

Kingdom Conspiracy Returning To The Radical Mission Of Local Church Scot Mcknight

The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

Already Not Yet When Jesus announced, "the kingdom of God is at hand," what did He mean? Uncover the reality of the kingdom of God and what it might look like if followers of Christ practiced its in-breaking presence.

What happens when we view life through the lens of the kingdom? How does the beauty of Jesus' reign break into the mess of our broken lives and world? What if we lived as though a world other than this one was here today?

This Beautiful Mess launches a paradigm-shifting journey inviting us to experience the kingdom of God in the ordinary miracle of our everyday lives. "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he sold all he had and bought that field."

Matthew 13:44 Jesus' sayings about the kingdom of God just might be the most overlooked of his teachings. Yet the Good News of the kingdom—a treasure beyond price—was what he came to preach. It's time to ask: -What is the kingdom Jesus talked about? -Could it be already

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here, hidden from sight? If so, where is it? -How can I be a part of it? A new generation is tuning in to the teachings of Jesus and to their revolutionary implications. Could it be that living under Christ's reign is not merely a future vision but a present reality? Rick McKinley's exploration is fresh, accessible, and timely. With careful attention to historical texts, he unveils new understandings of authentic personal and social transformation. The time is now. Your opportunity is here. In the mess of everyday life, you can live in the beautiful presence of the kingdom. Story Behind the Book "When we started Imago Dei Community, it was with a passion to be people who live in love with Jesus and live out the values of His kingdom in our city. But we had no idea how to do that. God let us stumble into grace and discover the wide-open plains of His kingdom. This has ruined us in the best way possible. Because once you taste untamed life in the kingdom, you will never go back to the sterile hallways of religion. The beautiful, transforming grace of Christ shows up in the messiness of life and the kingdom breaks in as a beautiful mess." Rick McKinley

Keep Christianity Strange. As the culture changes all around us, it is no longer possible to pretend that we are a Moral Majority. That may be bad news for America, but it can be good news for the church. What's needed now, in shifting times, is neither a doubling-down on the status quo nor a pullback into isolation. Instead, we need a church that speaks to social and political issues with a bigger vision in mind: that of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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As Christianity seems increasingly strange, and even subversive, to our culture, we have the opportunity to reclaim the freakishness of the gospel, which is what gives it its power in the first place. We seek the kingdom of God, before everything else. We connect that kingdom agenda to the culture around us, both by speaking it to the world and by showing it in our churches. As we do so, we remember our mission to oppose demons, not to demonize opponents. As we advocate for human dignity, for religious liberty, for family stability, let's do so as those with a prophetic word that turns everything upside down. The signs of the times tell us we are in for days our parents and grandparents never knew. But that's no call for panic or surrender or outrage. Jesus is alive. Let's act like it. Let's follow him, onward to the future.

What is the "Christian life" all about? Studying the Bible, attending church, cultivating a prayer life, witnessing to others—those are all good. But is that really what Jesus has in mind? The answer, says Scot McKnight in *One.Life*, lies in Jesus' words, "Follow me." What does it look like to follow Jesus, and how will doing so change the way we live our life—our love.life, our justice.life, our peace.life, our community.life, our sex.life—everything about our life. *One.Life* will open your eyes to the full, compelling immensity of what it means to be a Christian. "Jesus offers to us a kingdom dream that transforms us to the very core of our being," says Scot McKnight. "His vision is so big we are called to give our entire life to it. His vision is so big it swallows up our dreams." Discover

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exactly what Jesus meant when he announced the arrival of God's kingdom. Equipping you with a new understanding of that kingdom's radical nature, One.Life shares profound, challenging, and practical insights on how to demonstrate its reality in your life. In many ways, what *The Cost of Discipleship* by Bonhoeffer challenged Christians to do in earlier generations, One.Life will do for a new generation. One.Life will call you beyond the flatlands of religiosity toward a kingdom vision that will shape everything you do.

Discipleship and Ministry Then and Now (A Tribute to Scot McKnight)

Practicing the Presence of the Kingdom of God

No Longer Strangers

The Jesus Creed

Satan's Last Assault on God's Kingdom

The Shadow Kingdom

Living the King Jesus Gospel

The way of Kingdom Discipleship is not one of several options for Christians to choose from. There is no other offer being made. Jesus made it clear to all who want to follow Him that they must follow Him on HIS terms alone or they will never make it to the end. Being a disciple of Jesus is the ONLY way to become all that we were intended to be. We who were saved from the world are on the way to becoming fully formed into the image of Christ. This is God's plan; and Kingdom Discipleship is the means to that end. For individual or group study, Kingdom Discipleship is a study guide intended to

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lead Christians into a deeper walk of abiding with God. This study concentrates on the teachings Jesus intended His disciples to follow to transform them into becoming like Him in word and deed.

