:
APA–Harley, J. (2021). *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Perspectives on costly leadership*. Randall House.
Turabian–Harley, Jay. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Perspectives on Costly Leadership*. Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2021.

Author bio:
Multiple distinguished professors at Dallas Baptist University. The general editor and author of record is Jay Harley, Ed.D., who serves as vice president for Student Affairs at Dallas Baptist University where he leads the student life and spiritual life components of the DBU experience. He designed and taught the international study program at DBU on the life, theology, and ministry of German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He is a contributing author to the book *Luther on Leadership***.**

Book Summary:
The popularity of Bonhoeffer has increased in the last decade. This book explores the qualities and characteristics of Bonhoeffer that have made him popular among today's evangelical Christians while also focusing on why the life, work, and action of Bonhoeffer should matter today. The importance of leadership legacy will be discussed along with connecting to Bonhoeffer as an example of a believer in Jesus who persisted in his convictions in the midst of significant opposition.

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Chapter 4 – The Phenomenology of a Leader by Jordan Davis
Chapter 5 – Bonhoeffer and the Führer Principle by Jack Goodyear
Chapter 6 – Bonhoeffer as a Prophetic Leader by David Cook
Chapter 7 – The Leader's Responsibility to Act by Mark Bloom
Chapter 8 – Bonhoeffer as a Leader of Students: His Development Into a Relational Leader by Dale Meinecke
Chapter 9 – Bonhoeffer's Leadership Through Preaching by Brent Thomason
Chapter 10 – Bonhoeffer as a Teaching Leader by Mark Cook
Chapter 11 – Bonhoeffer's Literary Leadership by Mary Nelson
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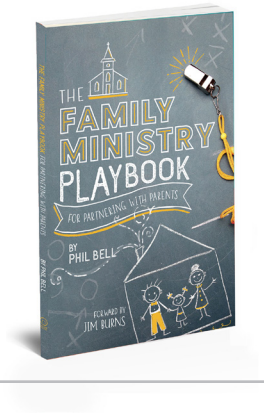


The Family Ministry Playbook for Partnering With Parents

by Phil Bell (2021)

Category: Parents, Pastors, Church Leaders

Purpose:
The hope of this book is to help readers keep their ministry identity intact while more effectively partnering with parents and reaching the next generation for Christ. The hope is that the reader's church's governing body and other leaders in the church will read this book together and understand the need to give greater focus to partnering with parents and find strategic and practical ideas to implement this philosophy and strategy into the life of the whole church.

Citation:
APA–Bell, P. (2021). *The family ministry playbook for partnering with parents*. Randall House.
Turabian–Bell, Phil. *The Family Ministry Playbook for Partnering With Parents*. Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2021.

Author bio:
Phil Bell has over 20 years in ministry as a pastor, national speaker, columnist, and blogger. He is passionate about investing in families and equipping parents to reach the next generation for Christ. He is originally from England and now lives in North Carolina with his wife Lisa and their three beautiful kids.

Book Summary:
The effectiveness of church leaders in reaching and equipping the next generation for Christ will be greatest when they partner with parents and see them as co-laborers for the Kingdom. By weaving principles for partnering with parents into the existing day-to-day ministry, a church can keep its ministry identity intact while more effectively partnering with parents and reaching the next generation for Christ.
Through this book, church leaders can see the need to give greater focus to partnering with parents and find strategic and practical ideas to implement this philosophy and strategy into the life of the whole church.

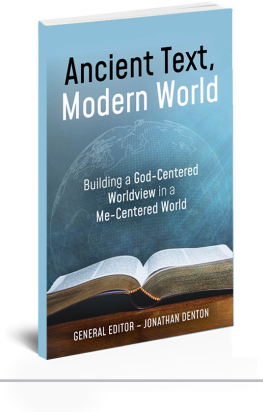
Endorsements:
Charissa from Amazon–"I am a 20-year veteran of student ministry and I found this book to be challenging and inspiring as I consider my role, and the role of my church in teaching and training young people to be devoted followers of Jesus Christ. I really appreciated the biblical foundation that the author provided throughout to support his ideas and the step-by-step strategies at the end of each chapter were very helpful! His personal stories and experiences are very relatable to anyone that has been in student ministry. This was practical and easy to read. Highly recommend!"

Troy from Amazon–"Phil does a great job of getting you excited to help parents win and then gives practical ideas to get it done. There are tons of ideas on how to get parents involved in their child's spiritual lives and questions at the end of each chapter to help you think through the ways to make it possible in your church family."

