

Summer Reading: Five Books That Will Help You Read the Bible Better

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In many ways this weekend marks the start of summer and with that the chance to pick up a book or two that is not required by class or work. While the summer often provides some times of relaxation, it also provides chances to invest in things that are eternal.

Here are five books that will help you read the Bible better. Each of them are available on the bookshelf at church, and you can also find them through the links below.

1. [***Christ in the Prophets***](#) by O. Palmer Robertson. If our series on the Twelve has awakened an appetite to know more about the Prophets, this book is immensely helpful. For historical, theological, and especially Christ-centered help in reading the Prophets, O. Palmer Robertson is second to none.
2. [***The Sermon on the Mount: The Character of a Disciple***](#) by Daniel Doriani. This book is a faithful companion to the next sermon series on Matthew 5–7.
3. [***The Sermon on the Mount***](#) by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. This classic book is not for the faint of heart, but it is perhaps one of the most thorough expositions in the English language on Jesus' words in Matthew 5–7.
4. [***The Cost of Discipleship***](#) by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In another classic, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor, theologian, and martyr during World War II, challenges Christians to flee from cheap grace and live wholly for the Lord. In this book, he spends ample time considering the Sermon on the Mount.
5. [***Christ from Beginning to End***](#) by Trent Hunter and Stephen Wellum. This new book is a simple yet profound tour of the whole Bible. If you want to know more clearly how the whole Bible fits together this is a great start.

A few other books to mention are the two books on discipleship that the men will be discussing at our July "Theology Thursday." These books are [*Discipling*](#) by Mark Dever and [*The Master Plan of Evangelism*](#) by Robert Coleman. Likewise, the women will be discussing [*Searching for Spring*](#) by Christine Hoover (June), [*Peace Like a River*](#) by Leif Enger (July), and [*The Man Who Was Thursday*](#) by G. K. Chesterton (August). You will be able to pick these books up on the OBC bookshelf.

Whatever you do this summer, find a good book to read, one that will help you walk closer with Christ, and then share it with a friend.

For His Glory and your joy,

Pastor David