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An Award-Winning Challenge to Popular Ideas of the Kingdom According to Scot McKnight, "kingdom" is the biblical term most misused by Christians today.

It has taken on meanings that are completely at odds with what the Bible says and has become a

buzzword for both social justice and redemption. In

Kingdom Conspiracy, McKnight offers a sizzling biblical corrective and a fiercely radical vision for the role of the local church in the kingdom of God. Now

in paper. Praise for Kingdom Conspiracy 2015

Outreach Resources of the Year Award Winner One of Leadership Journal's Best Books for Church

Leaders in 2014 "This is a must-read for church

leaders today."--Publishers Weekly "A timely

resource for the missional church to reexamine

some basic assumptions that impact church practice in the everyday."--Outreach

With the price of admission, you are guaranteed a

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be secured no matter how many orphans you feed or

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Revelation

Kingdom Conspiracy

Inside the World of Christian Reconstruction

One.Life

Forming a Goodness Culture That Resists Abuses of Power and Promotes Healing

Following King Jesus

A half-android, half-human girl is accused of murder in Jess Rothenberg's tautly-paced YA thriller, *The Kingdom*, perfect for fans of *Westworld* and *The Lunar Chronicles*. "Wildly addictive and beautifully

terrifying... Readers will leave this glittering theme park forgetting what is real."—Dhonielle Clayton, New York Times bestselling author of The Belles Welcome to the Kingdom... where "Happily Ever After" isn't just a promise, but a rule. Glimmering like a jewel behind its gateway, The Kingdom™ is an immersive fantasy theme park where guests soar on virtual dragons, castles loom like giants, and bioengineered species—formerly extinct—roam free. Ana is one of seven Fantasists, beautiful “princesses” engineered to make dreams come true. When she meets park employee Owen, Ana begins to experience emotions beyond her programming including, for the first time... love. But the fairytale becomes a nightmare when Ana is accused of murdering Owen, igniting the trial of the century. Through courtroom testimony, interviews, and Ana's memories of Owen, emerges a tale of love, lies, and cruelty—and what it truly means to be human. An ACTION PACKED, Ripping read chock-full of expert Snipers, Assassin Spies, munition experts, and one former CIA operative turned successful businessman who funds their quest. Beginning with Israel's top-tier Army Sniper during the first Lebanon war who uncovers a deep conspiracy at his country's highest level linked to a global cabal; From the Golan Heights to the mountains of Montana U.S.-of-A culminating in the emergence of an unlikely international team of military Special Operators and Mossad assassins who fall together through impossible, otherworldly intervention to destroy an

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insidious, embedded evil that seeks to capture and enslave the souls of man through their secret, ancient technology. Cross Kingdom is complete with splendid and highly accurate military and spy-craft detail, from technical weapons and explosive munitions to a deep military and espionage understanding; it is truly difficult to believe that the author did not personally experience these events in some way.

FIND WHAT MATTERS MOST. BUILD YOUR LIFE AROUND IT. In an age of distraction, everyone is looking for something that gives purpose and perspective on life. Jesus says it's the kingdom of God. But the kingdom is not just another religious idea. Rather, God's loving reign brings clarity and coherence to all of life - identity, work, play, relationships, justice, character - in a way that is profound and practical. Seek First brings theology to the streets, giving a vision for the kingdom that will truly change your life. "Treat presents the message of the kingdom in a way that gives us a grander vision for life, whether in the workplace or on the basketball court." - CHRIS BROUSSARD, NBA analyst and sports broadcaster "Few books do as good a job as this one in showing us how giving up everything for Christ and his kingdom is the pathway to our greatest gain. Seek First is a gem!" - SCOTT SAULS, author and senior pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church "With insight and passion Treat reveals why we ought to reorient our lives and reprioritize our loves . . . practical and powerful." -

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MARIELLE WAKIM, editor, *Los Angeles* magazine "A prophetic and urgent note to the generations . . . a clearly written and much-needed book!" - **KEVIN J. VANHOOPER**, professor, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Contemporary evangelicals have built a "salvation culture" but not a "gospel culture." Evangelicals have reduced the gospel to the message of personal salvation. This book makes a plea for us to recover the old gospel as that which is still new and still fresh. The book stands on four arguments: that the gospel is defined by the apostles in 1 Corinthians 15 as the completion of the Story of Israel in the saving Story of Jesus; that the gospel is found in the Four Gospels; that the gospel was preached by Jesus; and that the sermons in the Book of Acts are the best example of gospeling in the New Testament. The King Jesus Gospel ends with practical suggestions about evangelism and about building a gospel culture.

