

MATTHEW 25 RESOURCE GUIDE

RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR FAITH COME ALIVE



MATTHEW 25

Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, the organization that operates PC(USA) Store, has accepted the invitation to become a Matthew 25 organization.

As part of this commitment, we are dedicated to providing books and resources for churches, groups, and mid-councils who have also accepted this invitation. In this guide, you'll find resources that specifically address your group's focus area in the Matthew 25 initiative. These include everything from group study to leadership to books and resources for children and youth. And even if your group has not officially signed on to be a Matthew 25 organization, the resources in this digital guide allow you to work toward the faithful initiatives of building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

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THE FOCUS AREAS

BUILDING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

The resources in this section are intended to build spiritual strength and your capacity for purposeful mission.

DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM

The resources in this section allow you to confront deeply ingrained racist systems and structures in your communities in order to challenge these systems and encourage action.

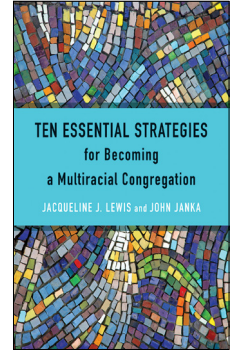
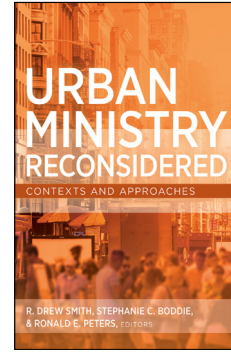
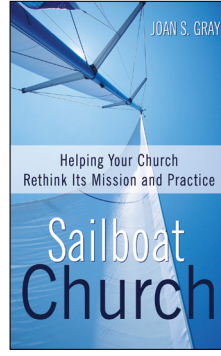
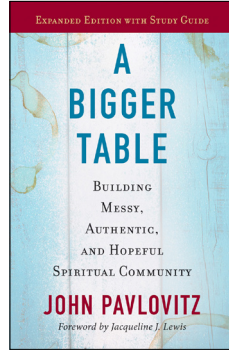
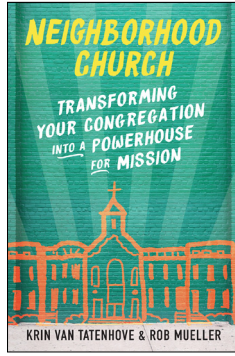
ERADICATING SYSTEMIC POVERTY

The resources in this section address the lack of access to social goods such as education, employment, and other measures of dignity, freedom, and participation in communal life.

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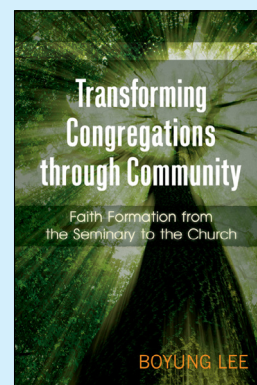
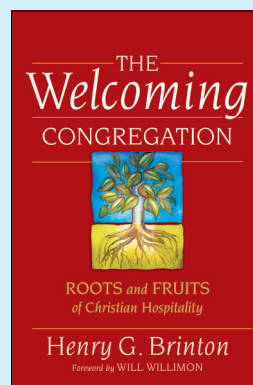
RE-IMAGINING MISSION



Part-Time Is Plenty <i>Thriving without Full-Time Clergy</i>	Neighborhood Church <i>Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission</i>	A Bigger Table, Expanded Edition with Study Guide <i>Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community</i>	Sailboat Church <i>Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice</i>	Urban Ministry Reconsidered <i>Contexts and Approaches</i>	Ten Essential Strategies for Becoming a Multiracial Congregation
G. Jeffrey MacDonald	Krin Van Tatenhove & Rob Mueller	John Pavlovitz	Joan S. Gray	R. Drew Smith, Stephanie C. Boddie, & Ronald E. Peters, editors	Jacqueline J. Lewis & John Janka
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Churches experiencing numerical and financial decline may dread the day when they can no longer afford a full-time pastor. Freeing up funds for a full-time salary would help, but is it possible to run effective ministries with a part-time professional? Journalist and part-time pastor Jeffrey MacDonald says yes—churches can grow more vibrant than ever, tapping into latent energy and undiscovered gifts, revitalizing worship, and engaging in effective ministry with the community.	<i>Neighborhood Church</i> acts as a resource to inspire churches to become a vibrant and engaging community partner with the families and neighborhoods living around them. Van Tatenhove and Mueller believe that, parish by parish, we can reverse the trend of congregational decline. They dare to have an audacious hope for local congregations as life-giving institutions that anchor their neighborhoods. A downloadable study guide series are also available.	<i>A Bigger Table</i> invites readers to envision a church that is big enough for everyone, speaking clearly on issues at the heart of the Christian community: LGBT inclusion, gender equality, racial tensions, global concerns, and theological shifts. This new edition includes a small-group study guide and a congregation-wide sermon series and program to explore the challenges of living out the bigger table when voices of hate and exclusion seem stronger and louder than ever.	Is your church a rowboat or a sailboat? Rowboat churches depend largely on human effort. Sailboat churches hoist sails and rely on the Holy Spirit to guide them. Arguing that churches should be “sailboats,” Joan S. Gray encourages readers to shift concern from the daily, practical concerns of their local church to fresh ideas found using the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Perfect for groups to read together, this book will help leaders reframe their church’s mission and practice.	Christian ministries often struggle to account for urbanization’s growing force, complexities, and reach. <i>Urban Ministry Reconsidered</i> features a collection of original essays by leading scholars and practitioners that explore current issues and challenges in urban communities. Together, these articles examine the degree to which the social, spiritual, and organizational priorities of urban ministries have been reconceived.	How do churches build immunity from racial and ethnic tensions that threaten to divide rather than unite congregations? Jacqui Lewis and John Janka believe that the answer lies in the development of multiracial, multicultural communities of faith. Here you will find lessons, questions for conversation, and spaces for journaling. Use the workbook with your planning team, board members, lay leaders, and staff.
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Additional Resources

These books provide insights on how the act of hospitality can grow your church, an exploration of how rejecting individualism in favor of community provides a new vision for the church, and useful spiritual practices to connect church members. Click on each cover to learn more.



