

2024 MEN'S READING LIST

THE WHAT

For 2024, I've published a list of books that I'm encouraging all the men of the church to read. One book per month. (Ladies, of course you're welcome to read them too!) I'm publishing the list now, so that you can get the books ahead of time and not fall behind waiting for a book in the mail.

I'll also be hosting a gathering to discuss the books on a Saturday the following month (typically the first Saturday of the month, except for March & April, where I have prior commitments). The point of the gatherings is for mutual fellowship, encouragement, and to share what we're taking away from the book.

We'll meet at 8 AM at Mama Margie's (9950 I-10, San Antonio, TX 78230).

- 8-8:30 Tacos & Fellowship
- 8:30-9:30 Discussion
- 9:30-9:45 Prayer Requests & Prayer
- 9:45 Dismissal
- 10 You're Back Home With Your Family

You can jump in or out any given month, depending on your schedule, season of life, etc. No pressure!

THE WHY

My heart's desire is to help the men of the church deepen their walk with the Lord through a more robust understanding of His Word. Each of the selected books will help you do just that, as they apply God's Word to specific areas of life. I've picked books that cover a wide range of topics: from personal devotion, to leading your family, to a biography, and even eschatology (the study of last things). Some are easy reads, some are more challenging. Some are short, others are longer. (Most of them are shorter reads under 200 pages. Several are around 100 pages.) Some are considered Christian classics, others are modern.

Leaders are readers. I don't remember where I first heard this saying, but it's true. Every man is called by God to be a leader. The first person we lead is ourselves, and then our families, and then beyond that whatever ministry God has for us. So every man needs to have his mind stimulated through reading the thoughts and reflections of others. This causes us to grow personally ... that we might better serve those God has called us to lead.

I do need to mention that in no way should these books serve as a substitute for your daily time in God's Word. If you're making a decision on what you should read for any given day, it should always be the Bible first. Unequivocally. These books are to serve as a supplement to, not a replacement for, your daily time in God's Word.

So, I hope you'll join me! The first book is the shortest on the list. Only about 50 pages. Definitely doable. Let's grow together in 2024!



Pastor Matt



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1. JANUARY (2/3/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

Stop Loving the World by William Greenhill

2. FEBRUARY (3/9/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

Knowing God by J.I. Packer

3. MARCH (4/13/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

Ploductivity: A Practical Theology of Work & Wealth by Douglass Wilson

4. APRIL (5/4/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

<u>A Better Way: Rediscovering the Drama of God-Centered Worship</u> by Michael Horton

5. MAY (6/1/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

Slaying Leviathan: Limited Government and Resistance in the Christian Tradition by Glenn S. Sunshine

6. JUNE (7/6/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

The Case For The Christian Family by Jared Longshore

7. **JULY** (8/3/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

No Apologies: Why Civilization Depends on the Strength of Men by Anthony Esolen

8. AUGUST (9/7/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

Confessions by St. Augustine

9. SEPTEMBER (10/5/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

Victory In Jesus by Greg Bahnsen

10. OCTOBER (11/2/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

Of Antichrist And His Ruin by John Bunyan

11. NOVEMBER (12/7/24 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur

12. DECEMBER (1/4/25 8 AM - Meet To Discuss)

The Life And Diary Of David Brainerd by David Brainerd



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