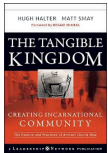


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

Resource list & recommended reading

RECOMMENDED READING

THE TANGIBLE KINGDOM | HUGH HALTER & MATT SMAY



In today's culture, many faith seekers have tried different churches, methods, programs, leaders, teachers, and styles only to discover that nothing holds their interest. The Tangible Kingdom offers theological answers and real-life stories that demonstrate how the best ancient church practices can re-emerge in today's culture, through any church of any size. (Jossey Bass, 2008)

THE TANGIBLE KINGDOM PRIMER | HUGH HALTER & MATT SMAY



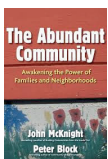
Everyone is talking about community. Everyone seems to want it, but most struggle to find it. The Tangible Kingdom Primer 8-week study guide is about building life-long habits. It will first help with spiritual formation, to prepare your heart for mission. Second, it acts a field guide for starting mission together. (Missio Publishing, 2009)

THE ART OF NEIGHBORING | MATT RUNYON & JAY PATHAK



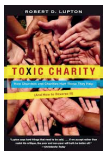
When Jesus was asked to sum up the law in one command, he said to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbours as ourselves. *What would happen if every follower of Jesus took the Great Commandment literally, with our actual neighbours?* Is it possible that the solution to our society's biggest issues has been right under our noses for the past two thousand years? (Baker Books, 2012)

THE ABUNDANT COMMUNITY | JOHN MCKNIGHT & PETER BLOCK



We have been trained to become consumers and clients, not citizens and neighbors. McKnight and Block take a thoughtful look at how this came about, what maintains it, and the crippling effect it has had on our families, our communities, and our environment. They believe that we have the capacity to address our human needs in ways that systems - which see us only as interchangeable units, as problems to be solved - never can to create richer, more fulfilling lives. (Berrett-Koehler, 2010)

TOXIC CHARITY | ROBERT LUPTON



Common charity models like toy giveaways, school supply handouts, food pantries, and the like are examples of short-term fixes focused on transferring resources. Lupton shows churches how to start serving needy and impoverished members of our communities in a way that will lead to lasting, real-world change. (Harper Collins, 2012)



EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK | TIM SOERENS



What is the point of church anyway? Many are asking this question, including the emerging generation. Perhaps you've even asked it! Soerens lays out a vision of the church being grounded in a grassroots movement of ordinary people living out what it means to be the church in their everyday lives. (IVP, 2020) ***Get the Study Guide** we've prepared for this as well: <https://bit.ly/48J9WWI>

DISCOVERING THE OTHER | CAMERON HARDER



This book is an introduction to two tools every community builder must have in their toolbox: appreciative inquiry and asset-mapping. It helps congregations and leaders pursue God's mission: to form communities that reflect and embody the life of the Trinity. Instead of seeing what's wrong and what's missing, these approaches see what's right and what resources exist that can catalyze and stimulate your church's vision! (Roman & Littlefield, 2013)

HAVING NOTHING, POSSESSING EVERYTHING | MICHAEL MATHER



This is the story of how one church found abundance in a community of material poverty. This book will inspire readers to seek justice in their own local communities and to find abundance and hope all around them. (Eerdmans, 2018)

DON'T INVITE THEM TO CHURCH | KAREN WILK



Loving your neighbours isn't about getting them to join you on Sundays. It's about living your faith right where you are and BEING the church to the people around you. This flexible guidebook will help you, your small group, or your church get started in neighborhood ministry and missional living. (Faith Alive, 2010)

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES / VIDEOS

- THE LUPTON CENTER | [HTTPS://WWW.LUPTONCENTER.ORG/](https://www.luptoncenter.org/) (USA)
- NEW LEAF NETWORK | [HTTPS://WWW.NEWLEAFNETWORK.CA/](https://www.newleafnetwork.ca/) (CAN)
- 'THE PARABLE OF THE BLOBS AND SQUARES'* | [HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/42332617](https://vimeo.com/42332617)
- THE CHALMERS CENTER | [HTTPS://CHALMERS.ORG/](https://chalmers.org/) (USA)

**Instead of 'government', insert the word 'churches' to understand how this applies to our context*