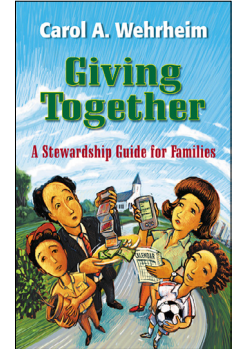
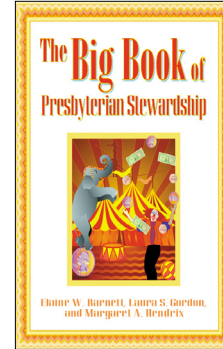
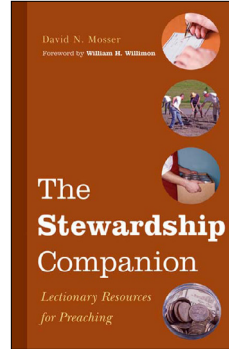
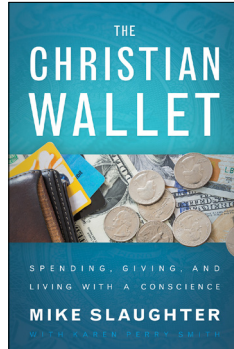
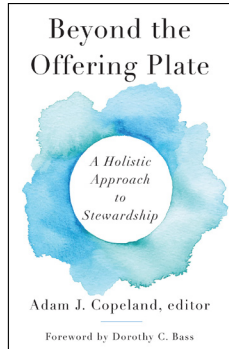
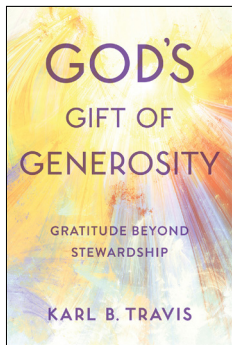
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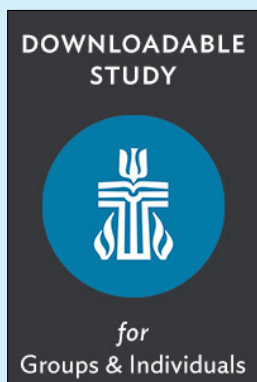
BUILDING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES



God's Gift of Generosity <i>Gratitude beyond Stewardship</i>	Beyond the Offering Plate <i>A Holistic Approach to Stewardship</i>	The Christian Wallet <i>Spending, Giving, and Living with a Conscience</i>	The Stewardship Companion <i>Lectionary Resources for Preaching</i>	The Big Book of Presbyterian Stewardship	Giving Together <i>A Stewardship Guide for Families</i>
Karl B. Travis	Adam J. Copeland, editor	Mike Slaughter, with Karen Perry Smith	David N. Mosser	Elaine W. Barnett, Laura S. Gordon, & Margaret A. Hendrix	Carol A. Wehrheim
\$28.00 \$18.20	\$26.00 \$16.90	\$26.00 \$16.90	\$35.00 \$22.75	\$28.00 \$18.20	\$20.00 \$13.00
<i>God's Gift of Generosity</i> is ideal for pastors who must engage in one of the most uncomfortable tasks of their role: asking people for money. Tailored specifically for pastors and lay leaders navigating the delicate task of stewardship, this insightful book transcends the mundane "how" of giving to explore the profound "why" behind our acts of generosity. Access a comprehensive group discussion and planning guide at www.wjkbooks.com/Generosity .	Written by ten engaging pastors, seminary professors, and church leaders, this unique resource offers a diverse and holistic approach to stewardship. In ten accessible chapters, readers will learn how they can faithfully and practically discuss and engage with stewardship on a regular basis. Ideal for church leaders, this book includes questions for reflection and applications for life together at the end of each chapter. Copeland adds a special section with biblical references and preaching themes at the end of the book.	Best-selling author Mike Slaughter offers a comprehensive look at how Christians use their money. Slaughter explores today's culture of consumerism, asking difficult questions about morality and money. <i>The Christian Wallet</i> helps Christians grapple with important questions about stewardship: how we spend, how we live, how we save, how we give, and what it all means. Questions for individual or group study are included with each chapter. For a more in-depth study, a Stewardship Study Guide is available as a free download.	With deep pastoral sensitivities and solid biblical knowledge, veteran pastor and author David Mosser draws one Scripture passage from each week in the three-year lectionary cycle to provide a brief reflection on how that passage can be used to teach and preach about stewardship. Mosser's inspirational and motivational reflections address a variety of issues related to stewardship, making this book an essential resource for all pastors, worship leaders, and stewardship committees.	This book provides a practical, easy-to-understand approach to financial issues that face a church. With a comprehensive scope, it offers a fresh perspective and fun ideas for people who may not have any financial experience. Most chapters feature questions for discussion useful for study by stewardship committees or as a planning guide for stewardship campaigns. The final section includes a helpful collection of inventories, charts, sample plans, and other practical resources.	Carol Wehrheim presents an accessible resource to help families understand the importance of stewardship. Reminding us that stewardship is about much more than money, Wehrheim analyzes biblical passages and identifies spiritual practices intrinsic to stewardship as a way of helping families respond to their call to be stewards in today's world. Including both a participant's section and a leader's guide, <i>Giving Together</i> is ideal for group or family study.
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Downloadable Studies



These downloadable studies provide easily accessible resources for church study groups, stewardship committees, and leaders. Click on each button below to learn more about each study.

"INTRODUCTION TO STEWARDSHIP"

"HOW TO TALK ABOUT STEWARDSHIP"

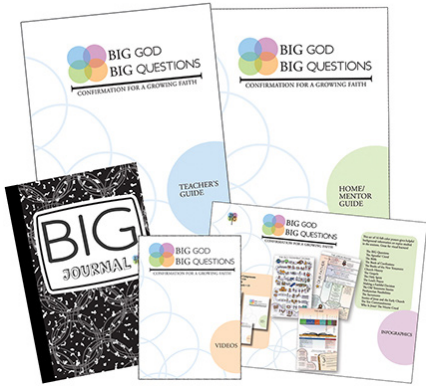
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RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH



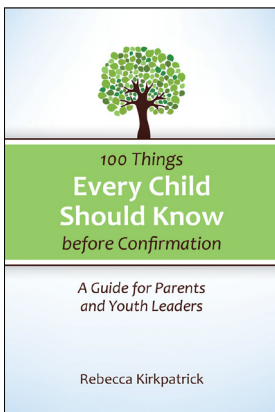
Big God Big Questions equips students to employ the study of Scripture, tradition, and church, to tell their own story as Christian believers in the context of their local congregational experiences. Based on the findings of the Confirmation Project, it is focused on preparing youth to authentically answer the traditional membership questions:

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
- Who is your Lord and Savior?
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple obeying his word and showing his love?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?



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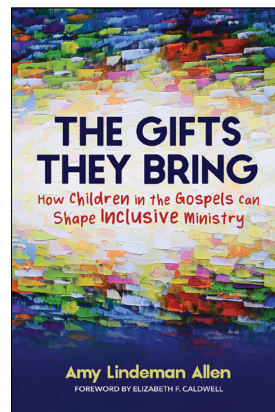


100 Things Every Child Should Know before Confirmation
A Guide for Parents and Youth Leaders
 Rebecca Kirkpatrick
 ISBN: 9780664260590

~~\$20.00~~ **\$13.00**

Many youth arrive at confirmation classes without a basic grasp of key Bible stories or Christian traditions. This book helps to fill that gap, offering Sunday school teachers, parents, and adult volunteers a compact guide for equipping their youth with knowledge and understanding of their own faith. It provides an overview of one hundred essential topics.