Table of Contents:

Introduction
Chapter 1 – The Need for Partnering
Chapter 2 – It Starts With You
Chapter 3 – Build a Unified Team
Chapter 4 – Cast the Biblical Vision
Chapter 5 – Communicate Strategically
Chapter 6 – Provide Resources
Chapter 7 – Equip Disengaged Parents
Chapter 8 – Have an Intentional Ministry Strategy
Chapter 9 – Point to Important Milestones
Chapter 10 – Help Out in Hard Times
Chapter 11 – Build a Team of Support for Parents

Similar Books in Category:
Recalibrate: A New Measure for Family Ministry by Ron Hunter Jr.
Family Ministry and the Church: A Leader's Guide for Ministry Through Families by Chris Shirley



Ancient Text, Modern World: Building a God-Centered Worldview in a Me-Centered World

by Jonathan Denton, Ph.D. (2023)

Category: Christian Education, Spiritual Growth, Christian Ministry

Purpose:
A couple of generations ago, we were primarily ministering to students and families who were viewing life as "God-defined." In a God-defined world, they understood that God existed, God created, and God designed the world. Thus, our teaching focused on helping them know the God of the Bible, who they were searching for. We are now ministering to students who are immersed in a "me-defined" world. The foundation has shifted. Instead of searching for God's plan and purpose for their life, students begin with creating their identity and defining how they should live.

Citation:
APA–Denton, J. (2023). Ancient text, modern world: Building a God-centered worldview in a me-centered world. Randall House.
Turabian–Denton, Jonathan. Ancient Text, Modern World: Building a God-Centered Worldview in a Me-Centered World. Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2023.

Author bio:
Jonathan Denton, Ph.D., has been serving in student ministry for over 20 years. He spent 10 years serving in a church in Mississippi and is currently an assistant professor at Charleston Southern University. Denton desires to train the next generation of student ministry leaders.

Contributions by various faculty members of the College of Christian Studies at Charleston Southern University, including Peter Beck; Michael Bryant, Ph.D.; Dondi E. Costin, Ph.D., D.Min.; Ryan Gimple, Ph.D.; Edward D. Gravely, Ph.D.; Ron Harvell, D.Min.; R. Allen Jackson, Ph.D.; Peter J. Link Jr., Ph.D.; Ross Parker, Ph.D.; Benjamin B. Phillips, Ph.D.; Jay H. Strack, D.Min.; and Jonathan D. Watson, Ph.D.

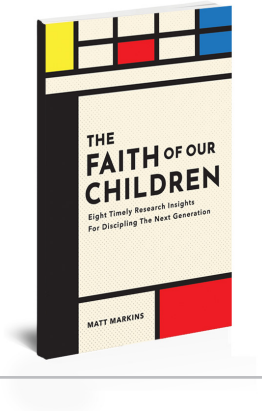
Book Summary:
This book aims to present the Bible as a reliable, true, and trustworthy Ancient Text that is sufficient for ministry to a modern student with all the complexities, hurts, and mixed messages of a modern world. The focus is not only on the message that the Ancient Text gives to a modern audience but also how the Ancient Text should inform our ministry and educational practices.

Table of Contents:
Introduction
Section I–Ancient Text
- The Authority of the Ancient Text–R. Allen Jackson
- The Story and Message of the Old Testament–Peter J. Link, Jr.
- The Story and Message of the New Testament–Edward D. Gravely
- Learning from Our Ancient Text through the Ages–Peter Beck
- Trusting and Applying Our Ancient Text–Jonathan D. Watson

Section II–Modern Students and Their World
- The World of a Modern Student–R. Allen Jackson
- Ancient Text and Modern Science–Ross Parker
- Ancient Text and Globalizing Cultures–Ryan Gimple
- Modern Schools and an Ancient Text–Dondi E. Costin

Section III–Education and Ministry to a Modern Student
- How to Reach This Generation–Jay H. Strack
- Preaching and Teaching the Ancient Text to a Modern Student–Benjamin B. Phillips
- Discipling the Heart of a Modern Student–Jonathan D. Denton
- Integrating Our Ancient Text into Education and Ministry–Michael Bryant
- Responding to a Crisis in a Modern Student–Ron Harvell
- Conclusion

Similar Books in Category:
Teaching for Change: Eight Keys for Transformational Bible Study With Teens by Ken Coley
A Biblical Theology of Youth Ministry: Teenagers in the Life of the Church by Michael McGarry



The Faith of Our Children: Eight Timely Research Insights for Discipling the Next Generation

by Matt Markins (2023)

Category: Children's Teachers, Christian Discipleship, Christian Ministry

Purpose:
Over the course of the past decade, more and more research has been conducted, and a clear picture is beginning to emerge about how to be effective in discipleship of children. In *The Faith of Our Children,* children's ministry researcher and Awana CEO Matt Markins shares eight key insights from over a decade of research that can all be boiled down to two words: Formation and Systems.

