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No man will get anywhere in life without discipline—and growth in godliness is no exception. Seasoned pastor R. Kent Hughes's inspiring and best-selling book *Disciplines of a Godly Man*—now updated with fresh references and suggested resources—is filled with godly advice aimed at helping men grow in the disciplines of prayer, integrity, marriage, leadership, worship, purity, and more. With biblical wisdom, memorable illustrations, and engaging study questions, this practical guide will empower men to take seriously the call to godliness and direct their energy toward the things that matter most. [The Healing Power of the Holy Communion](#) College Press

MOVING FROM A "BLUEPRINT HERMENEUTIC" TO A THEOLOGICAL ONE In this book, John Mark Hicks tells the story of his own hermeneutical journey in reading the Bible. Lovingly and graciously, he describes his transition

from a "blueprint hermeneutic" to a theological one. Some suggest that moving away from a patternistic command-example-and-necessary-inference approach for understanding what God requires leaves no other alternative, or at least none that both respects biblical authority and seeks to obey the gospel of Jesus the Messiah. In *Searching for the Pattern*, John Mark offers just such an alternative. His theological hermeneutic is deeply rooted in the way the Bible presents itself as a dramatic history of God's plan to redeem the world as well as his own experience of growing up among Churches of Christ. Seeing the gospel of Jesus as the center of the biblical drama reorients us to what provides our Christian identity and unites us as disciples of Jesus. ***** I pray this book is received with open hearts and open minds because I believe this work could go a long way in helping to bring unity to our fractured fellowship. --Wes McAdams, Preaching Minister for the church of Christ on McDermott Road, Plano, Texas This excellent book helps us understand the inner

workings of Bible interpretation among Churches of Christ and provides a persuasive proposal for Bible interpretation that is built on the story of God we find in Scripture—a story into which God calls us. --James L. Gorman, Associate Professor of History, Johnson University Knoxville, Tennessee Finally, a trellis across the chasm! Throughout this book, Hicks does not compromise his high regard for both the church and the Scriptures; and through the grace found therein, he composes this urgent invitation back to the Table, where obedience cooperates with mystery, and we--estranged or conflicted--can find our place as one within God's magnificent story. --Tiffany Mangan Dahlman, Minister at Courtyard Church of Christ, Fayetteville, North Carolina John Mark Hicks is Professor of Theology at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee. He has taught for thirty-eight years in schools associated with the Churches of Christ. He has published fifteen books and lectured in twenty countries and forty states and is married to Jennifer. They share six children

and six grandchildren.

Disciplines of a Godly Man (Updated Edition)

Wm. B. Eerdmans
Publishing

"A beautifully reflective book--an allegorical, poetic masterpiece about communion that will enrich the life of the Christian whether a new or seasoned follower. A gem of a read that can be read, re-read, and shared with loved ones." --

Nonfiction Authors Association No matter where you are on your walk with God, this award-winning devotional on the Lord's Supper will: Draw you closer to the heart of God Make Communion more meaningful Enrich your experience with Christ Increase your sense of the sacred Provide strength for your journey. More than wine and bread, Communion is an oasis, a sacred time spent with Jesus at the Table. Written conversationally, Food for the Journey is enriched with insights gleaned from Bob's experiences with cultures around the world.

The Meaning and Practice of Communion Sophia Institute Press

The Meaning and Practice of Communion: 104 Meditations for Church and Home "I am extremely pleased to

recommend The Meaning and Practice of Communion by Drs. R. K. Beam and R. E. Woods. I admire them as two of the finest Christian leaders that I have ever worked with in sixty-five years of ministry. They are highly regarded and respected for their devotion, integrity, scholarship, and service in the Lord's church. Scores of people have already been blessed, informed, and inspired by their presentations of these communion devotionals in corporate church worship services. Some of them are theological in nature, while others are doctrinal and practical, but all of them can lead to spiritual enrichment and a greater understanding of the Lord's Supper for their readers. They can be used in corporate worship, in private family observance of communion, and simply in personal devotions for one's spiritual well-being." - David L. Eubanks, Ph.D. President of Johnson University (1969 - 2007) "I had a professor who said, 'We don't celebrate the Supper, we nibble and sip and hurry on our way.' Drs. Beam and Woods, through their scriptural based and well-crafted communion meditations have given the church a

tool that will help those leading the communion service to help us slow down and take time to worship the One who said: 'Do this in remembrance of me'. For this purpose, I highly recommend it!" -LD Campbell First Church of Christ, Burlington KY. "Drs. Beam and Woods successfully extract nuggets of truth to be pondered on and prayed about during the most intimate time in any worship service-- communion. It's been said that to stay relevant in Christianity, one simply has to remember the basics. In this global season of disciple-making movements, micro and private house-church enclaves, and simple fellowships, this poignant book of reflections will find more and more open eyes and hearts as it helps readers and listeners reflect on the one main thing--Christ, the Anointed One, who asked us to 'do and remember.' The Lord's Supper is a 'comfort food' that you will discover at an entirely new level when reading The Meaning and Practice of Communion. - Mike Schrage President, Good News Productions, Int. About the Authors Drs. Beam and Woods have served as elders of the