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The Gifts They Bring
How Children in the Gospels Can Shape Inclusive Ministry
 Amy Lindeman Allen
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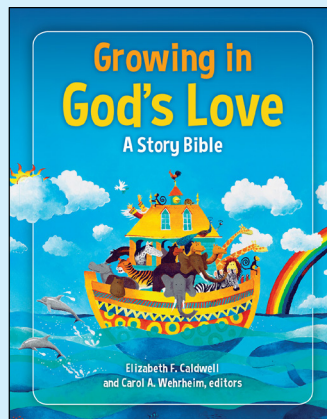
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This book challenges readers to reconsider the way we view children in the church, focusing on our present life together as a diverse, inclusive community of faith. To do this, Lindeman Allen looks to the past, rereading familiar Gospel accounts with an eye to the experience of childhood in Jesus' world, highlighting both the gifts that children brought to Jesus' ministry as well as those they received from him.

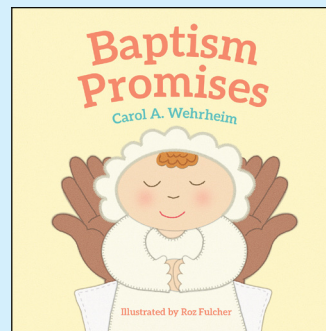
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Picture Books

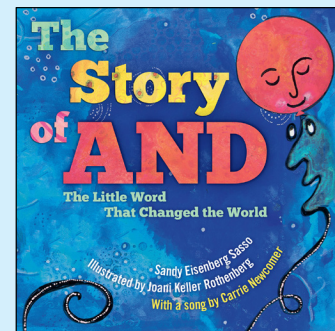
These picture books not only help encourage lifelong faith and church participation in the children of your congregation, but they can also be used as part of sermons or adult studies to help illustrate key concepts of church vitality. Click on each cover to learn more.



