### **FCM Reading Lists**

This list of books is meant to engage the reader across a diverse group of authors and subjects. Many of these books are part of current conversations both in and outside of church circles or are from authors who have made a significant contribution to the Christian community, both past and present We encourage everyone to be diligent in asking the Spirit to guide them and to continually orient themselves through the Truth of Scripture.

# Biblical and Spiritual Development

### Core and Identity

Classic Christianity by Bob George

*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis (FP S1 B1)

Loving God by Charles Colson (FP S1 B1)

Knowing God by J.I. Packer (FP S1 B1) (FP S2 B4)

Lifetime Guarantee by Bill Gilham

Victory over the Darkness by Neil Anderson

The Bondage Breaker by Neil Anderson

The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer

True Spirituality by Francis Schaeffer (FP S1 B1) (FP S2 B4)

The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer

The Marvelous Exchange by Dick Flaten

The Spirit of Christ by Andrew Murray

The Deeper Christian Life by Andrew Murray

The School of Christ by T. Austin-Sparks

Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Jim Cymbala

Chosen, But Free by Norman Geisler

*Back to the Gospel* by Peter Louis

Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God by Francis Chan

The Cross of Christ by John Stott

### Church, Ministry, Discipleship and Community

The Normal Christian Life by Watchman Nee

The Community of the King by Howard Snyder

Life Together by Watchman Nee

*Sharpening the Focus of the Church* by Gene Getz

Becoming a Disciple Making Church by Neil Anderson

Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Called and Committed: World Changing Discipleship by David Watson (FP S2 B4)

Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill

The Walk: The Measure of Spiritual Maturity by Gene Getz (FP S1 B2)

Paul's Idea of Community by Robert J. Banks

Evangelism as a Lifestyle by Jim Petersen (FP S1 B3)

Letters to the Church by Francis Chan

*Insurgence: Reclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom* by Frank Viola

Finding Organic Church: Starting and Sustaining Authentic Christian Communities by Frank Viola

The Promise of God: God's Unchangeable Purpose Through Human History by George Bristow

*Church 3.0 Upgrades for the Future of the Church* by Neil Cole

Ekklesia Rising: The Authority of Christ in Communities of Contending Prayer by Dean Briggs

### **Biblical Tools and Reference**

Logos Bible Software

How to Read the Bible for all its Worth by Fee and Stuart

How to Read the Bible Book by Book by Fee and Stuart

PrayerPrompter app (apple only)

Various Bible Commentaries: The Bible Knowledge Commentary, Life Application Study Bible, etc

Hebrew Word Study: Revealing the Heart of God by Chaim Bentorah

Basic Theology by Charles C. Ryrie

Various Bible Versions and Translations: NASB, ESV, NLT AMP Version, Tree of Life, The Message *Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood* edited by John Piper and Wayne Grudem (FP S2 B1)

### **Devotionals**

The Daily Discipler by Neil Anderson

New Testament Living: The Inwardness of the Christian Life by Norman B. Harrison, D.D.

My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer

The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer

As Kingfisher Catch Fire by Eugene H. Peterson

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction by Eugene Peterson

The Complete Collection of E.M. Bounds on Prayer by E. M. Bounds

Secrets of the Secret Place by Bob Sorge

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren

## Life and Ministry Development

## **Biographies**

George Mueller of Bristol by A.T. Pierson

Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Goodwin

*Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain

Rees Howells: Intercessor by Norman Grubb

Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to end Slavery by Eric Metaxas

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Prophet, Martyr, Spy by Eric Metaxas

The Last Lion: Winston Spencer Churchill: Defender of the Realm, 1940-1965 by William Manchester

*George Washington Carver* by John Perry

Nightingales: The Extraordinary Upbringing and Curious Life of Miss Florence Nightingale by Gillian Gill

Viktor Frankl: A Life Worth Living by Anna Redsand

John Adams: A Life by John Ferling

Will Rogers by Ben Yogoda

*Harriet Beecher Stowe: A Life* by Joan D. Hedrick

Booker T. Washington: Volume 1: The Making of a Black Leader, 1856-1901 by Louis R. Harlan

The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt by Edmund Morris

Conversations of Socrates by Xenophon

C.S. Lewis - A Life: Eccentric Genius, Reluctant Prophet by Alister McGraph

Geronimo: His Own Story: The Autobiography of a Great Patriot Warrior by Geronimo

*Ulysses S. Grant* by Jean Edward Smith

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing

The Words and Works of Jesus Christ: A Study of the Life of Christ by Dwight Pentecost

The Heavenly Man by Brother Yun and Paul Hattaway

The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

John G. Lake: His Life, His Sermon, His Boldness of Faith by John G. Lake

Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Elliot

A Chance to Die: The Life and Legacy of Amy Carmichael by Elisabeth Elliot

*Jonathan Edwards: A Life* by George M. Marsden

Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor

Foxe's Book of Martyrs by John Foxe

The Confessions of St. Augustine by Saint Augustine

*Here I stand: A life of Martin Luther* by Roland Bainton

William Wyndale: A Biography by David Daniell

Glory Road: The Journeys of 10 African-Americans into Reformed Christianity by Anthony Carter

