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The Silent Killers of the Faith

Wipf and Stock Publishers
A design-thinking book for planting or redesigning churches and incubating a new generation of leaders. Written by Linda Bergquist and Allan Karr, two experienced church planters and mentors, the book is full of wisdom, practical advice, and creative counsel. Instead of a business-model-as-usual approach, the authors challenge readers to begin with the raw materials of beliefs, values, individuals, teams, and culture, and to then move outwards to draw from a rich palette of real and potential

church paradigms. This book is meant to provoke church leaders to think outside of the box and to imagine how their churches might better reflect the image and the mission of God in the world. Contains a wealth of illustrative examples, charts, and other visual aides Offers a creative practical perspective and a multi-disciplinary approach to establishing a new church or leading an existing one Shows how to honor a church's purpose while embracing its unique culture Includes important lessons for nurturing church leadership skills
Insurgence Destiny Image Publishers
This bold retelling of Luke 1 – 2, based on Eugene Peterson ' s Message translation, reads like a novel and invites readers to experience the Nativity

with fresh wonder. To Eugene Peterson ' s The Message Bible translation, John Blase adds his own storytelling voice, exploring the familiar events from multiple first-person viewpoints. What emerges is the intimate story of unlikely people—a frightened teenaged girl, a worried carpenter, a collection of senior citizens, a disillusioned young shepherd—meeting up with the divine as they bumble and stumble toward the realization that the little one just born is the One. This retold story of Word made flesh invites readers to react appropriately—with eyes opened wide in wonder, jaws dropped in amazement, and hearts rejoicing. The beautiful design and Amanda

Jolman's lively line drawings make this book a fitting gift as well as a Christmas tradition that families will treasure for years to come.

Democracy in the Christian Church NavPress

"So that in everything He might have the supremacy."

—Colossians 1:18 Christians have made the gospel about so many things—things other than Christ. Religious concepts, ideas, doctrines, strategies, methods, techniques, formulas, "its" and "things" have all eclipsed the beauty, the glory, and the reality of the Lord Jesus Himself. On the whole, Christians today are starved for a real experience of the living Christ. We know a lot about our Lord, but we don't know Him very well. We know a lot about trying to be like Jesus, but very little about living by His indwelling life. JESUS MANIFESTO presents a fresh unveiling of Jesus as not only Savior and Lord, but as so much more. It is a prophetic call to restore the supremacy and sovereignty of Christ in a world—and a church—that has lost sight of Him. Every revival and restoration in the church has been a rediscovery of some aspect of Christ in the process of answering the ultimate question that Jesus put to His disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Read this book and see your Lord like you've never seen Him before.

Unchurching WestBow Press

Servantship is essentially about following our Lord Jesus Christ, the servant Lord, and his mission--it is a

life of discipleship to him, patterned after his self-emptying, humility, sacrifice, love, values, and mission.

Servantship is humbly valuing others more than yourself, and looking out for the interests and wellbeing of others. Servantship is the cultivation of the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: making yourself nothing, being a servant, humbling yourself, and submitting yourself to the will and purposes of the triune God. Since servantship is the imitation of Christ, it involves an unreserved participation in the mission Dei--the Trinitarian mission of God. In this pioneering work, sixteen servants describe the four movements of radical servantship. Servantship is the movement 1.from leadership to radical servantship; 2.from shallowness to dynamic theological reflection; 3.from theories to courageous practices; and 4.from forgetfulness to transforming memory. Servantship recognizes, in word, thought, and deed, that "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave--just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for

many."

Revise Us Again

Lulu.com

According to recent surveys and studies, race relations in the United States are the worst they've been since the 1990s, and many would argue that life for most minorities has not significantly improved since the civil rights era of the 1960s. For so many, the dream of true equality has dissolved into a reality of prejudice, fear, and violence as a way of life. John M. Perkins has been there from the beginning. Raised by his sharecropping grandparents, Perkins fled Mississippi in 1947 after his brother was fatally shot by a police officer. He led voter registration efforts in 1964, worked for school desegregation in 1967, and was imprisoned and tortured in 1970. Through it all, he has remained determined to seek justice and reconciliation based in Christ's redemptive work.

"Justice is something that every generation has to strive for," he says. And despite the setbacks of recent years, Perkins finds hope in the young people he has met all across the nation who are hard at work, bringing about reconciliation in God's name and offering acceptance to all. *Dream with Me* is his look back at a life devoted to seeking justice for all God's people, as well as a look forward to what he sees as a potentially historic breakthrough for people of every race.

