

On the Way with Jesus: Being Missional, Evangelical and Faithful

TOP PICKS:

Jesus Wants to Save Christians: a manifesto for the church in exile.

Bell, Rob. Zondervan/Flannel. 2008. 230 Bel

A book about faith and fear, wealth and war, poverty and power, safety and terror. It's about what happens when Christians participate in the very things Jesus came to set us free from.

ReJesus: a wild Messiah for a missional church.

Frost, Michael and Alan Hirsch. Strand, 2009. 270.83 Fro

A challenge to reinstate Jesus as the central focus of our spiritual lives, as individuals and as communities. An encounter with the radical, merciful and surprising Jesus transforms us from the inside out and radically changes our approach to mission.

The Great Emergence: how Christianity is changing and why.

Tickle, Phyllis. Baker, 2008. 270.83 Tic

"Every five hundred years, the church cleans out its attic and has a giant rummage sale." Tickle suggests this is an accurate summary of the church's massive transitions over time and right now we are also living at a time of great upheaval and hopeful promise.

The God of Intimacy and Action: reconnecting ancient spiritual practices, evangelism, and justice.

Campolo, Tony and Mary Albert Darling. Jossey-Bass, 2007. 248.22 Cam

An important call to ground our evangelism and social action in a powerful personal relationship with the living God.

Rethinking Christ and Culture: a post-christendom perspective.

Carter, Craig A. BrazosPress, 2006. 261 Car

This book provides not only a provocative critique of Niebuhr's approach, it also breaks new ground by proposing an alternative understanding of the main options for the church's mission to the world.

Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60.

Hammett, Edward H. with James R. Pierce. Chalice, 2007. 262.0017 Ham

The Forgotten Ways: reactivating the missional church.

Hirsch, Alan. BrazosPress, 2006. 266 Hir

A comprehensive call for the complete reorientation of the church around mission.

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If Grace is so Amazing, Why Don't we Like it? How God's radical love turns the world upside down.

Mccullough, Donald. Jossey Bass, 2005. 234 McC

Grace upsets the natural balance and turns cause and effect on it's head. If we find it difficult to accept grace for ourselves, how much more unwilling are we to have it handed to others?

Tribal Church: ministering to the missing generation.

Merritt, Carol Howard. Alban, 2007. 259.24

Combines real-life stories, personal reflections as a thirty-something and current research to provide a clear view of what young adults view as their quest for faith, meaning, life and love.

A Christianity Worth Believing: hope-filled, open-armed, alive-and-well faith.

Pagitt, Doug. Jossey-Bass, 2008. 230 Pag

A holistic and compelling vision of the Kingdom of God that opens up important new possibilities for a new generation of Christians.

Tell It Slant: a conversation on the language of Jesus in his stories and prayers.

Peterson, Eugene H. William B. Eerdmans, 2008. 226.06 Pet

Peterson offers an intimate look at Jesus' words. Peterson's greatest gift is his ability to write about such ideas as sin, grace, and glory in simple and concrete ways.

Breaking the Discipleship Code: becoming a missional follower of Jesus.

Putman, David. B & H Publishing, 2008. 262 Put

"The only way to have a missional church is to be a missional people." Using the teachings of Jesus and real life, Putnam invites us to become disciples who live and love like Jesus.

On The Way With Jesus: a passion for mission.

Showalter, Richard. Herald Press, 2008. 266 Sho

Fascinating anecdotes, facts, wise judgment and the handling of delicate issues surrounding enlarging the body of Christ through missions.

The Missional Church in Context: helping congregations develop contextual ministry.

Van Gelder, Craig, editor. Eerdmans, 2007. 266 Mis Van

A mother lode of theology, biblical insight and practical application for pastors and congregations who want "missional" to be more than a cliché'.

I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church.

Nixon, Paul. Pilgrim Press, 2006. 254.5 Nix

According to Nixon, God invites every church to thrive. This timely book addresses the question many in the 21st century might ask on a Sunday morning: Why should I go to church today?

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