The Megachurch Book

How Fixing the World is Killing the Church

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Anointed for the Market Place

Social Capital

The Kingdom

They Call Me Jesus

Dallas Willard, the author of the bestselling spiritual classic, *The Divine Conspiracy*, now fulfills his revolutionary vision of how the kingdom of God is made real on earth in this sequel, the last book he was working on before his recent death. In *The Divine*

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Conspiracy, revered Christian philosopher and scholar Dallas Willard critiqued the church's obsession with "sin management" and revolutionized our understanding of true Christian discipleship. Jesus is not a remote savior, waiting to welcome us into heaven after we die, Willard argued. He is a dynamic living force, a leader and teacher to whom we apprentice ourselves to learn the sacred skills God wants us to embrace, and to fulfill His son's vision when Christ declared that the "kingdom of God has come." In *The Divine Conspiracy Continued*, co-written with theologian Gary Black, Willard lays out the next stage in God's plan as this generation of disciples, including ordained and lay leaders, step into positions of authority across our culture and begin to transform the world from the inside out. To fulfill the Christian calling is not to remove oneself from the outside world and take shelter from its shortcomings, Willard reminds us, but to step into the world to lead and serve as agents of change.

Social capital is a principal concept across the social sciences and has readily entered into mainstream discourse. In short, it is popular. However, this popularity has taken its toll. Social capital suffers from a lack of consensus because of the varied ways it is measured, defined, and deployed by different researchers. It has been put to work in ways that stretch and confuse its conceptual value, blurring the lines between networks, trust, civic engagement, and any type of collaborative action. This clear and concise volume presents the diverse theoretical approaches of scholars from Marx, Coleman, and Bourdieu to Putnam, Fukuyama, and Lin, carefully analyzing their commonalities and differences. Joonmo Son categorizes this wealth of work according to whether its focus is on the necessary preconditions for social capital, its structural basis, or its production. He distinguishes between individual and collective social capital (from shared resources of a personal network to pooled assets of a whole society), and interrogates the practical impact social capital has had in various policy areas (from health to economic development). Social Capital will be of immense value to

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readers across the social sciences and practitioners in relevant fields seeking to understand this mercurial concept.

The Divine Conspiracy has revolutionized how we think about the true meaning of discipleship. In this classic, one of the most brilliant Christian thinkers of our times and author of the acclaimed *The Spirit of Disciplines*, Dallas Willard, skillfully weaves together biblical teaching, popular culture, science, scholarship, and spiritual practice, revealing what it means to "apprentice" ourselves to Jesus. Using Jesus's Sermon of the Mount as his foundation, Willard masterfully explores life-changing ways to experience and be guided by God on a daily basis, resulting in a more authentic and dynamic faith.

Let me begin by saying that our Christian experience must be translated from the four walls of the church and into our day to day lifestyle. It is in the heartbeat of our calling that we should translate the love of God as we pick it up from church and take it to our workplaces. My mandate through this book is to strategically position you into a place of influence in your nation of calling within the marketplace. For a long time the marketplace has remained the reserve of the children of this world. 'The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light' (Luke 16:8). By failing to take our position of dominion in the marketplace, we have put our God to shame. The name of God has been profaned by many people in this world. Have you realized that anytime you mention that you are born again in your workplace, you encounter ridicule, rejection and even persecution? People have continued to shamelessly talk foul things concerning Christianity and this has to stop. God is saying that He is ready to sanctify His great name that has been profaned. God wants to do this through you. God desires that you prosper in all that you do within the marketplace, and this you must remember is for His purposes. He is not doing it for you to be proud. God is doing it "that they may see and know, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it" (Isaiah 41:20).

