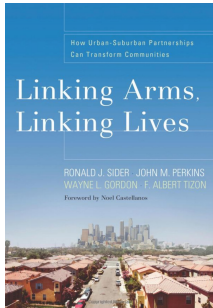




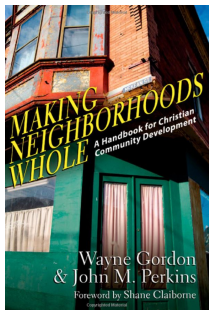
Recommended Book Titles



LINKING ARMS LINKING LIVES

Authors: Ron Sider, John Perkins, Wayne Gordon, Albert Tizon

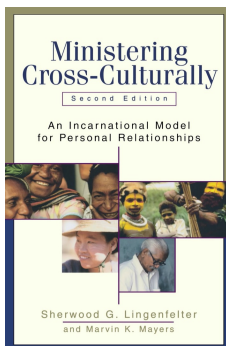
Among the various lines drawn between people in the church--male and female, young and old, black and white, rich and poor, Republican and Democrat--there is the line between the urban and the suburban. The stereotypes of the edgy, socially active, multicultural urban Christian and the middle-class, comfortable, upwardly mobile suburban Christian mix fact and fiction. *Linking Arms, Linking Lives* looks beyond stereotypes and makes a compelling case for partnership that crosses urban and suburban for effective ministry among the poor.



MAKING NEIGHBORHOODS WHOLE

Author: Wayne Gordon and John Perkins

In *Making Neighborhoods Whole*, Perkins and Gordon revisit the eight principles of Christian Community Development and how they've played out in real communities. With profiles of longstanding and emerging community development ministries, they guide a new conversation and empower disciples of Jesus to seek the welfare of their cities to the glory of God.



MINISTERING CROSS-CULTURALLY

Author: Sherwood Lingenfelter

In *Ministering Cross-Culturally*, the authors demonstrate that Jesus needed to learn and understand the culture in which he lived before he could undertake his public ministry. The authors examine how this can help us better understand what it means to establish relationships of grace with those from different cultural and social backgrounds. With more than 70,000 copies of the first edition in print, this incarnational model of ministry has proven successful for many people.



WHITE AWAKE

Author: Daniel Hill

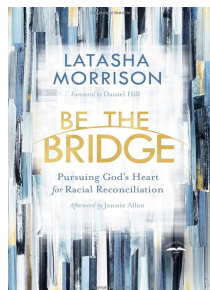
Pastor Daniel Hill began a journey of understanding his own white identity when he entered into urban ministry as an evangelical church planter. Today he is an active participant in addressing and confronting racial and systemic injustices. And in this compelling and timely book, he outlines the seven stages to expect on your own path to cultural awakening. This book will give you a new perspective on being white and also empower you to be an agent of reconciliation in our increasingly diverse and divided world.



BROWN CHURCH

Authors: Robert Chao Romero

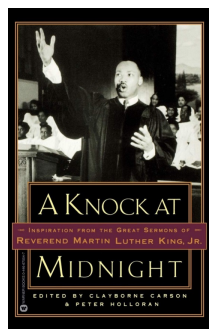
For five hundred years, Christianity has played a significant role in Latina/o culture and identity. Romero considers how this movement has responded to challenges and injustices by appealing to the belief that God's vision for redemption includes not only heavenly promises but also the transformation of every aspect of our lives and the world. Walking through this history of activism and faith, readers will discover that Latina/o Christians have a heart after God's own.



BE THE BRIDGE

Authors: Latasha Morrison

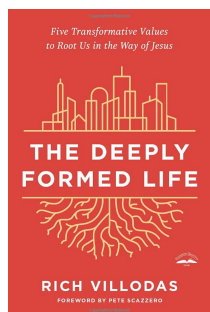
In an era where we seem to be increasingly divided along racial lines, many are hesitant to step into the gap, fearful of saying or doing the wrong thing. At times the silence, particularly within the church, seems deafening. But change begins with an honest conversation among a group of Christians willing to give a voice to unspoken hurts, hidden fears, and mounting tensions. In this perspective-shifting book, founder Latasha Morrison shows how you can participate in this incredible work and replicate it in your own community



AT KNOCK AT MIDNIGHT

Author: Martin Luther King, Jr. (sermons); Claybourne Carson and Peter Hollaran

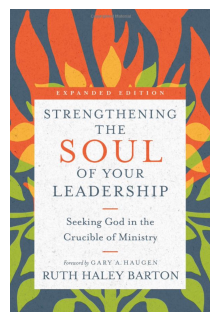
With fiery words of wisdom and a passion for justice, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., inspired people everywhere to perform extraordinary acts of courage and ignited one of the most influential movements of the twentieth century. This is the definitive collection of eleven of his most powerful sermons, from his earliest known audio recording to his last sermon, delivered days before his assassination.



