

Required Book List

Institute of Biblical Studies

Summer 2018

NOTE: *Many of these books may be available in Kindle or Nook editions. The ISBN numbers listed below are for the print editions. You can often save money buying used copies of books. If you buy a used copy, be sure to get the correct edition (if there is more than one edition in print). If you search using the ISBN number, you'll be sure to get the right edition.*

FIRST YEAR CORE COURSES

Intro to Christian Theology

1. Gregg R Allison, *50 Core Truths of the Christian Life: A Guide to Understanding and Teaching Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018). ISBN-13: 9780801019128
2. David Platt, *Counter Culture: Following Christ in an Anti-Christian Age*. Carol Stream: Tyndale, 2017. ISBN-13: 978-1414390383 (Be sure to get this 2017 edition which was released in February 2017. He added a chapter on refugees.)
3. Tim Keller, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* (New York: Dutton, 2009). ISBN-13: 978-1594483493

Bible Study Methods

1. Vaughan Roberts. *God's Big Picture: Tracing the story-line of the Bible*. Downers Grove: Intervarsity, 2002. ISBN-13: 978-0830853649
2. Mark D. Roberts, *Ephesians*. Story of God Bible Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan: 2016. ISBN-13: 978-0310327233

Intro to Mission (Live course taught by Dr. Michael Ortiz, July 5-18)

1. Timothy C. Tennent. *Invitation to World Missions: A Trinitarian Missiology for the Twenty-first Century*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2010. ISBN-13: 978-0825438837
2. Duane Elmer. *Cross-Cultural Servanthood: Serving the World in Christlike Humility*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0830833788
3. Scott Moreau, Gary R. Corwin, and Gary B. McGee. *Introducing World Missions: A Biblical, Historical, and Practical Survey*, 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2015. ISBN-13: 978-0801049200

Intro to Mission (Virtual Course taken online by New Staff)

1. Ralph Winter and Steven Hawthorne, eds. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: Reader and Study Guide* - eBook [Kindle Edition]. William Carey Library; 4th edition (August 28, 2014). ASIN: B00N5CI6HE.
2. Timothy Keller. *Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.

SECOND YEAR CORE COURSES

Biblical Interpretation

1. Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth: A Guide to Understanding the Bible*, 4th ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-0310517825 (Be sure to get the [fourth edition of Fee/Stuart.](#))
2. Bryan Chapell. *Unlimited Grace: The Heart Chemistry That Frees From Sin and Fuels the Christian Life*. Wheaton, Illinois, 2016 ISBN: 978-1-4335-5231-1
3. Georges, Jayson and Mark D. Baker. *Ministering in Honor-Shame Cultures*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2016. ISBN-978-0-8308-5146-1
4. Paul Trip. *New Morning Mercies* Wheaton: Crossway, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-1433541384
5. Vaughan Roberts. *God's Big Picture: Tracing the Story-Line of the Bible*. Downers Grove: Intervarsity, 2002. ISBN-13: 978-0830853649
6. *ESV Study Bible*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2008. ISBN-13: 978-1433502415.

Biblical Communication

1. Bryan Chapell. *Unlimited Grace: The Heart Chemistry That Frees From Sin and Fuels the Christian Life*. Wheaton, Illinois, 2016 ISBN: 978-1-4335-5231-1 (same as BI course)
2. Georges, Jayson and Mark D. Baker. *Ministering in Honor-Shame Cultures*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2016. ISBN-978-0-8308-5146-1 (same as BI course)
3. Timothy J. Keller, *Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012. ISBN-13: 978-0310494188
4. Sally Lloyd-Jones, *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name* (Zondervan). ISBN-13: 978-0310708254

Old Testament Survey

1. John Walton and Andrew Hill. *Old Testament Today: A Journey from Original Meaning to Contemporary Significance*, Second edition, (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2014). ISBN-13: 978-0310498209. (NOTE: [Be sure to get the second edition.](#))

God/Bible/Holy Spirit

1. Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994. ISBN-13: 978-0310286707
2. Tennent, Timothy C. *Theology in the Context of World Christianity: How the Global Church Is Influencing the Way We Think about and Discuss Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0310275114.
3. A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy* (San Francisco: HarperOne, 1978). Any version of this book will work.

THIRD YEAR CORE COURSES

Global Church History

1. Douglas Jacobsen, *Global Gospel: An Introduction to Christianity on Five Continents*, Grand Rapids: Baker, 2015. ISBN-13: 978-0801049934
2. Philip Jenkins, *The New Faces of Christianity: Believing the Bible in the Global South*, Philip Jenkins, New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0195368512

Apologetics

1. Timothy Keller. *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. New York, NY. Dutton, 2008. ISBN-13: 978-1594483493
2. Sam Allberry, *Is God Anti-Gay?* The Good Book Company, 2013. ISBN: 978-1908762313
3. Frank Turek, *Stealing from God: Why Atheists Need God to Make Their Case*. Colorado Springs: Nav Press, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-1612917016

Humanity/Christ/Salvation

1. Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology* (Zondervan). ISBN-13: 978-0310286707
2. David Platt, *Counter Culture: Following Christ in an Anti-Christian Age*. Carol Stream: Tyndale, 2017. ISBN-13: 978-1414390383 (Be sure to get this 2017 edition. It was released in Feb. 2017)
3. Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith* (Penguin: New York City, 2008). ISBN-13: 978-1594484025.

Christian Worldview and Ethics

1. David Platt, *Counter Culture: Following Christ in an Anti-Christian Age*. Carol Stream: Tyndale, 2017. ISBN-13: 978-1414390383 (Be sure to get this 2017 edition which was released in February 2017. He added a chapter on refugees.)
2. Sam Allberry, *Is God Anti-Gay?* The Good Book Company, 2013. ISBN: 978-1908762313
3. James K. A. Smith. *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2016. ISBN-13: 978-1587433801.