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God wants to introduce and establish His Kingdom in the marketplace through you. He will show Himself strong on your behalf for His purposes to be fulfilled in the earth. To many Christians, there has been and there remains to be a great misconception on the perception towards serving God. We see service in the full time ministry position as the only way to serve God. In everything we do, it is important to understand that it is because of the purposes of God that we were created. God is a wise investor and the gifting He invested in you is for the expansion of His Kingdom. God wants to show Himself strong through you. The Kingdom of God is within you and as such, you are supposed to carry it into your marketplaces. It has to manifest through you at your place of work, business and even in your relationships. You should remember that He chose you. You did not choose Him. To quite a number of Christians, business is secular work, whereas serving God in church is the only way to ascribe to ministry. This tendency is so prevalent in the church that many well meaning Christians do their business or work in offices without connecting it to ministry. That is why many Christians have this 'holier than thou' attitude when in church doing the things of God but when they get to their work stations they exhibit lucre luster performances, oblivious of the fact that we are commanded to work as unto God. Many Christians may be concerned with church work and even support it financially, but fail to see the connection between service at their work place and their Christian life. Some even think that if you really are serious about ministry, you ought to quit your job or give up your business in order to pursue a role in full time ministry. The object matter of this book is to bring every believer to the realization that we all were created for a purpose and that the faster we realize this and take up our positions the better. As Christians we are cut out and mandated to fulfill a specific assignment for God here on earth. Our mission is to honour God in our service by extending His will to all our activities.

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Revelations, Conspiracy, and the Kingdom of Heaven

Becoming a Disciple Like Jesus

A Church Called Tov

The Lost Gospel

Back to Venice

Kingdom Planet - The Final Kingdom

Evangelical Christianity in the United States is currently in a dramatic state of change. Yet amidst this sometimes tumultuous religious environment a rather unique blend of both ancient and contemporary Christian theology has found its way into the hearts and minds of emerging generations of Christians. The Theology of Dallas Willard both describes and conveys the essence of this increasingly popular and perhaps mediating view of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Blending both a prophetic critique with pastoral encouragement, Willard's unique understanding of the reality present within a life lived as a disciple of Jesus in the kingdom of God is attracting both new and traditional Christians to reconsider their faith.

For the 15th anniversary of The Jesus Creed, Scot McKnight offers a fresh edition of this life-giving classic with a new introduction and the

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foreword by John Ortberg. With more than 50,000 copies sold, The Jesus Creed is Scot McKnight's bestselling book, a remarkable summary of what biblical Christianity is at its core: Loving God and Loving Others. It fosters a practical understanding, appreciation of and application of Christian formation in grace and love toward God and Neighbor.

"The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this really why we celebrate Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event once again? [AC] Advent Conspiracy is an international movement restoring the scandal of Christmas by substituting compassion for consumption. For three years, Advent Conspiracy has been giving people hope that Christmas

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doesn't have to be about credit cards, to-do lists and traffic jams. This four-session DVD study will introduce you to this revolution in compassion as you learn to: Worship Fully. It starts and ends with Jesus. It's a season where love wins, peace reigns, and a king is celebrate. It's the party of the year. Spend Less. Americans spend an average of \$450 billion a year every Christmas. What if we all committed to buying just one less gift this year? Give More. God's gift to us was a relationship built on love. Time is one of the more precious gifts we can give at Christmas, time to make love visible through relational giving. This Christmas, give presence to those you love. Love All. When Jesus loved, he loved in ways never imagined. By spending less at Christmas we have the opportunity to join him in giving resources to those who need them most. Nobody wants a Christmas worth forgetting. Welcome to the Advent Conspiracy."

Waiting to be rediscovered in the British Library is an ancient manuscript of the early Church, copied

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by an anonymous monk. The manuscript is at least 1,450 years old, possibly dating to the first century. And now, The Lost Gospel provides the first ever translation from Syriac into English of this unique document that tells the inside story of Jesus' social, family, and political life. The Lost Gospel takes the reader on an unparalleled historical adventure through a paradigm shifting manuscript. What the authors eventually discover is as astounding as it is surprising: the confirmation of Jesus' marriage to Mary Magdalene; the names of their two children; the towering presence of Mary Magdalene; a previously unknown plot on Jesus' life (thirteen years prior to the crucifixion); an assassination attempt against Mary Magdalene and their children; Jesus' connection to political figures at the highest level of the Roman Empire; and a religious movement that antedates that of Paul—the Church of Mary Magdalene. Part historical detective story, part modern adventure, The Lost Gospel reveals secrets that have been hiding in plain sight for millennia.