Woodlawn Christian Church for over two decades. Dr. Beam was the Senior Minister of Woodlawn in the early 1990s. Both have a long association with Johnson University (formerly Johnson Bible College), whose mission is to educate students for Christian ministries and other strategic vocations framed by the Great Commission in order to extend the kingdom of God among all nations. Both Woodlawn and Johnson trace their roots to the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement of the early 19th century. (It is the practice of the churches associated with that movement to observe the Lord's Summer weekly.) Dr. Beam is a former Academic Dean of Johnson and Dr. Woods has served on its Board of Trustees for the last 15 years, is the current board chair, and is the author of several books in the field of electrical engineering. [The Abiding Presence](#) College Press

Drawn from the themes of Scripture itself, these devotions consider the salvation plan of God fulfilled in Jesus and carried to the world through the Church. The in-depth, thought-

provoking content offers rich insight into Scripture and the Christian life and encouragement in the faith. Along the way you will drink deeply of the fountain of eternal life and gain in understanding of the message of God's Word. The daily devotions of A Year with the Church Fathers follow the seasonal movements of the Christian Church Year in a broad, general fashion, but not in the more focused and specific way that one expects for the lessons appointed for particular Sundays and festivals of the Church Year.

Searching for the Pattern Macmillan

"As poet, prophet, and priest, Thurman builds upon a powerful legacy of ancestral hope: belief in a liberating God who can always be found 'in and among the struggling.'" —Yolanda Pierce

A universal beacon of hope and endurance for people of all faiths seeking to meet the challenges, uncertainties, and joys of life

Howard Thurman's *Meditations of the Heart* is a beautiful collection of over 150 prayers, poems, and meditations on prayer, community, and the joys and rituals of life by one of our greatest spiritual leaders.

Thurman, a spiritualist and mystic, was renowned for the quiet beauty of his reflections on humanity and our relationship with God. In a new foreword, Yolanda Pierce, dean of Howard University's School of Divinity, calls attention to the justice-centered theological framework of Thurman's words. Pierce notes how Thurman brings to light an image of God who can always be found "in and among the struggling," both in times of weariness and in strength. First written for and shared with his congregation of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, California, these meditations sustain, elevate, and inspire. They are a universal beacon of hope and endurance for people of all faiths seeking to meet the challenges, uncertainties, and joys of everyday life with a renewed and liberating faith.

Meditations After Holy Communion EP BOOKS

In what promises to become a spiritual classic, Fr. Edward Looney's *Meditations after Holy Communion* guides your prayers during those intimate moments with the Lord following Holy Communion, elevating

your soul and mind and leading you into a deeper relationship with Christ. Inspired by the work of Fr. Daniel Lord, S.J., Fr. Looney offers here a method of prayer that is sure to renew within you the practice of fruitful Eucharistic prayer. He will guide you through each Sunday of the year with meditations tied to the liturgical seasons, ensuring that you are aligned not only with Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time, but also with the universal Church, now and throughout the ages. Each meditation introduces you to a topic for reflection and provides points to ponder and a short prayer. These guided meditations are especially helpful in those moments when you return to your pew, recollect after Mass, or enter into prayer with your family. Regardless of how you use it, this book is sure to reinforce your belief in the Real Presence and teach you how to ponder and pray to our Eucharistic Lord. Truly, Christ is present in the Eucharist and in all the tabernacles of the world. But He is also present in us each time we receive Him. With these exhilarating meditations by Fr. Looney, you can

fully appreciate this striking fact and maximize those grace-filled moments following Holy Communion.