ReGrace B&H

Publishing Group

The intent of *To Preach or Not To Preach* is not to deny that "preaching" was important in the early church. But, the author aims to illustrate that the historical facts found within the biblical record define preaching as a primarily evangelical activity that occurred outside the meetings of the faithful. It is not until around 250AD

that sermons became increasingly central in church meetings... *Corporate Decision-Making in the Church of the New Testament* Lulu.com Have you ever wondered why we Christians do what we do for church every Sunday morning? Why do we "dress up" for church? Why does the pastor preach a sermon each week? Why do we have pews, steeples, and choirs? This groundbreaking book, now in affordable softcover, makes an unsettling proposal: most of what Christians do in present-day churches is rooted, not in the New Testament, but in pagan culture and rituals developed long after the death of the apostles. Coauthors Frank Viola and George Barna support their thesis with compelling historical evidence and extensive

footnotes that document the origins of modern Christian church practices. In the process, the authors uncover the problems that emerge when the church functions more like a business organization than the living organism it was created to be. As you reconsider Christ's revolutionary plan for his church—to be the head of a fully functioning body in which all believers play an active role—you'll be challenged to decide whether you can ever do church the same way again. *Finding Organic Church* Baker Books Bestselling author Frank Viola writes a time-tested field guide to weathering the storms of life. Whether it's the loss of a job, a child who has gotten into serious trouble, a relationship that's in peril, or a loved one with a debilitating illness, at some point, something in

our lives will strip us face-to-face with you into a fresh
of all control. Life people just like you. encounter with your
comes apart at the Broken, imperfect, Lord.
seams, and hope begins sometimes fearful and *Making Christianity*
to evaporate. Hang On, without hope. The Day I *Work: Letters and*
Let Go was written from Met Jesus is a *Lessons on Leadership,*
the pit of numerous beautifully crafted *Theology and the*
soul-piercing narrative that *Church* Baker Books
adversities in Frank's chronicles the Debate about church
own life. In this remarkable encounters order has gone on for
volume, he draws from of five women in the centuries within
the insights he gleaned Gospels who were Christianity, and an
from the Lord, friends, desperate to find end is nowhere in
and writers during his wholeness, security, sight. Perhaps that is
darkest days. The and purpose. Like all good, since the debate
wisdom contained in of us, these women shows the weaknesses
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bread and butter Frank regrets of their pasts, need correction.
relied on, helping him the stresses of their Corporate Decision-
to be developed by his presents, and the Making in the Church
trials rather than worries of their of the New Testament
destroyed by them. Each tomorrows. Join Frank examines church order
short chapter explores Viola and Mary DeMuth from a careful
a different aspect of on a fascinating exegetical
the storm: When You journey back in time as perspective, with
Need to Regrip, Walking they retell the particular attention
in the Darkness, dramatic accounts of to the social world of
Abandoning Fix-It Mode, five women who met the New Testament.
The Story in Our Head, Jesus. Each narrative While most works about
Just Breathe, and much is told from each church government
more. This book is woman's unique address structure and
about how to react to perspective, yet qualities of
intense trials in your tightly grounded in the leadership, Jeff Brown
life with two seemingly Gospel accounts and deals with the
contradictory impulses: faithful to first- interaction of the
hang on, let go. How is century history. people of the church,
that possible? . . . Elegantly written and both with their
Read on. Frank explores profoundly stirring, leaders and with one
the how and the why in this book blends another, in setting
this highly practical, creative narrative with policy. In brief,
incisive, no-nonsense uncommon insight, though all believers
guidebook on how to spiritual depth, and in the young church of
thrive during the practical application. the New Testament
inevitable pitfalls of If you are someone who revered Christ and his
life. seeks a renewal of Word as authoritative,
Houses That Change the hope, faith, and love, not all church
World Baker Books The Day I Met Jesus decisions were from
Two thousand years will make your Bible the top down from
ago, Jesus Christ met come to life and usher earthly leaders. On

the contrary, many were from the bottom up. This should come as no surprise to those familiar with Jesus' admonition in the Gospels, You have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

Asian Americans and the Spirit of Racial Capitalism David C

Cook

Are apostles amongst us today? According to a growing section of the church, the answer is yes. This book investigates and appraises that idea seeking answers to the following questions in the context of the church in the USA and particularly Britain: Is there a robust scriptural justification for the charismatic apostolate (CA) that most charismatic groups are proclaiming? How widespread is this belief and why has it become more commonplace? What kind of apostles are being advocated by influential popular teachers? What does church history and tradition have to offer to this idea? Is there a way to

endorse and embrace ecumenically the CA? Does the CA have a future in the universal church? These are important questions to answer for the sake of the church's mission and health.