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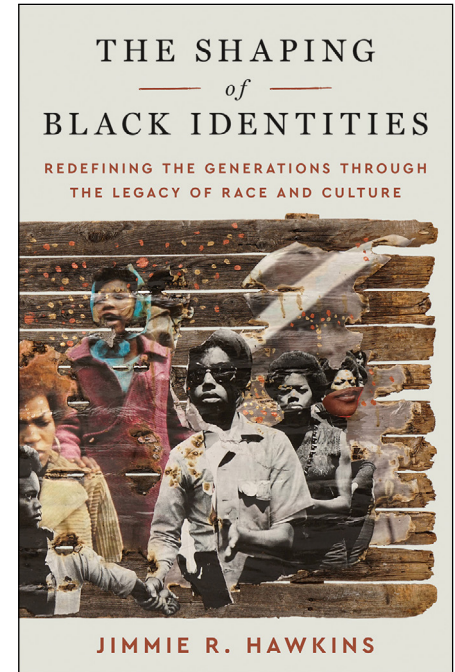
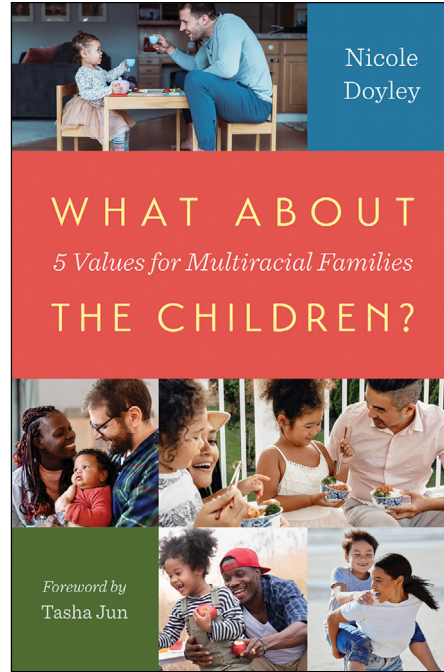
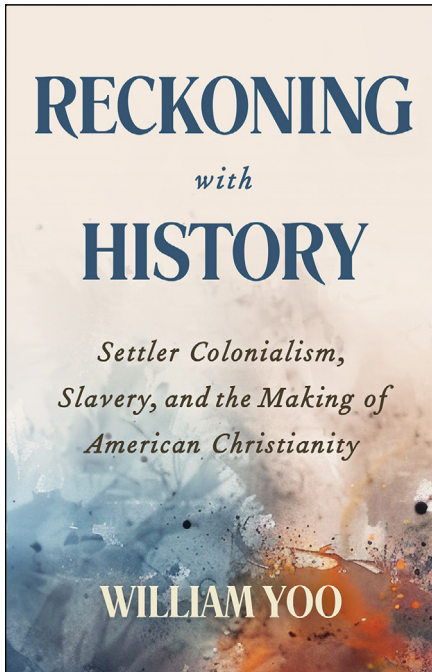
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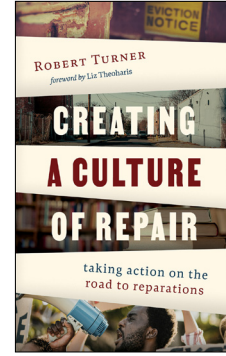
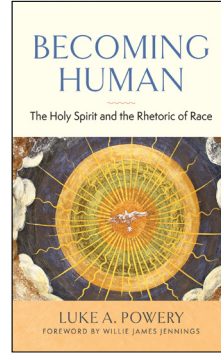
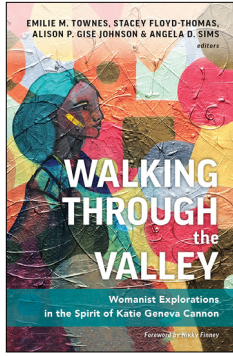
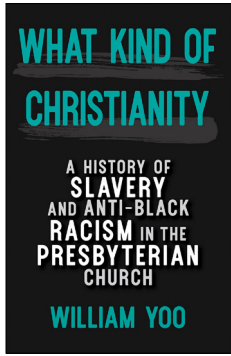
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Reckoning with History <i>Settler Colonialism, Slavery, and the Making of American Christianity</i>	What about the Children? <i>Five Values for Multiracial Families</i>	The Shaping of Black Identities <i>Redefining the Generations through the Legacy of Race and Culture</i>
William Yoo	Nicole Doyley	Jimmie R. Hawkins
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<p><i>Reckoning with History</i> confronts the histories of settler colonialism and slavery and illumines how these two devastating realities informed and ultimately deformed Protestant Christianity in the North American colonies and antebellum United States. In this book, William Yoo analyzes primary sources from Indigenous, African, European, and American perspectives to construct a narrative that honors the stories of Indigenous peoples, enslaved and free persons of African descent, Indigenous rights advocates, and abolitionists.</p> <p>This urgently needed book expresses a powerful call for reformation and change within American Christianity that is grounded in precise research and compelling prose. It explains how Christians engaged the sinful realities of Indigenous land dispossession and Black enslavement, shaping American Christianity in distinctive and enduring ways. A final chapter draws lessons from these histories for the possibilities of what ministries of racial justice could be in American churches today.</p> <p>Access free digital resources, which include a group study guide and companion session introduction videos from the author at www.wjkbooks.com/ReckoningWithHistory.</p>	<p>Beyond questions about skin tone and other physical characteristics, multiracial children may wonder where they fit in the world and why people treat them differently. Parents may find themselves ill-equipped for situations they never faced in their own childhoods. <i>What about the Children?</i> deftly provides families formed by interracial marriage or transracial adoption with the guidance and tools they need to help their children embrace, celebrate, and confidently navigate all parts of their heritage.</p> <p>Drawing on a wealth of personal anecdotes, expert insights, and practical advice, Doyley illuminates five core values to help multiracial families thrive. From raising one's own awareness of cultural differences to humbly seeking a diverse community of support to honestly preparing children for specific aspects of racism, this book covers both the basics and nuances of raising children with a sense of pride in their heritage and a strong, resilient sense of self.</p> <p>Each chapter includes examples featuring families of various multiracial makeups, questions for readers to reflect on, and suggestions of age-appropriate action steps.</p> <p>Perfect for book clubs! Download the Reading Group Guide.</p>	<p><i>The Shaping of Black Identities</i> explores the generations of African Americans who have lived in the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries and the impact that living in the United States has had on them. Using the generational time frames established by the Pew Research Center, Hawkins proposes six new generational categories rooted in the Black experience: the New Negro, Motown, Black Power, Hip-Hop, #BlackLivesMatter, and Obama generations.</p> <p>Given the history of racial and cultural discrimination against Blacks in the United States, such an examination of the ways in which Black life has taken its own unique shape among generations offers new ways to understand the transition in identity adopted by Blacks. Hawkins examines the historical contexts that shaped each generation and the general attitudes and perceptions of each generation as influenced by the cultural, political, and racial environment of the nation. Throughout, there is a unique focus on Black protest. With its attention to each generation, this book speaks to this active, liberative, and distinct historical attempt to define the self in the pivotal and ongoing search for meaning.</p>
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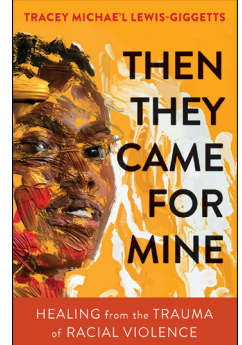
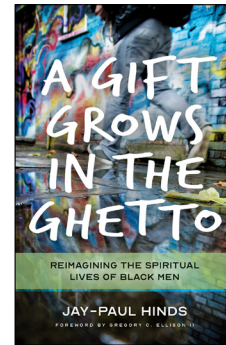
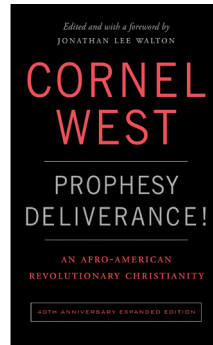
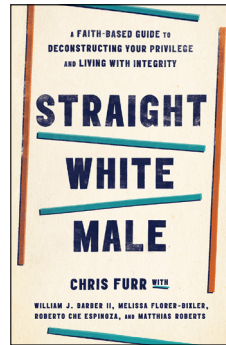
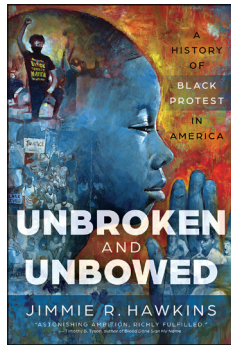
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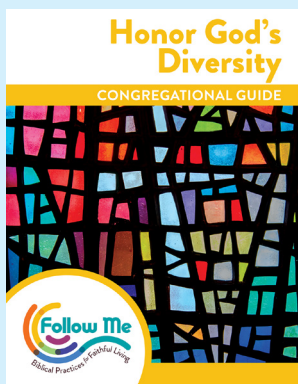
What Kind of Christianity <i>A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church</i>	Walking through the Valley <i>Womanist Explorations in the Spirit of Katie Geneva Cannon</i>	Fire in the Whole <i>Embracing Our Righteous Anger with White Christianity and Reclaiming Our Wholeness</i>	Becoming Human <i>The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race</i>	Creating a Culture of Repair <i>Taking Action on the Road to Reparations</i>	Hope Is Here! <i>Spiritual Practices for Pursuing Justice and Beloved Community</i>
William Yoo	Emilie M. Townes, Angela D. Sims, Stacey Floyd-Thomas, & Alison P. Gise Johnson, eds.	Robert G. Callahan, II	Luke A. Powery	Robert Turner	Luther E. Smith Jr.
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<p>Like most Americans, Presbyterians in the United States know woefully little about the history of slavery and the rise of anti-Black racism in our country. Most think of slavery as a tragedy that “just happened,” without considering how it happened and who was involved. <i>What Kind of Christianity</i> paints an accurate picture of the complicity of the majority of Presbyterians in promoting, supporting, or willfully ignoring the enslavement of other human beings.</p> <p>In this history of slavery and anti-Black racism in the Presbyterian church, Yoo demonstrates that to understand how Presbyterian Christians can promote racial justice today, they must first understand and acknowledge how deeply racial injustice is embedded in their history and identity as a denomination.</p>	<p>The late Katie Geneva Cannon was the founder of womanist ethics. Her work continues to generate new explorations of womanist moral thought. In this volume, leading womanist ethicists and theologians come together to continue Cannon’s work in four critical areas: justice, leadership, embodied ethics, and sacred texts. The goal is to continue Cannon’s pursuit of a world of inclusivity and hope while realistically analyzing the discrimination, disenfranchisement, and systemic hatred that stand as obstacles to the world.</p> <p>Contributors include Emilie Townes, Shawn Copeland, Eboni Marshall Turman, Angela Sims, Paula Parker, Nikia Robert, Alison Gise Johnson, Vanessa Monroe, Faith B. Harris, Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Melanie Jones, and Renita Weems.</p>	<p><i>Fire in the Whole</i> explores the anger of Black Christians who feel betrayed by white Christianity’s complicity of perpetuating racism. In this transformative work, author Robert Callahan not only empathizes with this pain, giving words to strong and powerful emotions, but also provides guidance for healing church-related wounds. Whether you are a Christian minority who is hurt and angry, a progressive white ally seeking understanding of what went wrong, or a conservative white Christian willing to engage in constructive dialogue to rebuild a fractured community, this book is a powerful guide to navigating the flames of righteous anger and emerging whole again.</p> <p>To assist with personal reflection and group discussion, a Spotify playlist curated by the author and downloadable versions of the guides at the end of the book are available at www.wjkbooks.com/FireintheWhole.</p>	<p>Discussions of racial difference always embody a story. Luke Powery says that the church’s story says that the diversity of human bodies is one of the gifts of the Spirit. That story’s decisive chapter comes at Pentecost, when the Spirit embraces all bodies, all flesh, all tongues. In that story, different kinds of materiality and embodiment are strengths to be celebrated rather than inconvenient facts to be ignored or feared.</p> <p>In this book, Powery urges the church to live up to the inclusive story of Pentecost in its life of worship and ministry. He reviews ways that a theology and practice of preaching can more fully exemplify the diversity of gifts God gives to the church.</p>	<p>Many people are aware of the injustices Black Americans have suffered over the centuries but feel powerless when it comes to repairing the harm done. The inequality remains even after laws and policies have been corrected. Calculating and implementing financial reparations will require large-scale government action, which can feel out of reach or overwhelming for the average person. Robert Turner provides an accessible guide for individuals and groups wanting to influence significant institutional action while also acting on their own to repair the effects of racial injustice in our communities, churches, and spheres of influence. Divided into categories of individual, social, institutional, and spiritual repair, Turner offers the longest list of reparations currently published.</p> <p>Perfect for book clubs and group study! You can access free digital resources for use in group settings.</p>	<p>This book describes how we truly perceive and join “the work of hope.” Interpreting five spiritual practices for individuals and congregations to experience the power of hope, this book prepares us to engage racism, mass incarceration, environmental crises, divisive politics, and indifference that imperil justice and beloved community. It delivers the inner resources necessary to work for change through its interpretation of hope.</p> <p>Additionally, each chapter ends with questions that prompt readers to examine their experiences and their readiness to journey with hope. This book is designed for congregational, communal, or small-group use. To assist groups using the book, the publisher has developed a free, downloadable congregational guide.</p>
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Whether you have been an ally for years or just recently opened your eyes to racial injustice, guiding your predominantly white church toward anti-racism is a daunting task. We must begin to look deeply at our organizations: our traditions, ministries, leadership, ways of making decisions, and ways of interacting with the world beyond the church. This book will guide you and your church through this challenging and uncomfortable work.	In this compelling and informative volume, Jimmie R. Hawkins walks the reader through the many forms of Black protest in American history, from pre-colonial times through the George Floyd protests of 2020. Hawkins breaks American history into five sections, highlighting how Black identity helped to shape protest during that period. These protests include slave ship mutinies, the abolitionist movement, Black Lives Matter movements, and protests of today's Black athletes, musicians, and intellectuals.	As the cultural conversation around race, gender, and sexuality has evolved, straight, white men are becoming increasingly aware of their privilege. This book offers a guide to deconstructing that privilege. With an emphasis on confession and redemption, Furr, along with contributing writers who lack various types of privilege, invite other privileged men to reconsider the ways they live, work, believe, and interact with others.	Cornel West challenges African Americans to consider the incorporation of Marxism into their theological perspectives. In this fortieth anniversary edition, West invites six prominent scholars into dialogue with this work. Continuing and expanding on the revolutionary discourses that West introduced in the first published work, each new essay provides nuanced lens for thinking about movements of liberation in today's African American communities.	This book shows how spirituality plays a vital role in remedying the experience of Black men feeling as though they are nothing more than a problem. By utilizing the biblical story of Ishmael's experience in the wilderness, the book encourages Black men to embrace a life of faith that is dependent on the God who always sees, nurtures, and is in relationship with us and our gifts in the wilderness and the ghetto.	This book unpacks how American systems and institutions enable the kind of violence we've seen connected to white supremacy and nationalism. But more than anything, it offers a blueprint for healing and reconciliation that includes the necessity of white people untangling from an ancestral mandate of colonization and false notions of supremacy. Perfect for book clubs! Download the Reading Group Guide.
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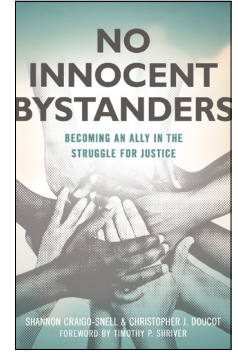
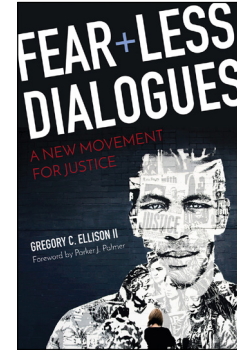
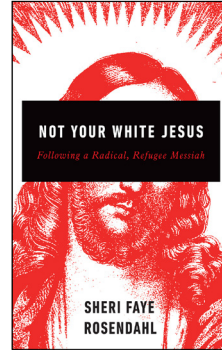
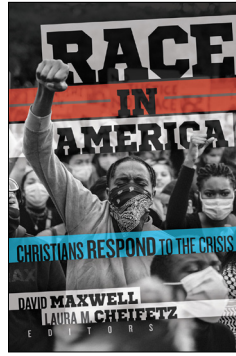
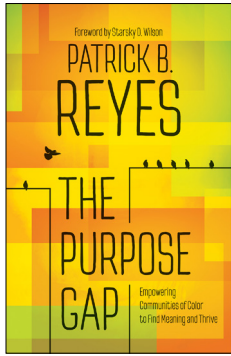
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In the *Honor God's Diversity* unit, we learn to recognize and appreciate diversity as a valuable aspect of God's creation. This work will bring those vital, diverse voices in from the margins to the center of the work God is doing in the world to listen and learn from them. In addition to the material in the Adult Leader's Guide and the Adult Reflection Guide, there are also [free videos that leaders can use](#) as conversation starters for the unit and each session. Samples are included on each product page below the description. Look for the red buttons.