The King's Table

InterVarsity Press

A passionate meditation on the consolations and disappointments of religion and poetry
A Hunger for God

InterVarsity Press

"Scripture is far from silent on the subject of baptism, yet history is strewn with such a variety of perspectives that it becomes difficult to gain a clear view of what the Bible itself actually has to say: How would the original readers of Acts, Romans, or Colossians have understood the texts concerning baptism when they read them for the very first time? How do readers of today understand the baptismal references of the New Testament if they have no particular commitment to a certain theological point of view? In thirteen chapters, Dr. Cottrell discusses the twelve major texts in the New Testament and does so by examining the meaning of the original words, the historical background, and the comparative references. The texts covered: Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16,

John 3:3-5, Acts 2:38-39, Acts 22:16, Romans 6:3-4, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Galatians 3:26-27, Ephesians 5:25-27, Colossians 2:11-13, Titus 3:5, 1 Peter 3:21"--P. [4] of cover.

Come to the Lord's

Table Moody Publishers
John Jefferson Davis summons the resources of traditional biblical meditation for a culture lost in the cloud. He establishes the trinitarian view of God's real presence in Scripture and then ushers readers through three successive stages of meditation-- consummating in a method for deep assimilation of the Christian worldview.

Communion with God

Thomas Nelson Inc
"This is my body," said Jesus at the Last Supper. What did he mean? Throughout church history, there have been various interpretations of his words. These differences have caused denominational ruptures that have yet to heal. In A Holy Meal, Gordon T. Smith shows that we cannot appreciate the Lord's Supper until we understand it. In light of the renewed attention given to the sacraments by all branches of the church, he examines the

historic interpretations and seeks common ground among believers. In the process, he shows how the Lord's Supper can infuse new meaning into the church as it confronts the forces of postmodernism and secularism. A Holy Meal is essential reading for Christians who want to ponder the Lord's Supper again--perhaps truly for the first time.

Eucharistic Meditations

Lexham Press

Partaking of the Lords Supper is one of the Christians most solemn and sweet acts of worship. Christ commands His disciples, This do in remembrance of me (Luke 22:19). To those who neglect the Supper, Thomas Wadsworth says, I beseech you, consider whose command it is you break. It is the command of the Lord Jesus; to remember Him in this Supper is a debt you owe to Him, your Saviour, Lord, and Head; it is a command that bears the superscription of the most supreme authority in heaven or earth (Wadsworth, 136).

Slow Church Thomas Nelson

Saint Jean-Baptiste Marie Vianney, known affectionately as The Curé d'Ars, was a peasant

priest. In the aftermath of the French Revolution and Napoleonic rule, in a time of anti-clericalism and social and economic disarray, he was appointed parish priest of the obscure and dispirited village of Ars. Over the next forty years, he was the agent of a complete spiritual, social, and material reform of his parish, which became a joyful refuge and a place of pilgrimage. Men and women would travel for weeks simply to confess before the humble and holy man. His particular devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is manifest in this book of twenty-seven meditations, which had its first English edition two years before his canonization in 1925. St. John is now celebrated as the patron of parish priests.

The Universal Christ Elm Hill

Explores the practice of eating together as Christian worship The gospel story is filled with meals. It opens in a garden and ends in a feast. Records of the early church suggest that believers met for worship primarily through eating meals. Over time, though, churches have lost focus on the centrality of food—and with it a powerful tool

for unifying Christ's diverse body. But today a new movement is under way, bringing Christians of every denomination, age, race, and sexual orientation together around dinner tables. Men and women nervous about stepping through church doors are finding God in new ways as they eat together. Kendall Vanderslice shares stories of churches worshiping around the table, introducing readers to the rising contemporary dinner-church movement. *We Will Feast* provides vision and inspiration to readers longing to experience community in a real, physical way. *The Language of the New Century Hymnal* Darolt Books

Understand where we came from. Whether you're an avid student of the Bible or a skeptic of its relevance, *The Book That Made Your World* will transform your perception of its influence on virtually every facet of Western civilization. Indian philosopher Vishal Mangalwadi reveals the personal motivation that fueled his own study of the Bible and systematically illustrates how its precepts became the framework for societal structure throughout the

last millennium. From politics and science, to academia and technology, the Bible's sacred copy became the key that unlocked the Western mind. Through Mangalwadi's wide-ranging and fascinating investigation, you'll discover: What triggered the West's passion for scientific, medical, and technological advancement How the biblical notion of human dignity informs the West's social structure and how it intersects with other worldviews How the Bible created a fertile ground for women to find social and economic empowerment How the Bible has uniquely equipped the West to cultivate compassion, human rights, prosperity, and strong families The role of the Bible in the transformation of education How the modern literary notion of a hero has been shaped by the Bible's archetypal protagonist Journey with Mangalwadi as he examines the origins of a civilization's greatness and the misguided beliefs that threaten to unravel its progress. Learn how the Bible transformed the social, political, and religious institutions that have sustained Western

