



Going Deep In Lockdown: Book Recommendations from Jonathan

"Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."
(Philippians 4:8)

Podcasts and videos are helpful (and much shorter), but books can allow you to go deeper on important subjects and think well about them. To help you get started, I've put together this list (with the help of former Churchcentralite Luke Davydaitis), with a few suggestions for each topic.

I've read most of the books on this list (with a few others that have been recommended by trusted friends). Just to say, only the Bible is perfect; so don't expect perfection from any of these books on the list. However, I do think there is plenty in each of them to help you grow in your knowledge and love of God.

Apologetics

- *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion*, Rebecca McLaughlin
- *Making Sense of God*, Timothy Keller
- *The Reason for God*, Timothy Keller
- *If God, Then What?*, Andrew Wilson

The Bible

- *Why Trust the Bible?*, Amy Orr-Ewing
- *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart
- *Can We Trust the Gospels?*, Peter Williams

Children: pre-school

- *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, Sally Lloyd-Jones
- *Tales That Tell The Truth* series, The Good Book Company

Children: primary school

- *Hands-On Bible 365 Devotions for Kids*, Jennifer Hooks
- *The Action Bible*, Doug Mauss & Sergio Cariello

Christian Living

- *Is This It? The Difference Jesus Makes To That Feeling*, Rachel Jones
- *Desiring God*, John Piper
- *You Are What You Love*, James K.A. Smith
- *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*, John Mark Comer
- *Garden City: Work, Rest & The Art of Being Human*, John Mark Comer

Church

- *What On Earth is the Church For?*, David Devenish
- *The Spirit-Filled Church*, Terry Virgo
- *Disappearing church*, Mark Sayers
- *Reappearing church*, Mark Sayers

Daily readings

- *Comforts From The Cross*, Elyse Fitzpatrick
- *Reading Between The Lines*, Glen Scrivener
- *For The Love of God*, D.A. Carson
- *My Rock; My Refuge: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms*, Timothy & Kathy Keller

Devotion

- *The Weight of Glory*, C.S. Lewis
- *The Pursuit of God*, A.W. Tozer

God

- *None Like Him*, Jen Wilkin
- *The Good God*, Michael Reeves

Habits

- *Your Future Self Will Thank You*, Drew Dyck
- *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster

Holy Spirit

- *Naturally Supernatural*, Wendy Mann
- *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, Jack Deere
- *Everyday Supernatural*, Mike Pilavachi & Andy Croft
- *Sustainable Power*, Simon Holley

Guidance

- *All That's Good*, Hannah Anderson
- *Just Do Something*, Kevin DeYoung

Jesus

- *Christ Our Life*, Michael Reeves
- *Simply Jesus*, Tom Wright

Marriage

- *The Meaning of Marriage*, Timothy & Kathy Keller
- *The Marriage Book*, Nicky & Sila Lee

Miracles

- *Surprised By the Power of the Spirit*, Jack Deere
- *The Case for Miracles*, Lee Strobel

Mission

- *Global Humility*, Andy McCullough
- *The Mission of God*, Christopher J.H. Wright

Money

- *Money, Possessions and Eternity*, Randy Alcorn
- *Consumer Detox*, Mark Powley

Parenting

- *Raising Faith*, Katharine Hill & Andy Frost
- *The Parenting Book*, Nicky & Sila Lee

Prayer

- *How to Pray*, Pete Greig
- *A Praying Life*, Paul E. Miller

Race

- *We Need to Talk About Race*, Ben Lindsay
- *His Testimonies, My Heritage: Women of Color on the Word of God*, Edited by Kristie Anyabwile
- *Crossing the Divide*, Owen Hylton

Sexuality and Gender

- *Gay Girl Good God: The Story of Who I Was and Who God Has Always Been*, Jackie Hill Perry
- *People to Be Loved*, Preston Sprinkle
- *The Plausibility Problem*, Ed Shaw

Singleness

- *7 Myths about Singleness*, Sam Allberry

Suffering / Disappointment

- *Is This It? The Difference Jesus Makes To That Feeling*, Rachel Jones
- *God on Mute*, Pete Greig
- *The Life You Never Expected*, Andrew & Rachel Wilson

Technology

- *The Tech-Wise Family*, Andy Crouch
- *12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You*, Tony Reinke

Work

- *Thank God It's Monday*, Mark Greene
- *Every Good Endeavour*, Timothy Keller