Citation:
APA–Markins, M. (2023). *The faith of our children: Eight timely research insights for discipling the next generation.* Randall House.
Turabian–Markins, Matt. *The Faith of Our Children: Eight Timely Research Insights for Discipling the Next Generation.* Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2023.

Author bio:
Matt Markins serves as the president and CEO of Awana, a global leader in child discipleship. As a leading researcher in child discipleship and children's ministry, Matt has commissioned nine research projects since 2013, including a study conducted by Barna Group called Children's Ministry in a New Reality. He's a board member at large for the National Association of Evangelicals and is the co-author of three books, most notably *RESILIENT: Child Discipleship and the Fearless Future of the Church.* He's also the co-founder of the Child Discipleship Forum and D6 Conference. Matt and his wife Katie have been involved in children's ministry for more than 25 years and spend their time in Nashville with their two sons.

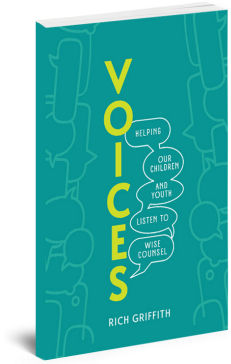
Book Summary:
The Faith of Our Children: Eight Timely Research Insights for Discipling the Next Generation will give you and your team—leaders and volunteers—the insight you need to build your ministry around the primary areas that form lasting faith and what systems to put in place to help you cultivate faith that lasts.

Table of Contents:

Part 1: Formation – The Primary Investments That Tend to Form Lasting Faith in Children
- Chapter 1: Goal: Lasting Faith Is the Desired Outcome
- Chapter 2: Relationships: The Most Catalytic Factor in Forming Lasting Faith in Children
- Chapter 3: Bible Engagement: The Most Foundational Factor in Forming Lasting Faith in Children
- Chapter 4: Culture: Sometimes We Feel Like We're Losing Because of Dominant Cultural Forces
- Interlude

Part 2: Systems – The Norms, Processes, Infrastructure, and Culture We Depend Upon to Form the Faith of Our Children
- Chapter 5: Time: The Way Children's Ministry Leaders Spend Our Time Does Not Match Our Desired Objectives
- Chapter 6: Fun: When It Comes to Having Fun, We Are Outperforming Our Own Expectations
- Chapter 7: Parents: Parents Are the Primary Influence Over Their Children But Are Less Engaged in Discipling Them
- Chapter 8: Metrics: Children's Ministry Leaders Find It Difficult to Measure and Evaluate Our Effectiveness
- Letter to Your Pastor

Similar Books in Category:
For the Faith of the Next Generation: A Resource for Ministry Leaders and Parents by Julie Kurz



Voices: Helping Our Children and Youth Listen to Wise Counsel

by Rich Griffith, D.Min. (2023)

Category: Christian Ministry, Discipleship, Leadership, Parenting

Purpose:
Provides guidance on maintaining open communication between parents and teens, encourages intergenerational mentoring, and offers steps for finding a mentor.

Citation:
APA–Griffith, R. (2023). *Voices: Helping our children and youth listen to wise counsel*. Randall House.
Turabian–Griffith, Rich. *Voices: Helping Our Children and Youth Listen to Wise Counsel*. Nashville, TN: Randall House, 2023.

Author bio:
A dad to three teenage sons, Rich Griffith, D.Min., is professor of youth ministry at Toccoa Falls College. Rich also serves as a part-time pastor, is featured on several podcasts, and contributed to various Youth Specialties products. Dr. Griffith has worked with teens and families for over 30 years. This ministry fuels his passion to help young people find their voice.

Book Summary:
Voices: Helping Our Children and Youth Listen to Wise Counsel provides a framework for evaluating the positive voices in our lives through the tests of time, transparency, and trust. This book helps explain the origin of the quiet, positive voices, as well as the loud, negative voices. It also explores thought-provoking, relevant-to-teens questions.