The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom

### Family and Relationships

You and Me Forever by Francis Chan

Love and Respect: The Love She Most Desires; The Respect He Desperately Needs by Emerson Eggerichs Smart Money Smart Kids: Raising the Next Generation to Win with Money by Dave Ramsey and Rachel Cruze

Boundaries by Henry Cloud and John Townsend

Raising a Modern Day Knight by Robert Lewis

What is a Family by Edith Schaeffer (FP S2 B2)

Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles that Can Radically Change Your Family by Paul David Tripp

Forgiveness by Rodney Hogue The Shack by William P. Young

Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism by multiple authors

*Keep a Quiet Heart* by Elisabeth Elliot

Man and Woman in Christ: An Examination of the Roles of Men and Women... by Stephen B. Clark (FP S2 B1)

# **Education and Philosophy**

The Consequences of Ideas by R.C. Sproul

How to Read a Book by Mortimer Adler

The Paideia Program by Mortimer Adler

Harvard Classics Reading Program

Liberal Arts for the Christian Life by Jeffry C. Davis

The Core: Teaching Your Child the Foundations of Classical Education by Leigh Bortins

The Liberal Arts Tradition: A Philosophy of Christian Classical Education by Ravi Jain, Kevin Clark

The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home by Susan Wise Bauer

A Thomas Jefferson Education: Teaching a Generation of Leaders for the Twenty First Century

## Missions and Church Planting

The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert E. Coleman

The Next Christendom by Philip Jenkins

Planting Churches Cross Culturally by David Hesselgrave (FP S1 B3)

A Biblical Theology of Missions by George W. Peters

Missionary Methods: God's Plan for Missions According to Paul by Roland Allen

The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church: And the Causes Which Hinder It by Roland Allen

*Christianity Through the Ages* by Earle Cairns

Evangelism Explosion by James Kennedy

### Financial, Wisdom, Leadership and Personal Development

The Seven Decisions by Andy Andrews

The Noticer by Andy Andrews

The Butterfly Effect: How Your Life Matters by Andy Andrews

The Call: Finding and Fulfilling God's Purpose For Your Life by Os Guinness

Various titles by John Maxwell Chase the Lion by Mark Batterson

The Last Arrow: Save Nothing for the Next Life by Erwin Raphael McManus

Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor E. Frankl Designed to Lead by Eric Geiger and Kevin Peck

The 10x Rule by Grant Cardone Deep Work by Cal Newport

The Tyranny of Time: When 24 Hours is Not Enough by Robert Banks (FP S2 B3) Redeeming the Routines: Bringing Theology to Life by Robert Banks (FP S2 B3)

Redeeming the Time: A Christian Approach to Work and Leisure by Leland Ryken (FP S2 B3) *JobShift: How to Get Along in a Workplace Without Jobs* by William Bridges (FP S2 B3)

Atomic Power with God with Prayer and Fasting by Franklin Hall

The Compound Effect by Darren Hardy

Follow Me: A Call to Die. A Call to Live by David Platt

Visons of Vocation: Common Grace for the Common Good by Steven Garber The Measure of a Man: Twenty Attributes of a Godly Man by Gene Getz Shepherdology: A Master Plan for Church Leadership by John MacArthur

Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money by Dave Ramsey

Think and Grow Rich by Napoleon Hill

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey

The Making of a Leader by Robert Clinton

Poverty, Riches and Wealth: Moving from a Life of Lack into True Kingdom Abundance by Kris Vallotton

The Power of Positive Thinking by Norman Vincent Peale How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie

How People Grow: What the Bible Reveals About Personal Growth by Henry Cloud and John Townsend

### Lifestyle, Culture and Other Fiction

The Final Quest by Rick Joyner
The Chronicles of Narnia Series by C.S. Lewis
The Lord of the Rings Series by J.R.R. Tolkien
Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ by Lew Wallace
Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell
How Should we Then Live by Dr. Francis Schaeffer

### Classics

### By Title

The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
Les Miserables by Hugo
BeoWulf
1984 by George Orwell
Crime and Punishment by Dostoyevsky
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
The Divine Comedy by Dante
Uncles Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

## By Author

Aristotle – Nichomachean Ethics, Politics or Rhetoric
Cicero – The Republic or The Laws
Charles Dickens - A Tale of Two Cities or Great Expectations
Mark Twain - Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Homer – The Iliad and The Odyssey
C.S. Lewis – The Screwtape Letters and The Weight of Glory
Plato
Shakespeare

#### Children's books

Little Pilgrim's Progress by Helen L. Taylor The Book of Virtues by William J. Bennett Little House on the Prairie series by Laura Ingalls Wilder