



SUGGESTED READING LIST

Scripture is the ultimate book that all believers should be reading. That said, from the early days of Christianity, believers have been giving their own helpful insights, advice and commentary, about Christ and his church, as part of Paul's mandate to share our Christian hope. Below are some insightful books that we, at the UpReach program, have found helpful. Our list does not even begin to represent the full wealth of books that a Christian can read to better their knowledge, but we believe our list is made up of simply worded, easily digestible access points to the larger library of Christendom. Our hope is that as you start reading, you will be introduced to the great minds of the invisible church and further on to Christ. Though our list doesn't include the early church Fathers, we believe that by meeting some of their theological descendants, you will be well on your way to meeting them soon. In short, start here, but don't stop here. Read, assimilate and apply!

SCRIPTURE

The Holy and inspired revelation of God to man which outlines his love for his creation and plan of redemption.

HISTORY

- Scripture Alone / James White / A study of the canonization of Scripture

SKILL BUILDING

- How To Read Your Bible For All It's Worth / Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart

FAITH AFFIRMING

- Can We Trust the Bible / Earl D. Radmacher
- The Book That Made Your World / Vishnal Mangalwadi / How the Bible has affected history and culture from an eastern perspective
- The Complete Works of Francis Schaeffer, Volume 2 / Francis Schaeffer / A Christian view of the Bible as Truth

DOCTRINE

The sincerely held, traditional beliefs and values of the church

HISTORY

- Theological Turning Points / Donald K. McKim
- A History of Christian Thought / Justo Gonzalez

THEOLOGY

- Systematic Theology / Wayne Grudem
- A Summary of Christian Doctrine / Louis Berkhof
- Mere Christianity / C.S. Lewis / A description of what it means to be a Christian
- The Complete Works of Francis Schaeffer, Volume 1 / Francis Schaeffer / A Christian View of Philosophy and Culture

FAITH AFFIRMING

- Case For The Real Jesus / Lee Strobel
- Case For a Creator / Lee Strobel
- Case For Faith / Lee Strobel
- Case For Christ / Lee Strobel

LOCAL CHURCH

The group of believers that Christ commanded to stay holy and await his return

HISTORY

- History in Plain Language / Bruce Shelley
- The Story of Christianity / Justo Gonzalez
- A Short History of the Early Church / Harry Boer
- A Short History of Christianity / Stephen Tomkins

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- The Complete Works of Francis Schaeffer, Volume 3,4,5 / Francis Schaeffer / A Christian View of Spirituality, the Church and the West
- Sacred Marriage / Gary Thomas / What a Christ centered marriage should look like
- Uncomfortable / Brett McCracken / The need to integrate into a church body despite uncomfortability
- The Call to Authenticity / Irv Brendlinger / The nature of the local church and how it should relate internally
- Total Truth / Nancy Pearcey / The need to allow for Christ to permeate your entire life
- Finding Truth / Nancy Pearcey / How to stay connected to truth in a world that doesn't believe in it
- The Problem of Pain / C.S. Lewis / An exploration of how a good God can allow a world with suffering