Table of Contents:

Introduction: Big Quiet Voices or Small, Loud Voices
Chapter 1: Listening to the Right Voices
- Why Are Voices Important?
- The Three "T's" of Voices
- Time
- Transparency
- Trust

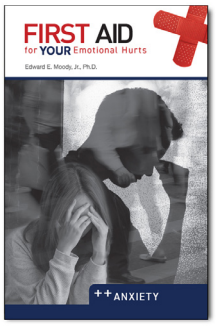
Chapter 2: Big, Quiet Voices
- The Voice of Parents
- The Voice of Mentors
- The Voice of Church
- The Voice of Diversity
- The Voice of God

Chapter 3: Small, Loud Voices
- The Voice of Peers
- The Voice of Consumerism
- The Voice of (Social) Media
- The Voice of Culture

Chapter 4: Helping Your Child Find and Use Their Own Voice
- Your Voice
- Solitude
- Community
- Passion
- Purpose

Appendix: Ways To Disciple Your Children "As You Go"

Similar Books in Category:
Surviving Culture: When Character and Your World Collide by Edward E. Moody Jr.
Five Reasons for Spiritual Apathy in Teens: What Parents Can Do to Help by Rob & Amy Rienow
Ancient Text, Modern World: Building a God-Centered Worldview in a Me-Centered World by Jonathan Denton



First Aid for Your Emotional Hurts: Anxiety

by Edward E. Moody Jr., Ph.D. (2024)

Category: Counseling

Purpose:
Readers will be equipped to respond in ways that offer real hope for those who are dealing with anxiety.

Citation:
APA–Moody, E. E., Jr. (2024). *First aid for your emotional hurts: Anxiety*. D6 Family Ministry.
Turabian–Moody, Edward E. Jr. *First Aid for Your Emotional Hurts: Anxiety*. Nashville, TN: D6 Family Ministry, 2024.

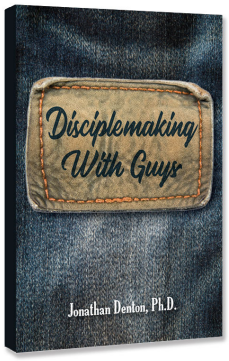
Author bio:
Edward E. Moody, Jr. currently works with pastors and churches as the executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He has been involved in equipping people to help others for more than three decades. He worked as a professor and counselor educator at North Carolina Central University for 24 years and served as a bivocational pastor at Tippett's Chapel for nearly two decades. He is licensed in North Carolina as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor-Supervisor, Licensed Health Services Provider-Psychological Associate, and Licensed School Counselor. He has been honored as the Counselor of the Year by The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor Association of North Carolina.

Book Summary:
All of us face fear and worry from time to time. Fear can be good when it prompts us to take needed action. However, fear is bad when it keeps us from doing what needs to be done or hinders our relationships and our performance at school, church, and work. In First Aid: Anxiety, Dr. Moody walks readers through biblical approaches to defeat anxiety. These biblical examples remind us we are not alone in our journey, and the practical exercises provide actions to take to help us grow and achieve victory over crippling anxiety.

Table of Contents:

First Aid for Anxiety
Can Fear Be Good?
When Fear Becomes a Problem
Where Do You Begin?
Use Your Tools
Work on Your Thinking
Do Hard Things
Prepare
Bring It All Together

Similar Books in Category:
First Aid for Emotional Hurts: Helping People Through Difficult Times by Edward E. Moody Jr.
First Aid for Your Emotional Hurts series by Edward E. Moody Jr.



Disciplemaking With Guys

by Jonathan Denton, Ph.D. (2024)

Category: Christian Ministry, Discipleship, Youth, Leadership, Mentoring

Purpose:
Readers will gain an understanding of the current cultural crisis of guys and receive the practical steps to take to disciple guys more effectively.

Citation:
APA–Denton, J. (2024). *Disciplemaking with guys.* D6 Family Ministry.
Turabian–Denton, Jonathan. *Disciplemaking With Guys.* Nashville, TN: D6 Family Ministry, 2024.

Author bio:
Dr. Jonathan Denton has been serving in student ministry for over 20 years and is an assistant professor of Christian studies/student ministry at CSU. His desire is to train up the next generation of student ministry leaders who will be disciple-makers and leaders of healthy ministries that see students and their families brought into relationship with God, built up in their faith, and sent out to make Him known. Denton was able to see this as a reality by serving over 10 years in a South Mississippi church before his current position at CSU. He is married to Amanda, and they have two children, Josiah and Baxter.