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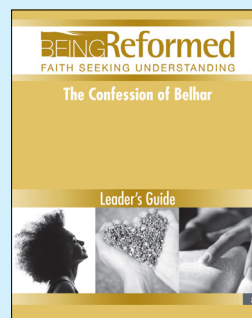
The Purpose Gap <i>Empowering Communities of Color to Find Meaning and Thrive</i>	Race in America <i>Christians Respond to the Crisis</i>	Good White Racist? <i>Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice</i>	Not Your White Jesus <i>Following a Radical, Refugee Messiah</i>	Fearless Dialogues <i>A New Movement for Justice</i>	No Innocent Bystanders <i>Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice</i>
Patrick B. Reyes	David Maxwell & Laura M. Cheifetz, editors	Kerry Connelly	Sheri Faye Rosendahl	Gregory C. Ellison II	Shannon Craigo-Snell & Christopher J. Doucot
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Much of the literature on leadership tells the story of heroic individuals creating their success by their own efforts. Such stories fail to recognize the structural obstacles to thriving faced by those in marginalized communities. If young people in these communities are to grow up to lead lives of purpose, others must help create the conditions to make that happen. This book offers advice on creating safe spaces for failure, nurturing networks that support young people of color, and providing professional guidance for how to implement these strategies.	Originally published in 2016 as <i>Race in a Post-Obama America</i> , this updated edition offers contributions from a diverse group of pastors, professors, and activists on the history of racism, the issues of racism today, and action plans for moving toward antiracist work and racial justice. Updated material addresses police and police brutality, the work of Black Lives Matter, and Black protests. New chapters examine racism in relation to immigration and digital media. Includes questions for reflection and discussion.	In <i>Good White Racist?</i> , Kerry Connelly exposes the ways white people participate in, benefit from, and unknowingly perpetuate racism — despite their best “good person” intentions. It unpacks the systems that maintain the status quo, keep white people comfortable and complicit, and perpetuate racism in the United States and elsewhere. Connelly shows us that even though it may not be our fault or choice to participate in a racist system, we all do, and it’s our responsibility to do something about it. Download the group study guide .	As we see oppression and hate run rampant in our nation, it’s as if Christianity has lost sight of the red letters altogether. Sheri Faye Rosendahl takes a look at important social issues in our society, the responses of American Christians, and the true ways behind the red letters. <i>Not Your White Jesus</i> addresses the need to reexamine the true ways of Jesus that we find clearly in the red letters, enabling readers to discover what it truly means to follow the ways of Jesus in contrast to following the ways of the American Christian elite.	Drawing on all the community’s collective voices — from “doctors to drug dealers” — <i>Fearless Dialogues</i> is a groundbreaking program that seeks real solutions to problems of chronic unemployment, violence, and hopelessness. In <i>Fearless Dialogues: A New Movement for Justice</i> , Ellison makes this same kind of analysis available to readers, walking them through the steps that must be taken to find common ground in our divided communities and then to implement genuine and lasting change.	<i>No Innocent Bystanders</i> looks at the role of allies in social justice movements and asks what works, what doesn’t, and why. It’s a start-up guide for spiritual or religious people who are interested in working for social justice but don’t know how or where to begin. Discussion questions at the end of each chapter make it a highly practical book for study and leadership groups.
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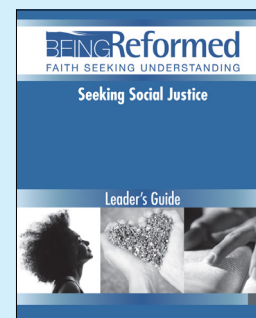
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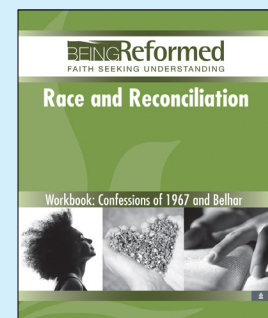
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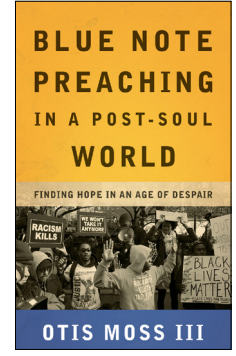
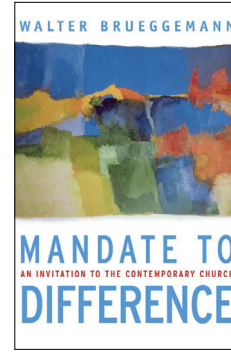
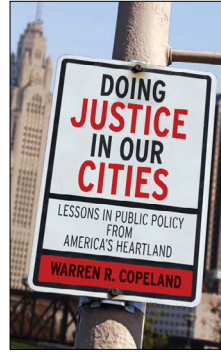
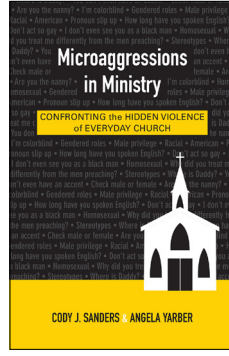
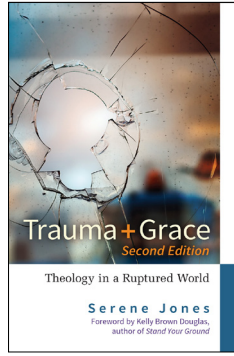
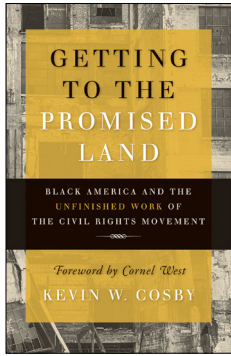


