Biblical Resources

E-Books

*Recovering the Full Mission of God: a Biblical Perspective on Being, Doing, and Telling*

By Dean Flemming

“In *Recovering the Full Mission of God*, Dean Flemming joins biblical scholarship with missionary experience as he surveys the Old Testament and then looks closely at the New Testament and the early church. Flemming shows how the three strands of telling, doing and being relate in the mission of God and his people.” (From the book cover)


By James R. Edwards

“Though the Gentile focus is often held to be the primary emphasis in the Gospel of Luke, Edwards counterbalances that by citing numerous evidences of the writer’s overarching interest in depicting Jesus as the fulfillment of God’s work in the history of Israel. A readable commentary that explores the book’s linguistic, historical, literary, and theological elements.” (From the book cover)

Journals available online

- Biblica
- Biblical Research
- Bulletin for Biblical Research
- Journal for Biblical Literature
- Priscilla Papers
- Semeia
Worship & Liturgy Resources

E-Books

*Imagining the Kingdom: How Worship Works*
By James K. A. Smith
“In the second of a three-volume theology of culture, a leading Reformed philosopher shows how worship works in shaping us through liturgical practices.” (From the book cover)

*Pastoral care in worship: liturgy and psychology in dialogue*
By Neil Pembroke
“There is an urgent need today to deepen and enrich the pastoral dimension of Sunday worship. This book attempts to meet that need. The practical guidance that is offered has its foundation in rigorous and comprehensive theological reflection. This reflection draws not only on the riches of the Christian heritage, but also on some wonderfully illuminating psychological research.” (From the book cover)

Journals available online

Christianity Today
Journal of Liturgical Ministry
Worship
Theological Resources

E-Books

*Christian History: An Introduction*
By Alister McGrath
A major new introduction to the global history of Christianity, written by one of the world's leading theologians and author of numerous bestselling textbooks. Provides a truly global review by exploring the development of Christianity and related issues in Asia, Latin America and Africa, and not just focusing on Western concerns. Spanning more than two millennia and combining elements of theology, history, and culture, it traces the development of all three branches of Christianity: Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox, providing context to Christianity's origins and its links to Judaism. (From book cover)

By N. T. Wright
"From the very first sentence, it holds the attention, arguing a strong, persuasive, coherent and fresh case, supported by immense scholarship and comprehensive theological intelligence. It is a worthy successor to his earlier magisterial studies of the themes of the Kingdom and the Resurrection: lively, passionate and deeply constructive, laying out very plainly the ways in which the faith of the New Testament is focused on God's purpose to re-create, through the fact of Jesus crucified and risen, our entire understanding of authority and social identity." ~ Rowan Williams

Journals available online

Christian History
Harvard Theological Review
Journal of Religion
Theology Today
Wesleyan Theological Journal
Pastoral Care Resources

E-Books

The Bloomsbury Guide to Pastoral Care
By Bernadette Flanagan & Sharon Thornton
In this collection of essays from leading practitioner-scholars, Bernadette Flanagan and Sharon Thornton set out core principles underpinning professional identity and the practice of pastoral care in rapidly changing social settings. Such pastoral challenges as, developing compassionate and effective companionship to those who have suffered trauma, torture, catastrophic events, social disintegration, the moral wounds of war and cultural dislocation are treated with insight and deep care. The new frontiers of pastoral care in more familiar circumstances such as family, health settings where patients facing life-challenging medical events and multicultural communities are also explored. (From the book cover)

Reflective Caring: Imaginative Listening to Pastoral Experience
By Bob Whorton
“Arising from the work of a pastoral team in a hospice, this book is an invitation to reflect on what happens in our innermost being when we listen to another person in need. The lived experience of a hospice chaplain, dialogues with different parts of the self and an imaginative approach to the Bible are at the heart of the writing. Reflective Caring describes the art of 'soul reflection', which is a way of transformation. It is the process of paying attention, without judgement, to our inner reactions, which bubble up from the different selves within us. Through this practice we, and the people we listen to, become more whole.” (From the book cover)

Journals available online

Clergy Journal
Journal of Pastoral Care
Journal of Pastoral Theology
Pastoral Psychology
Preaching Resources

E-Books

Dem Dry Bones: Preaching, Death, and Hope
By Luke A. Powery

Dem Dry Bones aims to remedy some of the theological and homiletical shortcomings in contemporary preaching by looking closely at the African American spirituals tradition, which Powery describes as "sung sermons" that embrace death. Thus, not only is death the context for preaching hope, but hope is generated by experiencing death through the Spirit who is the ultimate source of hope. Through this study, Powery demonstrates how to preach in the Spirit so that proclaiming death becomes an avenue toward hope. In short: no death, no hope. (From the book cover)

