

We destroy arguments &
every lofty opinion raised
against the knowledge of
God, & take every thought
captive to obey Christ.
II Corinthians 10:5

God & Politics
Revival

Poverty

Pain **The American**
Sorrow **Dream**

Sovereignty of God

Awakening

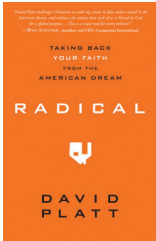
Earth Environment

Justice & Mercy
Ecology - Culture and Christ

Suffering

Christ Covenant Church
Reading Club 2011

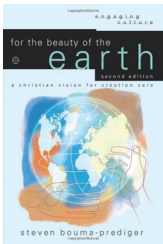
Join with others in reading six books this year concerning how Christ, Christians and the Church can best “serve the world.” Discussions will follow the reading of each book, and we hope will lead to deeper study and application of Christ Covenant’s Fourth Discipleship Goal: “Serving the World”:



Radical: Taking Back your Faith from the American Dream

by David Platt (Multnomah Press; 2010)

Radical is a call to authentic Christian faith and life, and a challenge to disentangle your spiritual life from captivity to the American Dream of living for self. Pastor David Platt calls us to “the radical experiment” of truly living for Christ.

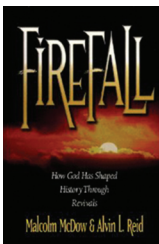


For the Beauty of the Earth: A Christian Vision for Creation Care (revised edition)

by Steven Bouma-Prediger (Baker Academic Books; 2010)

In a revision of a 2001 book by the same title, Steven Bouma-Prediger takes the reader through a cogent review of God’s cultural mandate for Christians to care for the creation. He writes with this goal in mind: “a faithful attempt to hear the message of Scripture, while attentive to the groaning earth.” He

presents us with a new perspective on our “home” in this world and a new priority of “placed-ness,” a Biblical and ecological sense of the place in which God has placed us all...the earth. This book is an excellent introduction to Biblical environmentalism devoid of political correctness and romantic notions.



Firefall: How God Shaped History Through Revivals

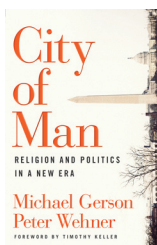
by Malcolm McDow & Alvin Reid
(Broadman and Holman Publishers; 1997)

“Sometimes heaven seems to come down to earth. Men and women with lives devastated by sin find in Jesus the grace to repent and the power to change. Wrongs are made right. Broken homes reunite. The church, made beautiful in holiness, reaches out in love to serve a hurting and lost world.” With these words,

two seminary professors begin a thrilling review of how God has advanced His kingdom cause through revivals and great awakenings. Easy to read, informative and comprehensive, *Firefall* is a “fun read” and a great primer on Revivals.

Please note: A combined adult Sunday School Class from June 5 - August 28 will cover the History of Revivals in America. This will be taught by Dr. Mike Ross and the Pastoral Staff.

We will engage members in the advance of the Kingdom of God, both near and far, by sharing the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit with lost persons and by reflecting the beauty and holiness of Christ to lost cultures.

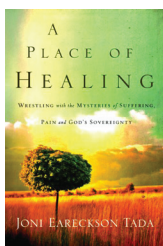


City of Man: Religion and Politics in a New Era

by Michael Gerson and Peter Wehner (Moody Publishers; 2010)

Authors Gerson and Wehner have spent their careers in Washington, D.C., serving Presidents and acting as senior fellows in ethics and policy think tanks. Both are conservative Christians, and both have served Republican Presidents. But they both call us to face the reality of “God and Politics” in a new era of American history. Rather than retreat from the public square, the

authors set before us a revised and a refreshing paradigm for Christians in the political process.

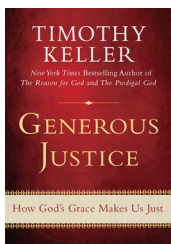


A Place of Healing: Wrestling with the Mysteries of Suffering, Pain and the Sovereignty of God

by Joni Eareckson Tada (David C. Cook; 2010)

Paralyzed since age 17, enduring chronic pain for the past 10 years, and now, at age 60, battling cancer, Joni Eareckson Tada is no stranger to pain, suffering and the grace of God. Her latest book, *A Place of Healing*, examines with frankness, candor and faith why God allows us to suffer and what good things are

birthed out of pain and sorrow. She sets before the reader “something greater than healing” – a jewel hidden deep within the character of Jesus Christ Himself.



Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes us Just

by Timothy Keller

The well-known PCA pastor of New York City's Redeemer Church carves out a place for justice in the gospel pattern for Christian living. Taking his cue from Micah 6:8 – “He has told you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?” Keller reminds us that Gospel, grace and concern for

the poor and oppressed are inextricably linked in the mission of Christ and His message of “Good News.” *Generous Justice* is a call not to the “social gospel,” but to the Gospel for a hurting society.

**Books are subject to change depending on availability.

Reading Club 2011 Schedule

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

Radical

[*Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*]

by David Platt

Discussion: Tuesday, February 15

MARCH - APRIL

For the Beauty of the Earth

[*A Christian Vision for Creation Care*]

by Steven Bouma-Prediger

Discussion: Tuesday, April 26

MAY - JULY

Firefall

[*How God has Shaped History Through Revivals*]

by Malcolm McDow and Alvin Reid

Discussions: Tuesday, July 12 and Tuesday, August 23

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

City of Man

[*Religion and Politics in a New Era*]

by Michael Gerson and Peter Wehner

Discussion: Tuesday, September 20

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

A Place of Healing

[*Wrestling with the Mysteries of Suffering, Pain & the Sovereignty of God*]

by Joni Eareckson Tada

Discussion: Tuesday, November 15

DECEMBER

Generous Justice

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by Timothy Keller

Discussion: Tuesday, December 13

All discussions will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the Dock (Wilcox Bldg).
Call 704-847-3505 for information.