

Books at the 2009 XP-Seminar

Deliberate Simplicity: How the Church Does More by Doing Less

by Dave Browning

Rejecting the “bigger is better” model of the complex, corporate megachurch, church innovator Dave Browning embraced deliberate simplicity. The result was Christ the King Community Church, International (CTK), an expanding multisite community church that Outreach magazine named among America’s Fastest Growing Churches and America’s Most Innovative Churches. In *Deliberate Simplicity*, Browning discusses the six elements of this streamlined model.

—Amazon



Good News for Those Trying Harder

by Alan Kraft

Many who once took their faith seriously are either considering (or are currently) walking away from the church. Alan Kraft's gospel-clarifying and faith-restoring book addresses the core issue for this exodus and shows the path back to authentic faith. I love Alan's heart and honesty. Read, understand, and apply the truth in these pages. If you do it will change everything.

—Dan Webster, founder, Authentic Leadership, Inc.

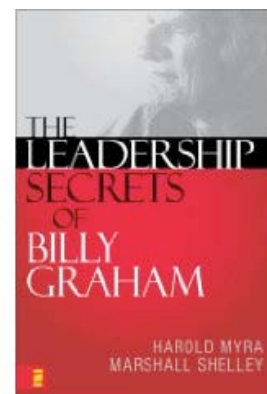


The Leadership Secrets of Billy Graham

by Harold Myra and Marshall Shelley

A behind-the-scenes analysis of twenty key principles of leadership, illustrated with stories and examples from the life of Billy Graham, whose fingerprints are on many leading Christian institutions and organizations, with transferable applications to people serving in a leadership role in business, educational, church, or parachurch settings.

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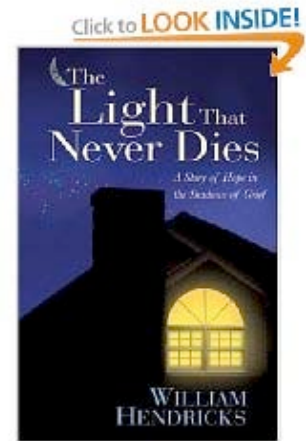


A Light That Never Dies: A Story of Hope in the Shadows of Grief

by William Hendricks

Everyone should read this book. Those currently grieving will find comfort and hope. Those that have been there will find words that describe all they have gone through. Many will find helpful insights into their experience. Those who have not yet grieved over a loved one will be better prepared for that day. Bill Hendricks puts into words an experience that is difficult to describe. I felt like I was there with him. He does not pull any punches about the pain, doubts or hard questions. He has been there, but through it all there is hope. The Light never dies, and we can all take comfort in that thought.

—Eric Billman, Madison, Wisconsin

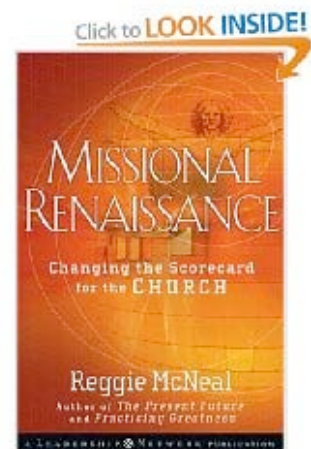


Missional Renaissance: Changing the Scorecard for the Church

by Reggie McNeal

This is Reggie McNeal's gift to the church of the twenty-first century and his finest and most thorough work to date. This book clearly defines the shifts necessary to gauge what matters most for the missional people of God.

—Eric Swanson, Co-author of *The Externally Focused Church* and *Living a Life on Loan*

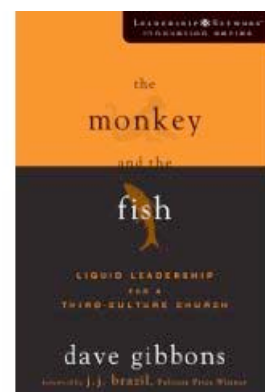


The Monkey and the Fish

by Dave Gibbons

As an entrepreneur at heart and a person passionate about what is next, I resonate with Dave Gibbons. His innovative spirit has connected with a vision for what's next and resulted in *The Monkey and the Fish*, a book that looks at the world and the church in a revolutionary way.

