

Emerge Study Resources (Annotated)

Unless otherwise specified, all the books are available for purchase on Amazon.com

Spiritual Disciplines

Foster, Richard J., *Celebration of Discipline: The Path of Spiritual Growth*. New York: HarperOne, 1998. This book is a classic on the study and practice of spiritual disciplines and widely used across the Christian world. Foster focuses on spiritual transformation and a life formed by disciplined spiritual practices.

Swartz, Phyllis and Showalter, Janice, *Ignite: 102 Ways to Talk to God Together and Alone*. Columbus: Rosedale Press, 2017. (www.ignite.rosedalemedia.com) The authors share new and practical ways to pray alone and in a group. Each prayer exercise contains a list of resources, backstory, and procedures. Think of this as a tool box full of ideas to use with individuals, families, small groups, Sunday schools, or worship services in your sphere.

Disciple Making

First Steps Discipleship Workbook. Springfield, OH: Specificity Publications, 2006. (www.disciplinganother.com) This workbook provides a structure for an experienced believer to study with a new or renewed believer. Ten lessons cover the essentials of Christian growth. The discipler receives clear instructions for using the material, including weekly assignments.

Edwards, Grant, *Swimming Lessons: How to Keep New Christians Afloat in a Sinking World*. Springfield, OH: Specificity Publications. (www.disciplinganother.com) This book is a companion to the *First Steps Discipleship Workbook*. The book helps motivate believers to make discipling new believers a normal part of their life.

Harrington, Bobby and Absalom, Alex, *Discipleship That Fits: The Five Kinds of Relationships God Uses to Help Us Grow*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2016. This book demonstrates that God uses different size groups to help Christians grow in a balanced manner. Each size group plays an important but unique role—ranging from the public (50+ people), social (20-50 people), personal (6-20 people), transparent (2-5 people), to the divine (God and me) in helping the believer grow.

Videos:

Schrock, Phil. “The Art of Disciple-Making.” Equipper website, CMC pastor in Albany, Oregon, (www.equipper.tv) 11 minutes in length and accompanied by notetaking sheets and lesson plans.

Pachey, Darren. “Discipling a New Believer.” Equipper website, CMC pastor in Canton, Pennsylvania, (www.equipper.tv) 11 minutes in length and accompanied by notetaking sheets and lesson plans.

Evangelism/Missions

Schaller, Mary and Crilly, John, *The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations: Walking Alongside People Who Believe Differently*. Carol Stream: Tyndale, 2016. The authors take the dread out of evangelism by showing the nine relational practices of Jesus—noticing, praying, listening, asking questions, loving, welcoming, facilitating, serving together, and sharing. This book breaks the evangelism task into simple steps that are not intimidating but respectful of others.

Showalter, Richard. *Footsteps of Jesus: An Introduction to Christian Mission Since Pentecost*. Columbus, Ohio: Rosedale Media, 2018. The author fills in the gaps between the journeys of Paul in the New Testament and the amazing spread of the gospel throughout the world up to now. Richard shares not only broad strokes, but amazing stories of God's faithfulness to missionaries who have given their lives to share the good news in the last 2000 years.

Finances

Boers, Theo. *Three Simple Rules: A Practical Manual Guaranteed to Improve your Finances*. Grand Rapids, MI: CBI, 2008. This readable little book is a manual on how to wisely handle your own finances.

Personality Types

Nissley, Lavern, *What's My Shape?* Columbus, OH: Rosedale Mennonite Missions, 2008.

(info@rmmoffice.org) This workbook assists the believer in discovering spiritual gifts, personality traits, passion, skills and talents, and life experiences; and puts them all into a ministry profile. This profile can be helpful in refining ministry focus for the Christian.

Sugerman, Jeffrey, Scullard, Mark, and Wilhelm, Emma, *The 8 Dimensions of Leadership: DiSC Strategies for Becoming a Better Leader*. San Francisco: Berret-Koehler, 2011. Pioneering, energizing, affirming, inclusive, humble, deliberate, resolute, or commanding are primary leadership dimensions. The authors lay out the psychological drivers, motivations, and blind spots of each style.

Cron, Ian and Suzanne Stabile. *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2016. The authors give a sometimes humorous and always insightful introduction to this ancient personality system known as the Enneagram.

Leadership

Byler, Jon, *The Art of Christian Leadership: Developing Skills to Lead God's People*. LeadersServe, 2008. The author has served across the world in developing leaders. The book shows how Jesus led in character, skill, and knowledge. Many practical leadership skills are explained and illustrated.

Scazzero, Peter, *The Emotionally Healthy Leader*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015. The author challenges leaders to face their shadow, lead out of their marriage or singleness, slow down, and embrace endings for new beginnings. The book includes a helpful assessment tool.

Friendship

Holmes, Jonathan, *The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship*. CruciformPress. 2014. Biblical friendship exists when two or more people bound together by a common faith in Jesus Christ, pursue him and his kingdom with intensity and vulnerability. Constancy, candor, carefulness, and counsel are four essential marks.