Book Summary:
Disciplemaking With Guys shares the author's love for discipleship and sincere burden for the next generation of men. Readers will be armed with research and discipleship strategies to disciple guys of all ages. Readers will be empowered with a solid understanding of how to disciple guys based on their development, scriptural examples, and the practical experience of the author.

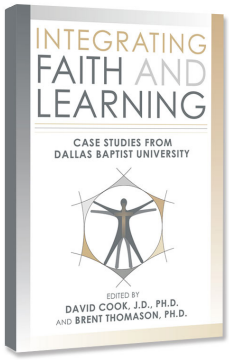
Table of Contents:

Part I Crisis of Guys
- The Hard Work of Disciplemaking Guys
- How Guys Learn
- Developmental Needs of Guys

Part II Rebuilding from Crisis to Disciplemaking
- A Clan of Relationships
- Rites of Passage
- Disciplemaking Around the Work of God
- Disciplemaking Through Family Ministry

Part III Rallying to Developmental Needs
- Guys in Middle School
- Guys in High School
- Part IV Disciplemaking Through Ministry Programming
- Disciplemaking in the Home
- Disciplemaking in Small Groups
- Disciplemaking in Discipleship Groups
- Disciplemaking in Missional/Vocational Leadership

Similar Books in Category:
Bringing Up Boys by James Dobson
"Diversity and Higher Education: Theory and Impact on Educational Outcomes" by Patricia Gurin *et al.*
Boys Adrift: The Five Factors Driving the Growing Epidemic of Unmotivated Boys and Underachieving Young Men by Leonard Sax



Integrating Faith and Learning: Case Studies From DBU

General Editors: David Cook, J.D., Ph.D. and Brent Thomason, Ph.D. (2024)

Category: Education, Leadership

Purpose:
Equip administration, faculty, and students to integrate faith into all areas of campus life through a unique approach covering more than academic settings.

Citation:
APA–Cook, D., & Thomason, B. (Eds.). (2024). *Integrating faith and learning: Case studies from DBU.* D6 Family Ministry.
Turabian–Cook, David, and Brent Thomason, eds. *Integrating Faith and Learning: Case Studies From DBU.* Nashville, TN: D6 Family Ministry, 2024.

Author bio:
David Cook serves at Dallas Baptist University as the dean of Global Studies & Pre-Professional Programs, as the senior legal counsel to the president, and as a professor of leadership. Prior to coming to DBU, Dr. Cook founded and practiced law at Cook & Gore, PLLC. He and his wife, Nicole, live in Red Oak, Texas, with their three children, Molly, Caleb, and Grace.

Brent Thomason serves at Dallas Baptist University as the dean of the Graduate School of Ministry and as a professor of biblical studies. He oversees the nine graduate-level theological degrees in the department as well as their respective faculty and staff of the Graduate School of Ministry. He and his wife, Aline, live in Dallas, Texas, with their three children, Ben, Lars, and Lea.

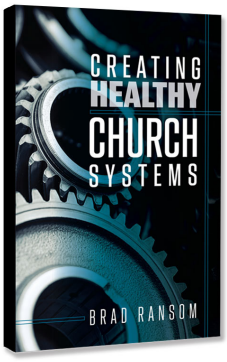
Book Summary:
This book uniquely includes chapters on the integration of faith in the natural sciences, arts, and legal studies alongside chapters on integrating faith into student affairs, athletics, and even the physical operations of the campus. The aim of this work is to provide an in-depth study of how the integration of faith can occur across all areas of Christian campus life. Readers will be empowered through the ways a Christian college can create an environment where students can grow academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally. This book explores the pivotal role Christian colleges play in the preparation and modeling of what it means to live and learn holistically under the Lordship of Christ.

Table of Contents:

Part 1: Integrating Faith and Learning in Selected Academic Disciplines
- Legal Studies
- Psychology & Counseling
- Business
- Business as Mission Center
- Leadership
- The Sciences
- Mathematics & Related Disciplines
- Music & Art
- Education
- History
- Religion

Part 2: Integrating Faith into the Broader Learning Environment at a Christian College
- Student Affairs
- Title IX
- Athletics
- Physical Operations
- International Affairs
- Police and Security

Similar Books in Category:
Engaging God's World: A Christian Vision of Faith, Learning, and Living by Cornelius Plantinga
Christian Higher Education: Faith, Teaching, and Learning in the Evangelical Tradition by David Dockery & Christopher Morgan
Through the Eyes of Faith: Christian College Coalition Series



Creating Healthy Church Systems

Brad Ransom, D.Min. (2024)

Category: RELIGION / Christian Church / Growth; RELIGION / Christian Ministry / Pastoral Resources

Purpose:
Equip pastors and church leaders to evaluate church health, build eight essential ministry systems, and develop a Spirit-led strategy for long-term disciple-making.