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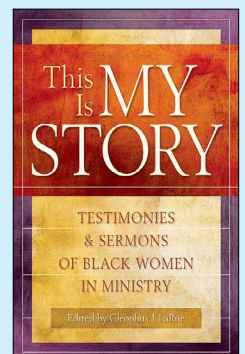
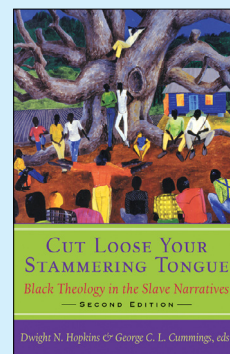
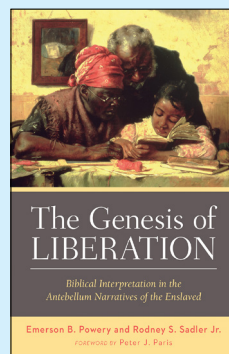
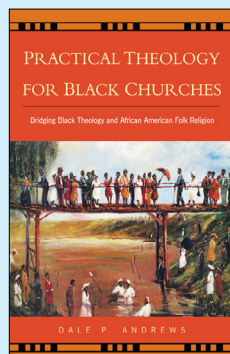
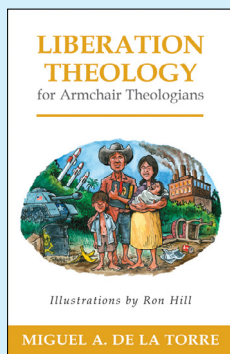
THEOLOGY & LEADERSHIP