THE DEEPLY FORMED LIFE

Author: Rich Villodas

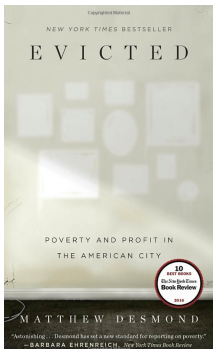
Most believers live in the state of “being a Christian” without ever being deeply formed by Christ. Our pace is too frenetic to be in union with God, and we don’t know how to quiet our hearts and minds to be present. Our emotions are unhealthy and compartmentalized. We feel unable to love well or live differently from the rest of the world—to live as people of the good news. New York City pastor Rich Villodas says we must restore balance, focus, and meaning for our souls.



STRENGTHENING THE SOUL OF YOUR LEADERSHIP

Authors: Ruth Haley Barton

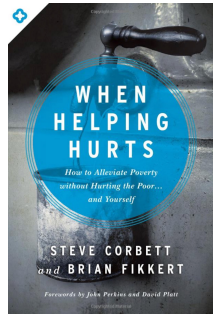
"I'm tired of helping others enjoy God—I just want to enjoy God for myself." With this painful admission, Ruth Haley Barton invites us to an honest exploration of what happens when spiritual leaders lose track of their souls. Weaving together contemporary illustrations with penetrating insight from the life of Moses, she provides spiritual practices to ensure your soul gets the nourishment it needs. Forging and maintaining a life-giving connection with God is the best choice you can make for yourself and for those you lead.



EVICTED

Matthew Desmond

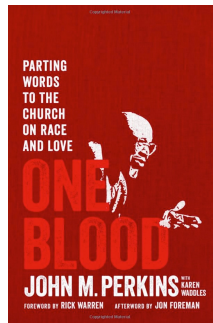
In *Evicted*, Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they each struggle to keep a roof over their heads. This book transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of America's most devastating modern problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.



WHEN HELPING HURTS

Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

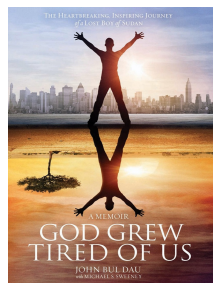
Poverty is much more than simply a lack of material resources, and it takes much more than donations and handouts to solve it. *When Helping Hurts* shows how some alleviation efforts, failing to consider the complexities of poverty, have actually (and unintentionally) done more harm than good. But it looks ahead. It encourages us to see the dignity in everyone, to empower the materially poor, and to know that we are all uniquely needy—and that God in the gospel is reconciling all things to himself.



ONE BLOOD: PARTING WORDS TO THE CHURCH ON RACE AND LOVE

John Perkins

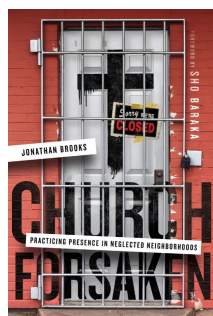
We are living in historic times. Not since the civil rights movement of the 60s has our country been this vigorously engaged in the reconciliation conversation. There is a great opportunity right now for culture to change, to be a more perfect union. However, it cannot be done without the church, because the faith of the people is more powerful than any law government can enact. The church is the heart and moral compass of a nation.



GOD GREW TIRED OF US

John Bul Dau with Michael Sweeney

"Lost Boy" John Bul Dau's harrowing experience surviving the brutal horrors of Sudanese civil war and his adjustment to life in modern America is chronicled in this inspiring memoir and featured in an award-winning documentary film of the same name.



CHURCH FORSAKEN

Author: Jonathan Brooks

Brooks was raised in the Englewood neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. As soon as he was able, he left the community and moved as far away as he could. But through a remarkable turn of events, he reluctantly returned and found himself not only back in Englewood but also serving as a pastor and community leader. Brooks challenges local churches to rediscover that loving our neighbors means loving our neighborhoods. Unpacking the themes of Jeremiah 29, he shows how Christians can be fully present in local communities, building homes and planting gardens for the common good. His holistic vision and practical work offers good news for forgotten people and places.