

2023 Reading List

Devotional

[*War of Words: Getting to the Heart of Your Communication Struggles*](#)

An excellent foundation on how the gospel transforms our communication.

[*A Gospel Primer for Christians: Learning to See the Glories of God's Love*](#)

A beautiful articulation of the good news, and what it looks like to preach it to yourself every day.

[*Surprised by Jesus: Subversive Grace in the Four Gospels*](#)

Journeys through all four Gospels with a focus on overcoming self-righteousness through God's grace in Christ.

[*New Morning Mercies: A Daily Gospel Devotional*](#)

365 one-page meditations of a particular aspect of the gospel.

[*1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith*](#)

Historic doctrine in a leather pocket-sized edition.

Church

[*Lead: 12 Gospel Principles for Leadership in the Church*](#)

For joy and longevity in pastoral ministry.

[*Deacons: How They Serve and Strengthen the Church*](#)

A biblical and historical examination of the office of deacon (and comparisons with how many churches function today).

Sermonic

[*A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*](#)

A rural perspective that highlights what most commentaries miss.

[*The Prayer That Turns the World Upside Down*](#)

A short and accessible introduction to the Lord's/Model Prayer.

[*Expositional Preaching: How We Speak God's Word Today*](#)

A short handbook for either a first-time or seasoned preacher.

[*James: MacArthur New Testament Commentary*](#)

Combination of exegesis with pastoral application.

[*James: Reformed Expository Commentary*](#)

A more devotional approach but still tethered to the text.

[*James: Tyndale New Testament Commentary*](#)

Heavy on the exegetical side.

[*The Message of James: The Bible Speaks Today Series*](#)

Lay level with a focus on application.

[*James: Wisdom Commentary Series*](#)

Published sermons of Pastor Stephen Davey.

[*Exploring the Epistle of James: John Phillips Commentary Series*](#)

Highly devotional.

[*The Book of James: A Linguistic Commentary Applying Discourse Analysis*](#)

Focuses on the original Greek.

Languages

[*The Morphology of Biblical Greek*](#)

More of a reference work, offers more etymological explanations and examples than his first-year grammar is able to.

[*Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the NT*](#)

Greatly increases the number of grammatical categories for NT exegesis.

[*Mastering New Testament Greek: Essential Tools for Students*](#)

A vocabulary builder based on cognate groups and similar/predictable word endings.

[*Discourse Grammar of the Greek New Testament: A Practical Introduction for Teaching and Exegesis*](#)

Linguistic principles and applications that have been largely neglected in the grammatically-saturated pedagogy of the Greek NT.

[*Learning Biblical Hebrew: Reading for Comprehension: An Introductory Grammar*](#)

Combines a still mostly grammar-based approach but includes more immersive language learning techniques.

[*Illustrated Ruth, Esther, Jonah in Hebrew*](#)

The Hebrew text embedded in a comic-book layout with an English translation at the bottom of each page.

[*Dino lernt Deutsch: Collector's Edition \(1-4\)*](#)

A beginner's reader of simple short stories, nicely laid out with new vocabulary glossed at the end of each chapter.

[*Das Wort Wurde Fleisch*](#)

The German translation of Ligonier's 2016 Statement on Christology.

Family

[*Understanding Family Worship: Its History, Theology and Practice*](#)

A survey of the Puritans' emphasis on catechizing children, and its enduring relevance for every generation and home.

[*The Action Bible: God's Redemptive Story*](#)

Contains almost all the stories and characters of the Old and New Testaments in a comic-book style.

[*The Biggest Story Bible Storybook*](#)

Engaging and devotional Bible stories for children.

Kids

[*The Green Ember series*](#)

Don't let the rabbits with swords fool you, my 7-year old was captivated by the plot and characters.

[*Classic Starts: The Iliad and The Odyssey*](#)

An elementary level retelling of the original source material.

[*Little Pilgrim's Progress: Illustrated Edition*](#)

Both Christian and Christiana's journeys recounted, my daughters especially loved this one.

Fiction

[*The Mistborn Trilogy*](#)

Fascinating plot and characters with a very unique magic system.

[*The Lost Letters of Pergamum: A Story from the New Testament World*](#)

Historical reconstruction of correspondence between the Gospel author Luke and a Roman civic leader.

[*The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*](#)

Prequel to the Hunger Games trilogy.