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Breaking Pride

Sermon on the Mount

Cross-Kingdom

Open to the Spirit

Onward

Rethinking How You Read the Bible

Fulfilling God's Kingdom on Earth

*Imagine what it would be like to go back in time to the 15th century Venice. And imagine what it would be like to meet your lifelong hero, Michelangelo. And imagine what it would be like if, on first meeting, you spill a tray of pasta and wine on that very same hero. Well, that's what happens to serious young artist Mark Breen. As the result of a drunken bet, Mark knocks out a painting of a toilet bowl. Much to his amazement, he sells it. In short order he's hailed as the new Andy Warhol and becomes an overnight sensation-and a very wealthy man. Soon, images of his toilet bowls are on more t-shirts, mugs, and calendars than Edvard Munch's *The Scream*. His friend and mentor, Hugh Connelly, afraid that Mark is in danger of losing his "artistic soul," advises him to go back to Italy and acquaint himself with the "old masters." In Venice, Mark falls in love with Alexandra, a beautiful art restorer, but it's a one-sided affair. One night, hoping to win her over, he climbs up on a roof to find out who painted her favorite fresco. He falls off the roof and wakes up in 15th century Venice where he meets an innkeeper named Francesca, who looks exactly like Alexandra. And it gets curiously and curiously from there. During his stay-which is sometimes zany and sometimes frightening-he meet his hero, Michelangelo, who teaches him the true meaning of art. Do we ever learn from history? What were the conditions on the Earth that resulted in its destruction except for Noah and his family? What are the conditions on the Earth today? Will history repeat itself in our time? I.D.E. Thomas reveals startling*

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similarities between the past and today; between ancient peoples and modern peoples, signs that point to a return of mysterious beings known in the Bible as "Nephilim". The Omega Conspiracy could well be their final battle.

Between the covers of Kingdom Planet read about the extraordinary events that surface within the functions of a major worldwide chemical corporation. The diabolical plot of the firm that is actually run by Satan's soldiers, will astound and challenge your thinking regarding workplace realities.

This early work by Robert E. Howard was originally published in 1929 and we are now republishing it with a brand new introductory biography. 'The Shadow Kingdom' is a story in the Kull series in which Kull is tricked by the Serpent Men and barely escapes with his life. Robert Ervin Howard was born in Peaster, Texas in 1906. During his youth, his family moved between a variety of Texan boomtowns, and Howard - a bookish and somewhat introverted child - was steeped in the violent myths and legends of the Old South. At fifteen Howard began to read the pulp magazines of the day, and to write more seriously. The December 1922 issue of his high school newspaper featured two of his stories, 'Golden Hope Christmas' and 'West is West'. In 1924 he sold his first piece - a short caveman tale titled 'Spear and Fang' - for \$16 to the not-yet-famous Weird Tales magazine. Howard's most famous character, Conan the Cimmerian, was a barbarian-turned-King during the Hyborian Age, a mythical period of some 12,000 years ago. Conan featured in seventeen Weird Tales stories between 1933 and 1936 which is why Howard is now regarded as having spawned the 'sword and sorcery' genre. The Conan stories have since been adapted many times, most famously in the series of films starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Engaging the Culture Without Losing the Gospel

Can Christmas Still Change the World?

The Theology of Dallas Willard

The King Jesus Gospel

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Loving God, Loving Others - 15th Anniversary Edition

This Beautiful Mess

How the Kingdom of God Changes Everything

For the last several decades, at the far fringes of American evangelical Christianity has stood an intellectual movement known as Christian Reconstruction. The proponents of this movement embrace a radical position: that all of life should be brought under the authority of biblical law as it is contained in both the Old and New Testaments. They challenge the legitimacy of democracy, argue that slavery is biblically justifiable, and support the death penalty for all manner of "crimes" described in the Bible including homosexuality, adultery, and Sabbath-breaking. But, as Julie Ingersoll shows in this fascinating new book, this "Biblical Worldview" shapes their views not only on political issues, but on everything from private property and economic policy to history and literature. Holding that the Bible provides a coherent, internally consistent, and all-encompassing worldview, they seek to remake the entirety of

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society--church, state, family,
economy--along biblical lines. Tracing
the movement from its mid-twentieth-
century origins in the writings of
theologian and philosopher R.J.
Rushdoony to its present-day sites of
influence, including the Christian Home
School movement, advocacy for the
teaching of creationism, and the
development and rise of the Tea Party,
Ingersoll illustrates how
Reconstructionists have broadly and
subtly shaped conservative American
Protestantism over the course of the
late-twentieth and early-twenty-first
centuries. Drawing on interviews with
Reconstructionists themselves as well
as extensive research in
Reconstructionist publications,
Building God's Kingdom offers the most
complete and balanced portrait to date
of this enigmatic segment of the
Christian Right.