Citation:
APA–Ransom, B. (2024). *Creating healthy church systems.* D6 Family Ministry.
Turabian–Ransom, Brad. *Creating Healthy Church Systems.* Nashville, TN: D6 Family Ministry, 2024.

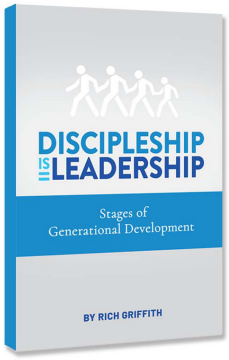
Author bio:
Brad Ransom currently serves as chief training officer for Free Will Baptist North American Ministries. He also serves as president of the Great Commission Research Network. For 26 years he served as an associate pastor as well as lead pastor in three churches. He is a regular contributing author to *ONE Magazine* and holds Doctor of Ministry and Master of Ministry degrees in Christian counseling, and Evangelism & Church Planting. He has been married for over 43 years and has three grown sons and ten grandchildren.

Book Summary:
Healthy churches make more disciples. In this book, discover the eight essential systems every church needs to be healthy, and how to build and implement them in your church. Readers will be empowered through the understanding of the importance of a spiritual foundation. Creating Healthy Church Systems explores the idea of strategic thinking and aids pastors in charting a course to move forward.

Table of Contents:

Chapter 1 – Focusing on Church Health
Chapter 2 – The Decline of Church Health
Chapter 3 – Supporting Foundation
Chapter 4 – Structural Framework
Chapter 5 – Outreach
Chapter 6 – Connection
Chapter 7 – Discipleship
Chapter 8 – Worship Planning
Chapter 9 – Financial
Chapter 10 – Member Care
Chapter 11 – Leadership
Chapter 12 – Evaluation
Chapter 13 – Application and Moving Forward

Similar Books in Category:
Simple Church by Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger
Autopsy of a Deceased Church by Thom S. Rainer
The Trellis and the Vine by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne



Discipleship Is Leadership: Stages of Generational Development

Rich Griffith, D.Min. (2024)

Category: RELIGION / Christian Ministry / Discipleship

Purpose:
Help parents, ministry leaders, and mentors disciple children and young adults through developmentally appropriate leadership models.

Citation:
APA–Griffith, R. (2024). *Discipleship is leadership: Stages of generational development.* D6 Family Ministry.
Turabian–Griffith, Rich. *Discipleship Is Leadership: Stages of Generational Development.* Nashville, TN: D6 Family Ministry, 2024.

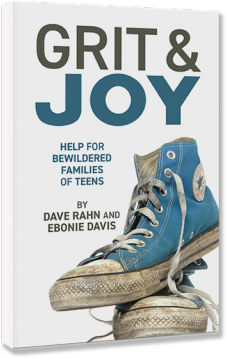
Author bio:
A dad to three sons, Rich Griffith, D.Min., is professor of youth ministry at Toccoa Falls College. Rich also serves as a part-time pastor, contributes regularly to various Youth Specialties products, and is featured on several podcasts. Dr. Griffith has worked with teens and families for over 30 years. His lifelong work in youth and family ministry, his experience as a single dad, and his academic pursuits have given him a passion to help young people and those who disciple them.

Book Summary:
Discipleship Is Leadership encourages you to explore diverse leadership models and incorporate them into your discipleship practices. Through real-life stories, practical experiences, and inspiring biblical examples of leadership, this book paints a comprehensive picture of the overlapping spheres of psychosocial and leadership models. Each chapter concludes with discussion questions designed to spark meaningful conversations, making it perfect for small group settings or personal study. Plus, a thoughtfully curated list of resources for parents provides practical tools to nurture leadership for the next generation.

Table of Contents:

Introduction
Chapter 1 – Christ (Servant Leadership)
Chapter 2 – Character (Trait Leadership)
Chapter 3 – Cop (Transactional Leadership)
Chapter 4 – Coach (Path-Goal Leadership)
Chapter 5 – Counselor (Transformational Leadership)
Chapter 6 – Confidante (Situational Leadership)
Chapter 7 – Companion (Authentic Leadership)
Chapter 8 – Concluding Thoughts

Similar Books in Category:
Sticky Faith by Kara Powell and Chap Clark
Growing Young by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin
Backward Discipleship by Ron Hunter Jr.



