

STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE



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**AS CHRISTIANS,
WE ARE
TO PASS
THE FAITH**

**ON TO
THE NEXT
GENERATION.**

WE ARE TO STEWARD THE YOUNG SOULS IN OUR CARE

Whether we are parents or grandparents, church staff or volunteers, we have been tasked to make disciples (Matthew 28:19). One of the primary ways we can be discipling the next generation is by encouraging them to be readers.

We serve a God who created all things by using words (Genesis 1-2) and a Savior who calls himself the Living Word (John 1:1-14). Christians are also called to be a people of the Word and to meditate upon God's Word day and night (Psalm 1).

Not only should we – and our children – feed upon God's Word, but we should also be feeding upon other words. That is, we should be reading. We should be reading theological books, classics, fiction, etc. Teaching our children to be readers in many different genres and categories will foster a deeper appreciation for the various genres and categories found in Scripture.

However, simply saying that we should disciple our students to be readers can seem like a daunting task. Where do we begin? What books

should we focus on? At what ages should this begin? These questions led to the creation of the plan.

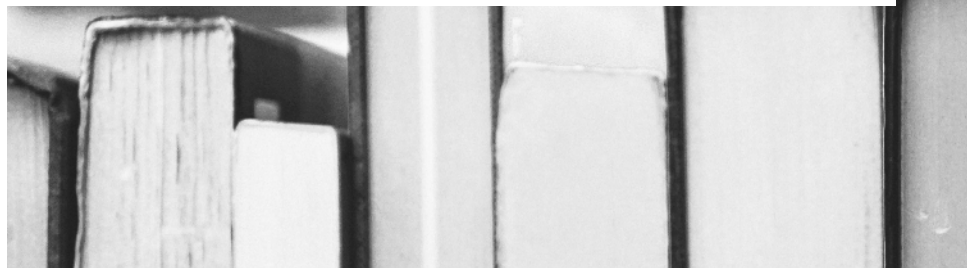
THE PLAN

Any compilation of books, including this one, has its limitations. For starters, there are many great books that aren't listed. To be honest, there were books we love and wanted to include on this list, but we simply couldn't fit them in.

Other aspects to consider are the reading rate and reading motivation that vary from student to student. Some students will scoff at the lack of challenge in the following list and desire to read more, which is great! Other students, however, will scoff because they hate reading and will find the list to be too strenuous.

If we truly believe we are to make disciples and we truly believe that part of the discipleship process involves reading, then we must be making readers of the next generation. For the Christian, this isn't optional. If you think about it, our students are expected to stretch themselves mentally at school, so let's stretch some of them through this plan.

We not only suggest theological books we think are helpful, but we also tell you the approximate number of pages you need to read per day (see the book icon next to each title) to finish in the allotted time. The reading plan is based on reading five days a week. Students can use the weekend to take a break or to catch up. Note: When booklets are suggested, a page number is not listed because of their brevity.





We also recommend that parents read alongside their children in the middle school years. Not only are they younger and still growing in reading, there is also some mature content suggested that you will want to read with them. As they get older, give them the independence to read on their own, but plan on having discussion throughout the week and month based on what they are reading. Hopefully, this will also prove to be helpful in your conversation with your child – it will give you something to talk about.

SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND

As mentioned, there are readers on different spectrums, but there are also students on different maturity levels. Some of the books listed deal with challenging topics. For those books, we've also suggested alternative titles (listed smaller and below the

main title). However, because of the prevalence of some of these issues in our culture, we think it's important to equip your children by talking about these topics. If you choose to omit these books, our suggested titles may be helpful. We also give other suggestions of titles that may share similarities in a specific area. One important note: Understand that this reading is done in addition to Scripture reading. There's no substitute for God's Word; therefore, be sure your student is feeding upon the eternal Word of God, above all other books. A helpful tool in light of this is the *NIV Lifehacks Bible*. It was put together by Joe Carter with a foreword by Kevin DeYoung. It contains 365 articles that accompany Scripture texts. Students can pick a specific biblical text, read it and read the accompanying article. This will greatly assist their interpretation and application of the

text. We recommend this valuable resource. This plan may overwhelm some. If that's the case, then adjust it in a way that best disciples your child. You know your child best. Whatever adjustments you make, just make sure you do something in the area of discipleship.

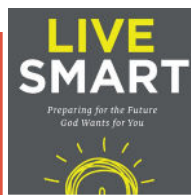
Children are an amazing gift from God, but they are not ours – they belong to God. We are merely stewards. We are to steward the young souls under our care. We hope this plan assists you unto that great end.



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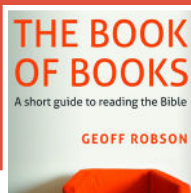
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DAN DUMAS



THE HOLE IN OUR HOLINESS 
KEVIN DEYOUNG



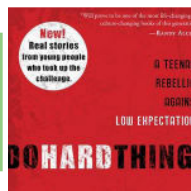
THE BOOK OF BOOKS
GEOFF ROBSON

WINTER
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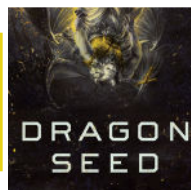
THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING 
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ALEX & BRETT HARRIS

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MARTY MACHOWSKI

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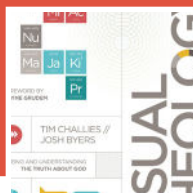
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SAM ALLBERRY

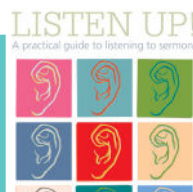


STOP ASKING JESUS INTO YOUR HEART
J.D. GREEAR

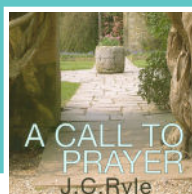


VISUAL THEOLOGY
TIM CHALLIES & JOSH BYERS

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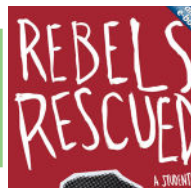