“Scot and Laura do an amazing job of
teaching us what a good church looks
like.” –Beth Moore *What is the way
forward for the church?* Tragically, in
recent years, Christians have gotten
used to revelations of abuses of many

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kinds in our most respected churches—from Willow Creek to Harvest, from Southern Baptist pastors to Sovereign Grace churches. Respected author and theologian Scot McKnight and former Willow Creek member Laura Barringer wrote this book to paint a pathway forward for the church. We need a better way. The sad truth is that churches of all shapes and sizes are susceptible to abuses of power, sexual abuse, and spiritual abuse. Abuses occur most frequently when Christians neglect to create a culture that resists abuse and promotes healing, safety, and spiritual growth. How do we keep these devastating events from repeating themselves? We need a map to get us from where we are today to where we ought to be as the body of Christ. That map is in a mysterious and beautiful little Hebrew word in Scripture that we translate “good,” the word tov. In this book, McKnight and Barringer explore the concept of tov—unpacking its richness and how it can help Christians and churches rise up to fulfill their true calling as imitators of Jesus.

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So many of us desire freedom - the freedom that is promised to us when we decide to follow Jesus. The freedom from the burden of our sin, the need to be "good enough," anger, jealousy, and envy. Even though we are believers we would be ashamed to say that we don't always experience peace, contentment, and joy in our life. We are looking for the grace that God has so graciously given to us to be real in our life... Breaking Pride is an eBook based on one simple truth: In order to walk in God's grace we need to tear down the the walls of pride. A lot of believers, even though saved by God's grace, are still walking in pride rather than walking in His grace. Knowing what pride is and learning to identify pride in your life is the first step to overcoming a life filled with pride. Pride is rooted in fear and leads to anger, jealousy, and envy. Sin isn't keeping us from having a relationship with the Lord, it's our pride. So many of us long to have an authentic and REAL relationship with the Lord, and we long to have the fruit of the spirit filled in our heart. Our desire is to

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achieve these fruits through will power. But we do not even realize that the pride that lives within our heart is what is blocking the fruit of the spirit from living within us. In *Breaking Pride* you will learn to identify different areas of pride in your life. Filled with encouragement, *Breaking Pride* will take you through a practical reading of what pride may look like in your life... Let's stop building walls of pride and start building the foundation of grace within our lives...

What does evangelism look like at its best? Evangelism can hurt sometimes. Well-meaning Christians who welcome immigrants and refugees and share the gospel with them will often alienate the very people they are trying to serve through cultural misconceptions or insensitivity to their life experiences. In *No Longer Strangers*, diverse voices lay out a vision for a healthier evangelism that can honor the most vulnerable—many of whom have lived through trauma, oppression, persecution, and the effects of colonialism—while foregrounding the

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message of the gospel. With perspectives from immigrants and refugees, and pastors and theologians (some of whom are immigrants themselves), this book offers guidance for every church, missional institution, and individual Christian in navigating the power dynamics embedded in differences of culture, race, and language. Every contributor wholeheartedly affirms the goodness and importance of evangelism as part of Christian discipleship while guiding the reader away from the kind of evangelism that hurts, toward the kind of evangelism that heals.

Following Jesus in a Postmodern World

Discovering Protoevangelical Faith

Building God's Kingdom

God in Us, God with Us, God

Transforming Us

Models of the Kingdom

Atonement and Kingdom in Biblical and Systematic Theology

The Original Good News Revisited

Emphasizing the historical distance between the New Testament and our contemporary culture, The Sermon on the Mount by Scot McKnight, part of the new The Story of God Bible Commentary series, offers helpful contextual insights for

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those seeking to discern how to live out the Bible in today's world. Perfect for pastors, students, Sunday school teachers, and lay people alike, this highly anticipated series provides a clear and compelling exposition of the text in the context of the Bible's overarching story. The authors move away from "application" language, which has been criticized as being too simplistic, encouraging instead a wider perspective and discussion of how the biblical story can be lived today. Offering a new type of application commentary for today's context, the Story of God Bible Commentary series explains and illuminates Scripture as God's Story, with each New Testament text examined as embedded in its canonical and historical setting, in order to foster discernment in living the story faithfully and creatively with and for the Church in the 21st Century.

