# **Summer Reading List**

## Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus. Become like him. Do as he did. by John Mark Comer

This is the book we will be using for FALL LAUNCH! Copies will be available in English and German at the information table after our services. A 7€ donation is helpful, but not required.

### Love Walked Among Us by Paul E. Miller

Sometimes loving others like Jesus loved them seems abstract and unobtainable. Miller asks practical, real-life questions and then uses biblical illustrations of Jesus' actions to challenge readers to emulate Jesus' love in practical and tangible ways.

# The Beautiful Community: Unity, Diversity, and the Church at Its Best by Irwyn Ince

Ince dives into how the church can and should be a place of unity and diversity. Using Scriptures as the foundation, Ince discusses how embracing different cultures and backgrounds can create a vibrant community that reflects God's love and breaks down barriers.

### **Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work by Tim Keller**

Keller explores the intersection of faith and work, by discussing how aligning our daily tasks with God's design brings purpose and significance. Keller argues that viewing work as more than mere employment can transform our perspective and attitude towards our daily tasks.

## **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Peter Scazzero**

Emotional health is a popular idea but not often Biblically based. Drawing on Biblical principles, Scazzero outlines practical, reality-tested steps to become emotionally mature and discusses how addressing emotional issues is essential for a deeper, more authentic relationship with God and others.

# <u>Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien</u>

How often do our intentions get lost in translation because of different languages, cultures or upbringings? Now imagine these same barriers impacting how we read the Bible! This book illustrates how knowing the cultural context of biblical times leads to a clearer and more accurate understanding of Scripture.

#### Seriously Funny: Life, Love & God...Musings Between Two Good Friends by Adrian Plass & Jeff Lucas

Giving us a glimpse into their personal lives, Plass and Lucas offer readers a unique and engaging perspective on navigating life's complexities with humor and grace. While these letters are often witty and humorous, they wrestle with profound questions about faith and relationships.

# **Family Reading**

## The One Year Devotions for Preschoolers

This is an accessible, introductory devotional for small children. Each day's devotion includes a short story, a Bible verse, and a prayer. While simple, the simplicity and recurring characters allows children to relate to real-life scenarios and sets the foundation for applying biblical principles at a young age.

# The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name

Written with a focus on how each story points towards Jesus, this devotional aims to help children and families see the thread of God's plan throughout Scripture. With engaging illustrations and easy language, the book invites young readers to discover the significance of Jesus in every part of the Bible.

Great for discussion and fun to read over and over again!

#### Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids: The Gospel in 52 Five-Minute Bible Stories

Written by the creator of Veggie Tales, this devotional condenses key biblical narratives into engaging, five-minute stories tailored for 4–8-year-olds. Each story emphasizes the gospel message in a lively and humorous way, making complex themes understandable to children.

#### **New Morning Mercies for Teens by Paul David Tripp**

Designed for teenagers, this devotional can be read and discussed together as a family or as part your child's personal devotions. This book offers practical insights and biblical truths to help young readers apply gospel principles to their lives while fostering spiritual growth and a deeper relationship with God.

#### **Chronicles of Narnia**

While not a devotional, this classic series by C.S Lewis is unparalleled in its rich storytelling and allegorical elements. The series captivates readers of all ages with its timeless charm, fantastical worlds and profound spiritual undertones.