Church Turned Inside Out

Reimagining Church A new way of seeing that the headwaters for all church life and form is the community life of the Father, Son, and Spirit. This is both theological and practical. The corporate life that God lives by (eternal life) is the same that He gives to us. This is a life of loving one another and Jesus said that it comes from heaven (John 17). This community life is both the engine and the fuel for our lives together as believers, the backbone of organic church life. *Creature of the Word* Windblown Media The Reformers viewed the gospel as not

merely one thing among many in the life of a church but rather the means by which the church exists. When the gospel is rightly declared and applied to God's people, the church becomes "a creature of the Word." She understands, embraces, and lives out the reality of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection in more than her doctrinal statement. The gospel impacts all the church is and does. *Creature of the Word* lays out this concept in full, first examining the rich, scripture-based beauty of a Jesus-centered church, then clearly providing practical steps toward forming a Jesus-centered church. Authors Matt Chandler, Eric Geiger, and Josh Patterson write what will become a centering discussion piece for those whose goal is to be part of a church that has its theology, culture, and practice completely saturated

in the gospel.
The Misunderstood God
Destiny Image
Incorporated
Every person follows
a script for living,
a life guide that
directs our behavior
and shapes our
choices. As
believers, we find
the original script
for living woven
throughout the Bible.
Yet while the
Christian message is
simple, it can become
complicated by our
environment, our
culture, and our
religious ideas and
traditions. For this
reason, we are all in
constant need of
revising the scripts
by which we live.
Author Frank Viola
believes we need to
revisit and revise
what it means to live
the Christian life.
Drawing from his rich
background in
ministry, Viola
examines ten key
areas that impact
every believer and
explores fresh ways
to revise them.
Conversational,
insightful, and
practical, *Revise Us*
Again encourages us
to examine those
religious habits that

we unconsciously pick
up from others and
rescript them with
new habits that line
up with our new
nature in Christ.
Touching Wonder David
C Cook
Millions of believers
are currently leaving
the organized church,
without giving up
their faith. Sadly,
many are only defining
themselves by what
they don't do, as
Christians who simply
"don't go to church."
It's time for these
believers to catch a
vision for genuine
spiritual community,
outside the walls of
organized
Christianity, a way of
being the church
without going to
church. *Unchurched*:
Christianity Without
Churchianity will
challenge everything
you thought you knew
about church.
Unchurched boldly
examines whether
organized churches are
even biblical. It
thoroughly
deconstructs the idea
of special church
buildings, paid
pastors, weekly
sermons, mandatory
tithes and offerings,
gender inequality in
church leadership, and
much more. *Unchurched*
is intended to empower
believers who are done

with organized church
but aren't ready to
abandon their faith. It
will give non-
churchgoing Christians
a vision for genuine
spiritual community
that simply functions
like an extended
spiritual family. And
it will equip them with
the language to finally
articulate that vision
to others. Here's what
others are saying about
Unchurched: "Lots of
books that invite
Christians to follow
Jesus outside of the
four walls of
churchianity are filled
with harsh judgment and
criticism of how others
'do church.' But not
this book! *Unchurched*
by Richard Jacobson is
full of love and grace.
There is no judgment,
condemnation, or guilt-
casting of any kind.
Beginning with the
Trinity of God,
Jacobson presents a
grand vision of what
the church can be and
how we can truly have
community as followers
of Jesus. Read this
book and be encouraged
to take the next step
of your journey!"
Jeremy Myers, author
and blogger at
RedeemingGod.com
"*Unchurched*:
Christianity without
Churchianity validates
and empowers the
rapidly growing number