Whether you desire a fresh look at what it means to be a disciple or are new to the idea of Christian discipleship, this workbook is a gospel-centered guide to what Jesus means when he asks us to follow him. Why is there so often a divide between being a Christian in name and being a true follower of Jesus? They should be the same thing. But learning how to follow Jesus--to live into the name Christ-ian by working to become like him--takes a lifetime of devotion and a renewed focus on the gospels. Author and professor Scot McKnight teaches what it means to follow King Jesus by helping individuals and study groups: Understand the biblical meaning of the gospel Learn (or re-learn) how to properly read the Bible Live as disciples of Jesus in all areas of life Show the world God's character through the community of the church Based on four of McKnight's bestsellers (The King Jesus Gospel, The Blue Parakeet – 2nd edition, One.Life, and A Fellowship of Differents), this workbook is designed for personal study and disciple-making groups of two or more. These 24 lessons on discipleship essentials will help you

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develop a proper framework for being a disciple in your relationship to God, yourself, fellow believers, and the world. This study brings together the whole story of Revelation (as well as Daniel, Isaiah, and the Gospels, among other prophecies) and shows how together they form a coherent narrative-not just of the end of the world, but of God's immense plan to allow Satan to build a global empire of evil on earth over the centuries. Find out why popular interpretations surrounding the Antichrist, the Tribulation, the Rapture, Zionism, the Millennial Kingdom, the Beast, the Mark, and the Whore of Babylon are all deeply mistaken and in need of re-examination. No tradition is safe when we look closely at the holy text! One of the main goals of this book is to show that Revelation is a single, linear story, with no repetition, redundancy, or interchangeable parts. Every seal, trumpet, and vial is unique and has to happen in the exact order they appear. Skeptical? Fantastic. Be prepared to see things in the Bible you've never even thought about before, including a prophecy in Jeremiah which has allowed Satan to believe he will have a final victory over God when Jesus Christ comes back to Jerusalem! Oh, and did I mention that most of Revelation happens after the Church is wiped out by Satan? Learn the mystery of the 144,000 elect and prepare yourself for a whole new appreciation of the final book of the Bible.

The Great Procession chronicles a series of encounters with the Holy Spirit that Jacob Reeve experienced over the course of nine months immediately following a 40-day fast. During this time, Jacob was awakened almost every night by the Spirit to receive the next portion of an ongoing parable that picked up where it left off the night before. As the story unfolds, so does the contrast between the divisive religious mindset and the mindset of pure identity in Christ. The Spirit is revealing what it looks like for mankind to venture out from

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the island of isolation and into the open forests of God's Kingdom: hence the Great Procession. For many, this parable will represent a foundational shift in the way everything is seen. The Incredible insights from the Holy Spirit answer many of those deep-down questions about life, purpose, and faith that many of us have, and will prove to be an indispensable resource for anyone who desires to live in a wholehearted, full embrace with Christ, knowing the King and His Kingdom, and living in the true faith, freedom, and love that the Holy Spirit beckons us into.

The Omega Conspiracy

The Great Procession

Transforming Evangelism with Immigrant Communities

Advent Conspiracy

The Divine Conspiracy

Returning to the Radical Mission of the Local Church

How to Know, Read, Live, and Show the Gospel

Parakeets make delightful pets. We cage them or clip their wings to keep them where we want them. Scot McKnight contends that many, conservatives and liberals alike, attempt the same thing with the Bible. We all try to tame it. McKnight's *The Blue Parakeet* calls Christians to stop taming the Bible and to let it speak anew to our heart.

McKnight challenges us to rethink how to read the Bible, not just to puzzle it together into some systematic belief but to see it as a Story that we're summoned to enter and to carry forward

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in our day.

The kingdom of God and the atonement are two of the most important themes in all of Scripture. Tragically, theologians have often either set the two at odds or focused on one to the complete neglect of the other. In *The Crucified King*, Jeremy Treat demonstrates that Scripture presents a mutually enriching relationship between the kingdom and atonement that draws significantly from the story of Israel and culminates in the crucifixion of Christ the king. As Israel's messiah, he holds together the kingdom and the cross by bringing God's reign on earth through his atoning death. The kingdom is the ultimate goal of the cross, and the cross is the means by which the kingdom comes. Jesus' death is not the failure of his messianic ministry, nor simply the prelude to his royal glory, but is the apex of his kingdom mission. The cross is the throne from which he rules and establishes his kingdom. Using a holistic approach that brings together the insights of biblical and systematic theology, this book demonstrates not only that the kingdom

and the cross are inseparable, but how they are integrated in Scripture and theology.