Grit & Joy: Help for Bewildered Families of Teens

Dave Rahn, Ph.D., and Ebonie Davis (2025)

Category: RELIGION / Christian Living / Parenting

Purpose:
Equip parents and mentors to cultivate resilient, joy-filled faith in teenagers using practical strategies rooted in Scripture, research, and neuroscience.

Citation:
APA–Rahn, D., & Davis, E. (2025). *Grit & joy: Help for bewildered families of teens.* D6 Family Ministry.
Turabian–Rahn, Dave, and Ebonie Davis. *Grit & Joy: Help for Bewildered Families of Teens.* Nashville, TN: D6 Family Ministry, 2025.

Author bios:
Dave Rahn, Ph.D., is mostly retired, enjoying his five grandchildren, serving his local church, and offering research contributions to TENx10.org. He's published 100+ articles and numerous books and loves integrating social science research with practical theology. He and his wife Susie are nearing 50 years of marriage and live in Middlebury, Indiana.

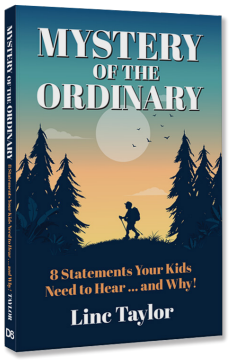
Ebonie Davis (M.A., Huntington University) has served in youth ministry near Washington, D.C., for 20+ years. She's written widely, contributing to books, Bibles, and authoring articles related to youth ministry. She is happily married to Clay, her husband of 28 years. They enjoy fresh adventures and their young adult children, Caleb and Lillian.

Book Summary:
In a world where teens are constantly chasing after surface-level distractions, they're left yearning for something deeper–a joy that doesn't fade with the next trend. Through practical advice, powerful stories, and a blend of social science, brain science, and biblical wisdom, *Grit & Joy* offers a roadmap for parents and mentors to help teens build lasting, authentic joy. This book provides specific strategies for guiding adolescents toward a deeper, more meaningful faith that will carry them through life's challenges and help them thrive.

Table of Contents:

Introduction
Chapter 1 – Aimless on the Surface
Chapter 2 – Lord of Disruptive Love
Chapter 3 – Brain Joy for Becoming
Chapter 4 – Restless in the Shallows
Chapter 5 – Disruptive Friend or Foe
Chapter 6 – How Grit Takes Shape
Chapter 7 – Grit Finds Joy's Depth
Chapter 8 – Grit Is Paced by Grace
INHALE – Gritty Innovation
Chapter 9 – GUEST: Jesus-Connected
Chapter 10 – REST: Jesus-Attentive
Chapter 11 – INVEST: Jesus-Responsive
Chapter 12 – TEST: Jesus-Authentic
EXHALE – Gritty Inhabitation

Similar Books in Category:
Parenting by Paul David Tripp
Growing With by Kara Powell and Steven Argue
Habits of the Household by Justin Whitmel Earley



Mystery of the Ordinary: 8 Statements Your Kids Need to Hear...and Why!

Linc Taylor, D.Min. (2025)

Category: RELIGION / Christian Living / Parenting
RELIGION / Christian Living / Family & Relationships
RELIGION / Christian Ministry / Children

Purpose:
Equip parents and caregivers to intentionally disciple their children through the ordinary rhythms of everyday life. Rather than relying on extraordinary moments, the book demonstrates how simple, consistent words and actions rooted in Scripture can shape a child's identity, faith, and relationship with Christ.

Citation:
APA–Taylor, L. (2025). *Mystery of the ordinary: 8 statements your kids need to hear … and why!* D6 Family Ministry.
Turabian–Taylor, Linc. *Mystery of the Ordinary: 8 Statements Your Kids Need to Hear … and Why!* Nashville, TN: D6 Family Ministry, 2025.

Author bio:
With over three decades in full-time ministry, Linc Taylor serves as the minister to next gen and families at Brentwood Baptist Church, where he has been for 18 years, leading teams that direct preschool, kids, and student ministries while serving as next gen team leader across nine campuses. He holds a Doctor of Ministry in leadership from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. A passionate speaker, Linc has led sessions for Lifeway and D6 Conferences and taught doctoral seminars at Southeastern. He contributes to church publications and is dedicated to empowering families and nurturing the next generation.