Preaching at the Crossroads: How the World and our Preaching is Changing
By David Lose

“Postmodernism. Secularism. Pluralism. These are the words often used to describe the tumultuous changes that have affected our culture and our churches. But what do they really mean? More importantly, what challenges and opportunities do they provide today’s preachers? David Lose takes preachers on a tour of the major cultural influences of the last century, explaining how they have contributed to the diminishment of the church and exploring how they also offer opportunities to cultivate a more vibrant and relevant faith in the twenty-first century. Filled with lucid analysis and practical suggestions, Preaching at the Crossroads invites preachers to reclaim the art of preaching the timeless Gospel in a timely and compelling manner.” (From the Book Cover)

Journals available online

Homiletic
Journal for Preachers
Living Pulpit
Management & Leadership Resources

E-Books

**Everyone Leads: Building Leadership from the Community Up**
By Paul Schmitz

“Based on a proven leadership model, Everybody Leads shows how leadership can be found in uncommon places and reveals how to inspire and cultivate the leadership of those focused on social change. It shows how to take responsibility to work with developing leaders to make a difference and outlines the five key leadership values. Sponsored by Public Allies, the book helps leaders to connect across cultures, facilitate collaborative action, recognize and mobilize all of a community’s assets, continuously learn, and be accountable to those they work with and those they serve. “ (From the book Cover)

**Advanced Strategic Planning: A 21st-century Model for Church and Ministry Leaders**
By Aubrey Malphurs

“In this expanded edition, trusted church leadership consultant provides practical advice for churches to articulate their vision, implement their mission, and align their identity and direction.” (From the Book Cover)

Journals available online

*The Journal of Applied Christian Leadership*
*Journal of Religious Leadership*
*Top Quality Management*
Transforming Discipleship: Making Disciples a Few at a Time

By Greg Ogden

“In Transforming Discipleship Greg Ogden introduces his vision for discipleship, emphasizing that solutions will not be found in large-scale, finely-tuned, resource-heavy programs. Instead, Ogden recovers Jesus' method of accomplishing life change by investing in just a few people at a time. And he shows how discipleship can become a self-replicating process with ongoing impact from generation to generation. Biblical, practical and tremendously effective, Transforming Discipleship provides the insights and philosophy of ministry behind Ogden’s earlier work, Discipleship Essentials. Together, these ground-breaking books have the potential to transform how your church transforms the lives of its people.” (From the book cover)

Make Yourself a Teacher: Rabbinic Tales of Mentors and Disciples

By Susan A. Handelman

“Susan Handelman considers how teacher/student relations sustain and renew the Jewish tradition, especially during troubled times. As a commentary on historical and contemporary educational practices, she asks a range of questions about teaching and learning: What is it that teachers do when they teach? How do knowledge, spirituality, and education relate? What might Jewish models of study and commentary say about how we teach and learn today? Handelman not only presents pedagogical issues that remain controversial in today's debates on education but she also brings the stories themselves to life. Through her readings, the stories beckon us to sit among the sages and be their student.” (From the book cover)

Journals available online

Christian Education Journal

The Journal of Youth Ministry

Word & World
Evangelism Resources

E-Books

**Viral Churches: Helping Church Planters Become Movement Makers**
By Ed Stetzer
“A groundbreaking guide for multiplying the impact of church plants. Based on a study that was commissioned by the Leadership Network, this book reveals the best practices in church planting and uncovers the common threads among them. A much-needed resource, this book will inform, guide, and even catalyze today’s many church planting leaders. The authors clearly show leaders how to plant churches that create a multiplication movement and offer inspiration for them to do so. The book addresses their questions about what to do next in their church planting strategies, in light of research on what’s actually working best.” (From the book cover)

**Crossover City: Resources for Urban Mission and Transformation**
By Andrew Davey & John Sentamu
“Theological reflection, case studies and new insights come together as practitioners, theologians and urban clergy reflect on the presence of the Church in urban communities. Crossover City confronts the theological priorities of the Church as it attempts to hold the tensions between expectations of its partnership in social regeneration and welfare and its prophetic voice through its continued and transformative presence in marginalized communities. It challenges the way theology is often done in isolated factions that deny openness and collaboration which must underpin the transformative mission our urban areas cry out for.” (From the book cover)

Journals available online

Campus Life
Currents in Theology and Mission
The Muslim World: A Quarterly Review of History, Culture, Religions & the Christian Mission in Islamdom
Transformation