Getting to the Promised Land <i>Black America and the Unfinished Work of the Civil Rights Movement</i>	Trauma and Grace, Second Edition <i>Theology in a Ruptured World</i>	Microaggressions in Ministry <i>Confronting the Hidden Violence of Everyday Church</i>	Doing Justice in Our Cities <i>Lessons in Public Policy from America's Heartland</i>	Mandate to Difference <i>An Invitation to the Contemporary Church</i>	Blue Note Preaching in a Post-Soul World <i>Finding Hope in an Age of Despair</i>
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In the stories of Nehemiah and other biblical leaders, Kevin Cosby finds inspiration on how to rebuild Black America including the necessity of government reparations for American Descendants of Slavery (ADOS). Cosby calls all Americans to move from a place of relative nonengagement and detachment to a place of active support of ADOS's efforts for justice and healing.	This collection from Serene Jones explores recent work in the field of trauma studies and how individual and collective violence affect one's capacity to remember, to act, and to love; how violence can challenge theological understandings of grace; and even how the traumatic experience of Jesus' death is remembered. Jones focuses on the long-term effects of collective violence and the discrete ways in which grace and redemption may be exhibited in each context.	This is the first book that addresses the concept of microaggressions in ministry and church life. Drawing from their background as ordained clergy, Sanders and Yarber introduce ministry leaders to the concept of microaggressions and look specifically at microaggressions directed at race, gender, and sexuality in the church.	Warren Copeland draws from his experience of more than two decades in city politics and addresses head on the issue of Christian ethics in public service. Throughout, he animates the discussion with anecdotes from his tenure in City Hall, combining examples of specific ethical issues in American cities with theological and ethical reflection. Then he includes specific suggestions for addressing social injustice in a manner that is true to Christian faith.	In <i>Mandate to Difference</i> , renowned theologian Walter Brueggemann sets forth a new vision of the Christian church in today's world. Bringing texts of the Old Testament to the forefront in light of our current moment, Brueggemann offers insights on themes of social justice in the Bible and in the contemporary church. This biblically based collection of essays will inspire your congregation's next steps.	Uniquely gifted preacher Otis Moss III challenges preachers to preach with a "Blue Note sensibility," which speaks directly to the tragedies faced by their congregants without falling into despair. He then offers four powerful sermons that beautifully and passionately brings to life biblical characters that speak to today's pressing issues, including race discrimination and police brutality, while maintaining a strong message of hope.
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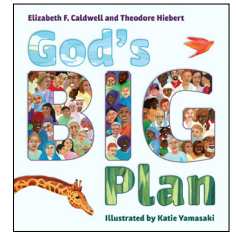
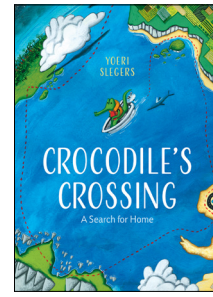
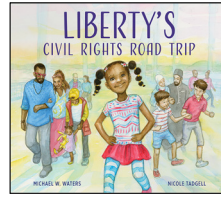
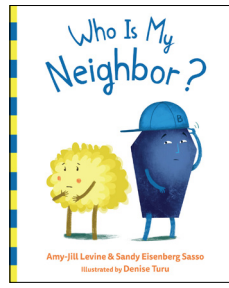
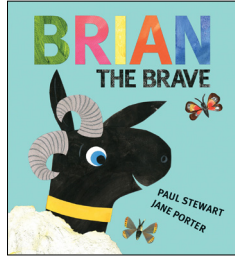
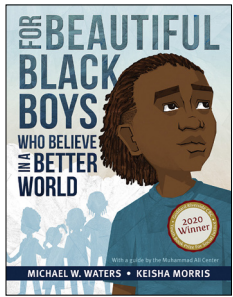
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Inspired by real-life events, this honest, intimate look at one family's response to racism and gun violence includes a discussion guide created by the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Kentucky, a multicultural center and museum committed to promoting respect, hope, and understanding. An extended, downloadable guide for educators and families is also available.	Every sheep is different. Some white, some striped, some spotted. They're all still sheep, and they can all play together. At least that's what Brian thinks – until the other sheep say they can be friends only with sheep that are just like them. But when danger strikes, can Brian help the sheep come together? This lively story will prompt conversations about friendship, teamwork, and bias based on race or language.	Blues and Yellows just don't mix, and that's how it's always been. But then comes the day Midnight Blue takes a tumble on the road. His friends Navy and Powder Blue don't even stop to help! It's only when a Yellow comes along that everything changes – forever. This inventive story prompts rich conversations, encouraging new ways of seeing our neighbors and ourselves. A note for parents and educators is included.	As told through the innocent view of a child, this book serves as an early introduction to places, people, and events that transformed history. The story is inspired by an actual journey led by the author, and brings together a multigenerational group to witness key locations from the civil rights movement. An author's note and more information about each stop offer ways for adults to expand the conversation.	<i>Crocodile's Crossing: A Search for Home</i> introduces children to the complex topic of immigration. Featuring bright artwork packed with playful details, this thoughtful tale sensitively portrays the challenges faced by refugees and other newcomers. A downloadable discussion guide for parents and educators is available.	The world is full of so many different things: animals, plants, foods, languages, people. But it might not have been that way if it weren't for God's big plan. This vibrant picture book illuminates a new understanding of the story of Babel in Genesis, revealing God's plan for wonderful diversity. <i>God's Big Plan</i> includes a note for parents and educators. Also available as a board book .
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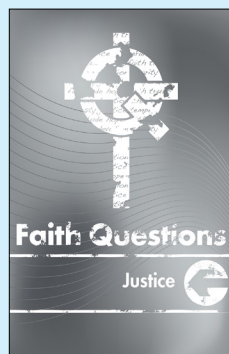
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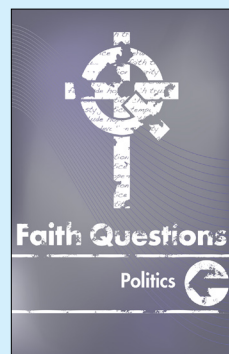
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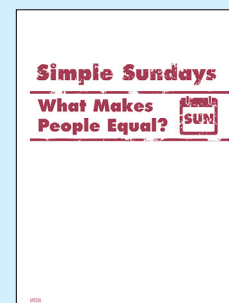
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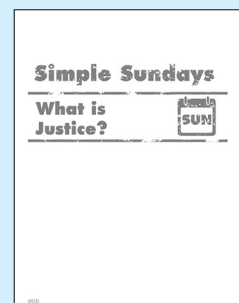
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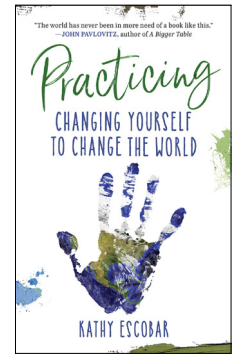
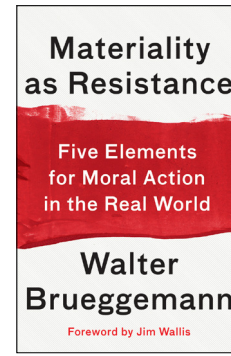
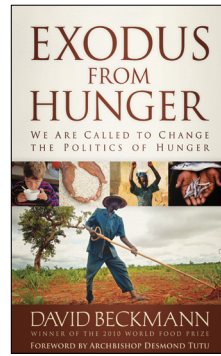
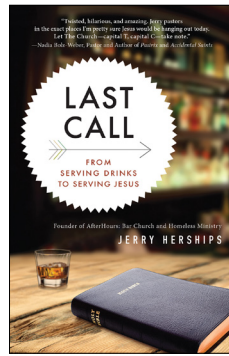
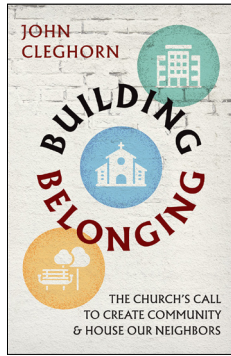
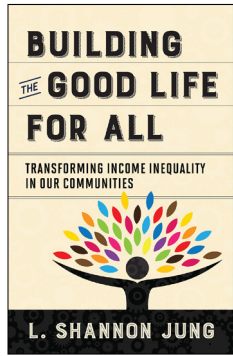
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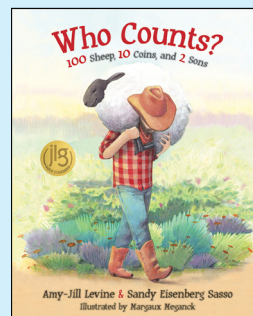