Book Summary:
In a world quick to tell us what to achieve but slow to show us how to connect, parenting can feel like a mystery. What if you had a guide to help you cut through the noise, showing you how to speak life into your children with purpose and love? Introducing *Mystery of the Ordinary: 8 Statements Your Kids Need to Hear… and Why!*–a book designed to help you meet your children's deepest emotional and spiritual needs.

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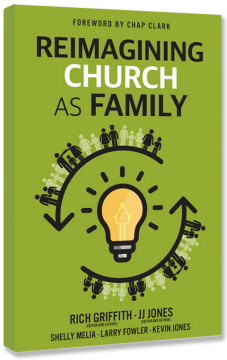

Reimagining Church as Family

Rich Griffith, D.Min., and JJ Jones, D.Min. (2026)

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Purpose:
Help churches become a true spiritual family that embraces every household and equips leaders for intergenerational ministry.

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Book Summary:
Families today are diverse, complex, and often broken. *Reimagining Church as Family* dives into the theological foundations of family, showing how God's design extends deeper and reaches further than our limited definitions. It addresses the role of the church not just in supporting families but in being family, a spiritual home for all believers. When someone becomes a follower of Christ, they're adopted into God's family, a truth that redefines belonging and purpose.

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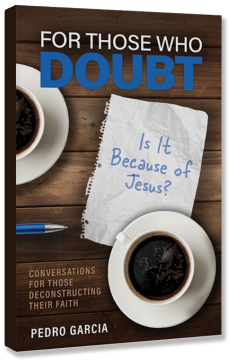

For Those Who Doubt: Is It Because of Jesus?

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Book Summary:
What if the real problem with Christianity... isn't actually Jesus? In a world where more people than ever are walking away from faith, *For Those Who Doubt: Is It Because of Jesus?* offers a bold, heart-stirring invitation to pause and ask one deeply personal, eternally important question: Is it Jesus you're leaving… or everything else? This isn't your typical apologetics book. It's not a theological treatise. It's a story. A vivid, emotional, and often gut-wrenching narrative that follows two friends: Thomas, who's on the edge of abandoning Christianity, and Peter, a former atheist turned believer, as they wrestle through doubt, pain, and what it means to believe.

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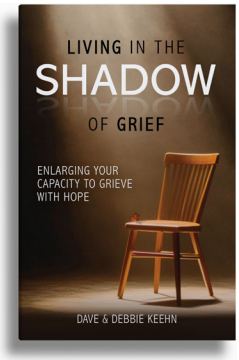

Living in the Shadow of Grief: Enlarging Your Capacity to Grieve with Hope

Dave Keehn, Ph.D., and Debbie Keehn (2026)

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Purpose:
Help grieving believers enlarge their capacity to grieve with hope through biblical encouragement and personal experience.

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Book Summary:
Living in the Shadow of Grief is a heartfelt exploration of faith, loss, and hope written by parents who endured the unimaginable—the death of their son, Adam. Dave and Debbie Keehn invite readers into their journey through sorrow to spiritual restoration, offering wisdom on how grief can coexist with faith. Through Scripture, personal stories, and pastoral insight, the authors show how God enlarges the believer's capacity to grieve with hope, not by erasing pain but by transforming it into compassion, purpose, and renewed identity in Christ. The book offers both practical and theological guidance for those experiencing loss or walking alongside others in grief.

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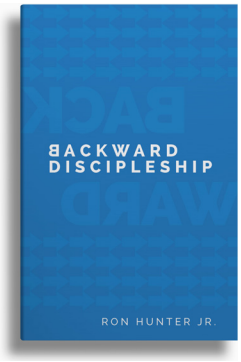

Backward Discipleship

Ron Hunter Jr., Ph.D. (2026)

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Purpose:
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Book Summary:
Backward Discipleship flips the way you think about spiritual growth by asking, "What if we started with the end in mind?" By working backward from what sustains lasting faith, we can reshape the future. Drawing on seventeen major research projects from respected sources, Dr. Hunter identifies five recurring themes–the Faith-Forging Five–that move us from problems to proven research-driven practices that strengthen faith across generations: Bible engagement, faith at home, mentors who matter, sharing your faith, and volunteering at church. This book blends fresh research with practical models and decades of teaching experience. *Backward Discipleship* shows you how to build a culture of faith that multiplies through generations, families, leaders, and communities.

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