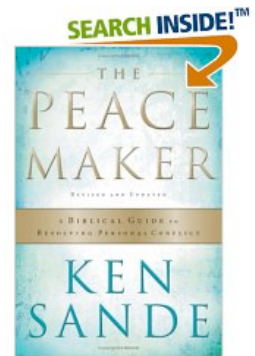
—Bob Buford, Founder, Leadership Network, and author, *Halftime*



The Peacemaker—A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict *By Ken Sande*

This book is absolutely the best book I have read on interpersonal conflict management. Sande presents Scripture after Scripture to support his directives to diffuse disharmony among brothers and sisters in Christ. Having served as a pastor for twenty years and having seen my share of church spats, this book would have been extremely helpful years ago. I highly recommend this volume to all pastors, congregational leaders, and other believers who are seeking a biblical response to conflict in the church. The author also has a website (www.peacemaker.net) that offers various key concepts of this book in brochure form. The church today could use more works like this one.

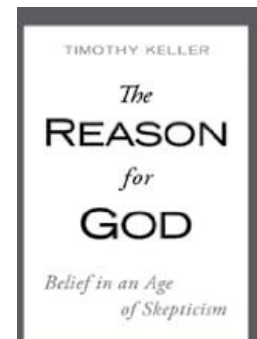
—David R. Bess



The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism *By Timothy Keller*

In a flood of bestsellers by skeptics and atheists...Timothy Keller stands out as an effective counterpoint and a defender of the faith. *The Reason for God* makes a tight, accessible case for reasoned religious belief.

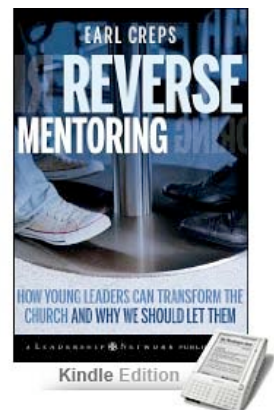
—Washington Post



Reverse Mentoring: How Young Leaders Can Transform the Church, and Why We Should Let Them *by Earl Creps*

Unfortunately for Christ's church, those of us who've been around for a while in positions of leadership find it difficult to listen to those who haven't, but represent the next generation of the church. What could they ever teach us? No question—this prevalent attitude is much to our disadvantage as we lose touch with the future of Christ's church. So how can we learn to be quiet for once and listen? And why should we founts of wisdom even consider it? Earl Creps provides us with a compelling answer in reverse mentoring. This is a must read for all generations who love Christ's church.

—Aubrey Malphurs, The Malphurs Group and Senior Professor, Dallas Theological Seminary

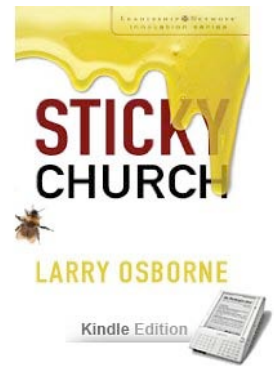


Sticky Church

by **Larry Osborne**

In this excellent new book Osborne shows you how, step-by-step, a congregation can intentionally become more sticky and thus more effective at long-term discipleship, equipping for ministry, and thus mission. A must-read for congregations, church boards, church leaders, and anyone interested in long-term assimilation/incorporation/inclusion of those who attend a local community of faith.

—Dr. David Frisbie, author, *The Soul-Mate Marriage*

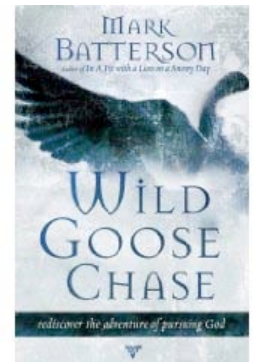


Wild Goose Chase: Reclaim the Adventure of Pursuing God

by **Mark Batterson**

Mark Batterson's *Wild Goose Chase* detonates anemic Christianity masquerading as the 'real thing' and winsomely propels us to what can be and should be if we allow God's Spirit to be all He can be in our lives. Let it stretch you to greater things!"

—Louie Giglio, Passion Conferences



Your Work Matters to God

by **Doug Sherman and William Hendricks**

Trying to determine what God wants you to do with your life is extremely tough (an understatement!) Bill Hendricks and co-author Doug Sherman have done an excellent job telling the reader exactly why his or her work is important, and why it is important to THE Creator of all work. If you are "searching for significance," *Your Work Matters to God* is a definite read!

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