LISTEN UP!
CHRISTOPHER ASH



A CALL TO PRAYER
J.C. RYLE

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BRIAN COSBY



THE EXPLICIT GOSPEL
MATT CHANDLER

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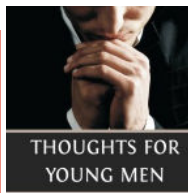
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C.S. LEWIS

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FOR GUYS

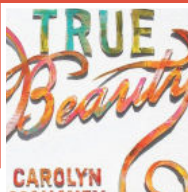


THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG MEN
J.C. RYLE



WAR OF WORDS
PAUL DAVID TRIPP

FOR GIRLS



TRUE BEAUTY
CAROLYN MAHANEY & NICOLE WHITACRE

WINTER
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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REALLY TEACH ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY?
KEVIN DE YOUNG



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME & WHY DO I CARE?
EDWARD T. WELCH

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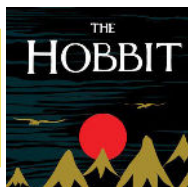


THE NEXT STORY
TIM CHALLIES



12 WAYS YOUR PHONE IS CHANGING YOU
TONY REINKE

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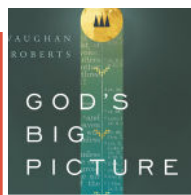


THE HOBBIT
J.R.R. TOLKIEN

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GOD'S BIG PICTURE 
VAUGHAN ROBERTS



TALKING POINTS: TRANSGENDER 
VAUGHAN ROBERTS

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COUNTER CULTURE 
DAVID PLATT



THE PRODIGAL GOD 
TIM KELLER

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TONY REINKE

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WHAT WOULD JUDAS DO? 
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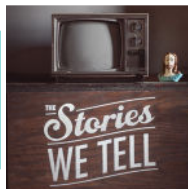


DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE
JOHN PIPER



RADICAL
DAVID PLATT

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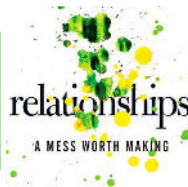


THE STORIES WE TELL
MIKE COSPER



POPCULTURED
STEVE TURNER

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RELATIONSHIPS
TIM S. LANE & PAUL DAVID TRIPP



RESISTING GOSSIP
MATTHEW C. MITCHELL

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THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS
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THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS
JOHN BUNYAN

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GOD

THE REASON FOR GOD 
TIM KELLER

R. Albert Mohler Jr.
WE
CANNOT
BE

WE CANNOT BE SILENT 
ALBERT MOHLER

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JUST DO
SOMETHING
A LIBERATING APPROACH TO FINDING GOD'S WILL

JUST DO SOMETHING 
KEVIN DEYOUNG

Can I
Smoke
Pot?
Marijuana in Light of Scripture

CAN I SMOKE POT?
TOM BREEDEN & MARK L. WARD

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BIBLE STUDY
A STUDENT'S GUIDE

BIBLE STUDY: A STUDENT'S GUIDE 
JON NIELSON

THE FINAL
DAYS OF
JESUS

THE FINAL DAYS OF JESUS 
ANDREAS J. KÖSTENBERGER AND JUSTIN TAYLOR

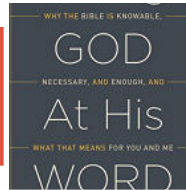
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Young, Restless, Reformed

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COLLIN HANSEN

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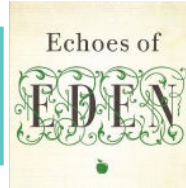


TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD 2D
KEVIN DEYOUNG



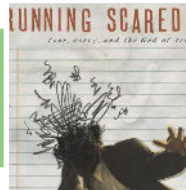
DESIRING GOD 6D
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ECHOS OF EDEN 3D
JERRAM BARRS

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RUNNING SCARED 3D
EDWARD T. WELCH



THE ENEMY WITHIN 3D
KRIS LUNDGAARD

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PAUL DAVID TRIPP



SEX, DATING, & RELATIONSHIPS 3D
GERALD HIESTAND AND JAY THOMAS



COUNTERFEIT GODS 3D
TIM KELLER



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CRAIG DETWEILER

WHAT IS BIBLICAL THEOLOGY? JAMES
HAMILTON

DO MORE BETTER

TIM CHALLIES

WHY WE LOVE THE CHURCH

KEVIN DEYOUNG & TED KLUCK

PUTTING AMAZING BACK INTO GRACE

MICHAEL HORTON

THE HOLINESS OF GOD

R.C. SPROUL

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CONCISE THEOLOGY

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KNOWING SCRIPTURE

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DISCIPLINES OF A GODLY YOUNG MAN

R. KENT HUGHES & W. CAREY HUGHES

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EVANGELISM AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

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TRANSFORMING GRACE

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THE DISCIPLINE OF GRACE

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UNION WITH CHRIST

RANKIN WILBOURNE

THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

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SEEING AND SAVORING JESUS CHRIST

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THE BOOKENDS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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THE REST OF GOD

MARK BUCHANAN

HABITS OF GRACE

DAVID MATHIS

PURITY IS POSSIBLE

HELEN THORNE

UNDER OUR SKIN

BENJAMIN WATSON

TOTAL TRUTH

NANCY PEARCEY

LEARNING FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

DONALD OPITZ & DEREK MELLEBY

THE FABRIC OF FAITHFULNESS

STEVEN GARBER

LET ME BE A WOMAN

ELISABETH ELLIOT

SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

FRITZ RIDENOUR

THE FREEDOM OF SELF-FORGETFULNESS

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TRUSTING GOD

JERRY BRIDGES



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