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L. Shannon Jung	John Cleghorn	Jerry Herships	David Beckmann	Walter Brueggemann	Kathy Escobar
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In <i>Building the Good Life for All</i> , L. Shannon Jung explores four strategies for mutual flourishing: charity, self-help, cultural value formation, and government action. Rather than theorizing on the causes of people's poverty, the chapters demonstrate how these transformational strategies work and how others can participate in them. Designed to be read and discussed in seven sessions, discussion questions with each chapter help groups process what they are learning and how they can apply these strategies personally and in their community.	Churches can embrace innovative ministry approaches that transform their resources into havens of welcome and shelter. By exploring the theological and sociological forces driving congregations to address unaffordable housing, readers are inspired to reimagine ministry for justice and access. Cleghorn offers a practical roadmap for communities to leverage their unique strengths and tackle pressing local issues. A free, downloadable congregational guide that provides a roadmap to enact the innovative strategies outlined in the book is available at www.wjkbooks.com/BuildingBelonging .	Jerry Herships, former altar boy who had dreamed of making it big in show biz, tended bar to make ends meet, looking for his big break. After giving up the dream and leaving Los Angeles, he found his way back to the church and discovered God calling him to ministry. Now he leads AfterHours Denver, a bar church where people worship with a whiskey in their hand and make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to serve Denver's homeless. <i>Last Call</i> is a story of finding yourself, and finding how God can use you in unexpected ways.	In this powerful and hopeful book, David Beckmann, a leading anti-hunger activist, looks at the causes of hunger, presents case studies of countries that have made great strides against it, and shares stories of people who are, quite simply, hungry every day. The problems can seem overwhelming but Beckmann lays out a clear and workable plan for effectively using political channels to make great progress. Download a free study guide for individual or group use with this book.	In <i>Materiality as Resistance</i> , Walter Brueggemann defines materiality as the use of the material aspects of the Christian faith, as opposed to materialism, which places possessions and physical comfort over spiritual values. In this concise volume, Brueggemann lays out how we as Christians may reengage our materiality for the common good. This book serves as a manifesto of Walter Brueggemann's most important work and as an engaging call to action. It is suited for group or individual study.	In <i>Practicing</i> , Pastor Kathy Escobar inspires and challenges readers with practical encouragement to live their faith through real action using ten transformational practices, including listening more, including the marginalized, and advocating for justice. By putting our hearts, hands, and feet behind our good intentions, we can transform our groups, our communities, and our world. Extremely interactive, relational, and practical, <i>Practicing</i> can be read alone or processed together with a group, church, or class.
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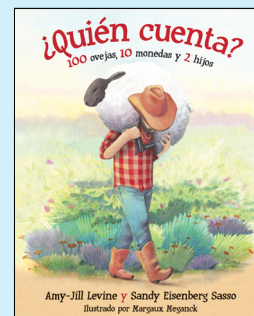
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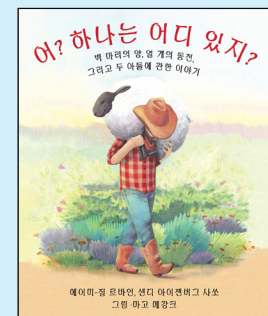
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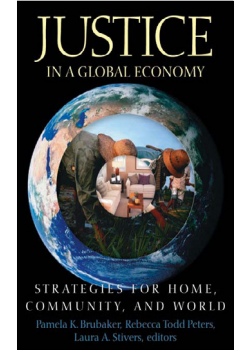
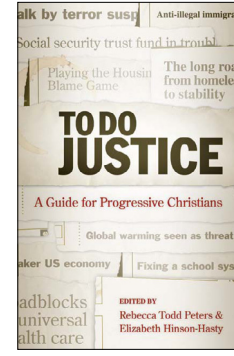
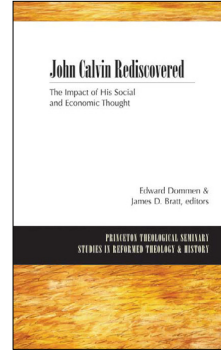
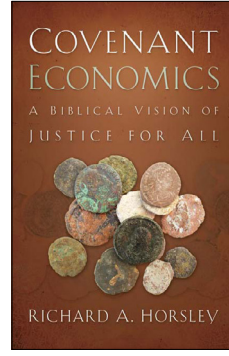
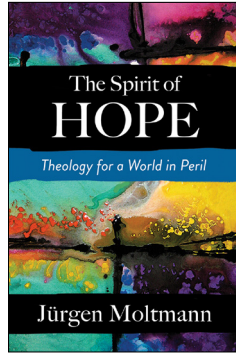
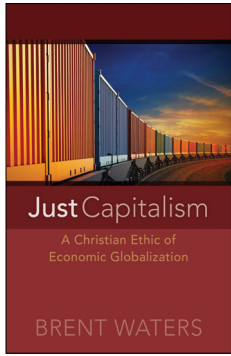


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