Before there were worshippers of Jesus, there were followers of Jesus. Before there were organized churches with creeds and doctrines, there were small communities of love, equality, and sharing dedicated to the practice of Jesus' teachings and committed to a wholly new way of living. Today, the churches of the Global North are in decline and younger generations no longer seek meaning there. Traditional "church Christianity" is gradually giving way to some new way of faithful living. From a Nazi prison cell, German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer imagined a future "religionless Christianity" consisting of contemplative prayer and righteous action in the secular world. A Conspiracy of Love presents the contours of such a faith based on the "way" of Jesus. It calls us to become troublemakers, revolutionaries, seekers of change, and agents of transformation engaged in conspiracies of love to establish justice and peace in a postmodern world. It offers many

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different people--those who remain in the church, those who have left, and those who have never ventured near--with a life of faith that is meaningful, intelligent, and passionate.

World-renowned New Testament scholar offers a straightforward examination of what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit. Who exactly is the Holy Spirit? What does he do in our lives? How can we know him more deeply, and is it possible to tap into his power? Should we pray to the Holy Spirit? Is it possible to be aware of his promptings and speaking into our lives? Dr. Scot McKnight answers these questions and more in this comprehensive examination of what the Bible says about this divinely important, but often confusing member of the Trinity. This is the third work in a three-part series examining some of the more mysterious components of the Christian faith. Scot's *The Heaven Promise* examines the afterlife. *The Hum of Angels* elucidates the Bible's teaching on God's supernatural messengers and protectors. Now, *Open to the Spirit* examines the

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most mysterious member of the Trinity. Scot blogs at Patheos, a large multi-perspective blog format. It serves many influential voices from many faith and non-faith traditions. Scot's blog draws primarily a Christian readership; one that is looking for intellectual engagement and thoughtful analysis of Scripture, Theology, and Culture.

The Crucified King

Seek First

Tearing Down Walls, Walking in His
Grace

Maybe Everyone Is Wrong

Kingdom Discipleship

Jesus Calls, We Follow

A Conspiracy of Love

Living the King Jesus Gospel brings together biblical scholars, theologians, church historians, and ministry practitioners to discuss the Good News of Jesus Christ, discipleship, and the Christian life throughout the centuries and in the world today. Drawing from across the New Testament, the Church Fathers, the Reformers, the Anglican and Orthodox Traditions, and various modern contexts, the contributors bring diverse perspectives to key questions about the gospel. What ties them all together is the

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person of King Jesus and the hope for a church that embodies and reflects a life-giving and flourishing kingdom.

The Megachurch Book juxtaposes the way of the scripture to the way of the modern day church, particularly the megachurch. A broad range of subjects are explored including church membership, lavish buildings, dual church locations, the absence of men in the church, neglect of community, the corporate orientation of the megachurch, the tax exempt charter, and many more intriguing topics. The book primarily focuses on trends and practices that are found in African American community based megachurches. Certain topics are written in prose and biblical metaphoric style for greater impact. The more biblical versed a reader is, the more the book will resonate. In order to accommodate various levels of biblical familiarity, the author includes a Discussions and Supporting Scriptures section at the conclusion of each topic. The Megachurch Book was written to open dialogue, invoke discourse, and inspire church attendees to not only consider the appropriateness of certain megachurch practices, but to also question such practices.

For centuries, Christians sought to rescue

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people from this world. Today, we're trying to fix it. While this shift is helpful in some ways, in other ways it can be quite dangerous. *Endangered Gospel* flips the script on this conversation by stressing the core gospel truth that rather than ushering in a new world through social activism, God's people already are the new world in Christ. It's not our job to make this world a better place, but to be the better place God has already made in this world. That's good news! If we let go of this truth, we become servants of the world and not God. We also lose the great joy and abundant life that God intended us to have in community. Jesus himself said that the world will know we are Christians by our love for one another--not the fervor of our activism. Social action makes us feel relevant and alive, but it can't be the center of our new life in Christ. *Endangered Gospel* explores how we might enthusiastically embrace the social dimensions of the gospel without divorcing them from the church or forcing them on the world. Read this book, hear the gospel story afresh, and embrace the good news of God's kingdom!

Endangered Gospel

The Community Gave Rise to the Megachurch.

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The Divine Conspiracy Continued
Rediscovering Our Hidden Life In God