culture for the past millennium, and discover how secular corruption endangers the stability and longevity of Western civilization. Endorsements: "This is an extremely significant piece of work with huge global implications. Vishal brings a timely message." (Ravi Zacharias, author, *Walking from East to West and Beyond Opinion*) "In polite society, the mere mention of the Bible often introduces a certain measure of anxiety. A serious discussion on the Bible can bring outright contempt. Therefore, it is most refreshing to encounter this engaging and informed assessment of the Bible's profound impact on the modern world. Where Bloom laments the closing of the American mind, Mangalwadi brings a refreshing optimism." (Stanley Mattson, founder and president, C. S. Lewis Foundation) "Vishal Mangalwadi recounts history in very broad strokes, always using his cross-cultural perspectives for highlighting the many benefits of biblical principles in shaping civilization." (George Marsden, professor, University of Notre Dame; author, *Fundamentalism*

and American Culture) *A Woman's Guide to Reading the Bible in a Year* Lulu.com Anna Rowlands offers a guide to the main time periods, key figures, documents and themes of thinking developed as Catholic Social Teaching (CST). A wealth of material has been produced by the Catholic Church during its long history which considers the implications of scripture, doctrine and natural law for the way these elements live together in community - most particularly in the tradition of social encyclicals dating from 1891. Rowlands takes a fresh approach in weaving overviews of the central principles with the development of thinking on political community and democracy, migration, and integral ecology, and by considering the increasingly critical questions concerning the role of CST in a pluralist and post-secular context. As such this book offers both an incisive overview of this distinctive body of Catholic political theology and a new and challenging contribution to the debate about the transformative potential of CST in contemporary

society.

Come to the Table

Hendrickson Publishers

Is your small group healthy? Is it thriving, surviving, or declining? Is your group missional or in maintenance mode? Do you want answers to these questions? How about a viable plan of action for the future of your group? This book contains a revealing small group health evaluation and principles that will help you determine and increase your group's level of health in seven vital areas: - Christ-centered Community - Overflowing Leadership - Shared Leadership - Proactive Leadership - Authentic Community - Ministry to Others - Discipling Environment In SMALL GROUP VITAL SIGNS, you'll gain a new appreciation for the way Mike Mack explains why each of the areas above are critical to your group's health. His helpful stories, biblical principles, and practical ideas for health and vitality will help you and your group grow in each area. If you've wondered why some small groups thrive and their leaders seem so energized and happy, you'll discover it in this revealing book-and learn how to become this kind

of leader!

Food for the Journey

Crossway

Malcolm Muggeridge writes with clarity, humour and deep love, of his own efforts to let the light of Jesus shine before men. His "rediscovery" of Jesus is one of the 20th century's great pilgrimages of the soul. *After 50 Years of Ministry* CSS Publishing Company As pastor-evangelist of the 6,000-seat Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, the largest congregation in the world, Charles Spurgeon displayed a gift for originality, commented on the events of his time, exhibited a strong social conscience, and was a skilled orator. His sermons are regarded as evangelical classics. Gleaming with vivid imagery and practical application, this collection of twelve sermons offers treasures of wisdom for Lent, Easter, and throughout the year. Preached throughout Spurgeon's 40-year ministry, each stand-alone message explores a specific event in the life of Jesus, allowing us to see God's ultimate revelation unfold. Twelve sermons include: Communion with Christ and His People The Memorable Hymn Jesus

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Contact with Jesus Jesus, the Great Object of Astonishment The Sin-Bearer Redeemed Souls Freed from Fear The Believer Not an Orphan Mysterious Visits Over the Mountains The Spiced Wine of the Pomegranate I Will Give You Rest *The Collected Writings of Jack Cottrell* Thomas Nelson

There is an appetite for God. And it can be awakened. I invite you to turn from the dulling effects of food and the dangers of idolatry, and to say with some simple fast: "This much, O God, I want you." Our appetites dictate the direction of our lives - whether it be the cravings of our stomachs, the passionate desire for possessions or power, or the longings of our spirits for God. But for the Christian, the hunger for anything besides God can be an arch-enemy. While our hunger for God - and Him alone - is the only thing that will bring victory. Do you have that hunger for Him? As John Piper puts it: "If we don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because we have nibbled so long at the table of the

world. Our soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great." If we are full of what the world offers, then perhaps a fast might express, or even increase,

our soul's appetite for God. Between the dangers of self-denial and self-indulgence is this path of pleasant pain called fasting. It is the path John Piper invites you to travel in this book.

For when God is the supreme hunger of your heart, He will be supreme in everything. And when you are most satisfied in Him, He will be most glorified in you.

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