of people who are in the transition between traditional church and an informal community of disciples meeting outside the four walls of the church building. Richard Jacobson has been on both sides of this shift and is uniquely qualified to write about it—which he does well, with insight, humility, and scholarship. I especially valued his comments on the freedom that women have to do and be everything God is calling them to. Highly recommended." Felicity Dale: author, *An Army of Ordinary People*; co-author, *Small is Big* "Unchurched presents us with a picture of a church that is all about one person—Jesus. As I read this book I felt my pulse quicken and my heart leap for joy because everything Richard writes about is centered on, around, and in relation to the One who would rather die than live without us. Anyone who loves Jesus and who longs to take hold of Him in a gathering where He is the focal point will delight in this book. It's truly amazing what happens when we get out of the way and allow Jesus to take center stage. This book shows us what that can look like, if we are willing to let go of our traditions and embrace the living, breathing Christ who longs to share His life with us throughout eternity, starting right now!" Keith Giles, author of *This Is My Body: Ekklesia As God Intended*; author of *Jesus Untangled Dream with Me* Oxford University Press This book is a record of a conversation between Jesus and part of his bride - one local church. We will follow this conversation over a number of years as he revealed more and more of his vision for his church. He said to the man who would be the first among the first apostles, "I will build my church", and we will follow how he has been building us into the community that he wants us to be.

The House Church Book
David C Cook
Jesus + Nothing = Everything! "The glory of God is man fully alive." Have you ever wondered why the most powerful entity on the planet, the Kingdom of God, doesn't work like it should? Why don't we see more people reached, touched, delivered, healed, and whole? Why are so many Christians bound, stagnated, frustrated, and lacking change? Could it be that we've lost the organic essence of the Gospel? Somehow we've taken the most powerful message on the planet and turned it into religion. Organic Christianity is a call back to intimacy with God that will free us to find the life we were born to live. When you see the real, organic message of the Gospel, it will liberate you to find a life fully alive. This book will cause you to see the organic meaning of love, grace, righteousness, and faith that will move you into the fullness of God's Kingdom. You will learn: • God's not mad at you—He loves you unconditionally. • How to position yourself for the New Reformation. • How to find the life you were born to live. • How to manifest God's Kingdom through grace, righteousness, and faith. Organic Christianity challenges us to strip away all our traditions and lists of "dos and don'ts" and get back to basics. Pure, unadulterated, "no

additives or preservatives" Christianity! The simplest equation in the world is: Jesus + Nothing = Everything! **To Preach Or Not to Preach** Thomas Nelson The church is tired of seeing Christians act ungraciously toward one another when they disagree. Social media has added to the carnage. Christians routinely block each other on Facebook because of doctrinal disagreements. The world watches the blood-letting, and the Christian witness is tarnished. But what if every Christian discovered that their favorite teacher in church history had blind spots and held to some false--and even shocking--views? Bestselling author Frank Viola argues that this simple awareness will soften Christians when they interact with each other in the face of theological disagreements. In *ReGrace*, he uncovers some of the shocking beliefs held by faith giants like C.S. Lewis, Luther,

Calvin, Moody, Spurgeon, Wesley, Graham, and Augustine--not to downgrade or dismiss them, but to show that even "the greats" in church history didn't get everything right. Knowing that the heroes of our faith sometimes got it wrong will empower us to treat our fellow Christians with grace rather than disdain whenever we disagree over theology. *Bethany - resurrected church* Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. During His ministry on earth, Jesus of Nazareth spent most of His time healing the sick, casting out demons, training disciples, teaching the people, and preaching the kingdom of God. But what is Jesus Christ doing today? What is His present-day ministry? In *Jesus Now*, bestselling author Frank Viola gives us the first comprehensive treatment of what Jesus has been doing since His ascension until His second coming. In an easy-to-read format, Viola explores the seven

aspects of Christ's ministry today and shows how each one benefits the saved and the unsaved. Open these pages and discover what the Lord Jesus Christ is doing now and how it will impact your life. *Jesus's Broken Church* William Carey Library Many people today, especially among emerging generations, don't resonate with the church and organized Christianity. Some are leaving the church and others were never part of the church in the first place. Sometimes it's because of misperceptions about the church. Yet often they are still spiritually open and fascinated with Jesus. This is a ministry resource book exploring six of the most common objects and misunderstandings emerging generations have about the church and Christianity. The objections come from conversations and interviews the church has had with unchurched twenty and thirty-somethings at coffee houses. Each

chapter raises the objection using a conversational approach, provides the biblical answers to that objection, gives examples of how churches are addressing this objection, and concludes with follow-through projection suggestions, discussion questions, and resource listings.