



Books

Want to further your inspiration or discuss with a group? Consider reading one of these informative books on your own or with your friends!

Deep Economy

Bill McKibben

For the first time in human history, Bill McKibben observes, "more" is no longer synonymous with "better"--indeed, for many of us, they have become almost opposites. McKibben puts forward a new way to think about the things we buy, the food we eat, the energy we use, and the money that pays for it all. Our purchases, he says, need not be at odds with the things we truly value.

Everyday Justice: The Global Impact of Our Daily Choices

J. Clawson

As followers of Christ we are called to love our neighbors. But all too often our everyday choices support systems of injustice that oppress our neighbors instead. *Everyday Justice* is about discovering practical everyday ways we can seek justice instead.

Natural Saints: How People of Faith are Working to Save God's Earth

M. McDuff

Natural Saints shares the stories and strategies of contemporary church leaders, parishioners, and religious environmentalists working to define a new environmental movement, where justice as a priority for the church means a clean and safe environment for all. Mallory McDuff shows that a focus on God's earth is transforming both people and congregations, creating more relevant and powerful ministries. As a result, people of faith are forming a new environmental movement with a moral mandate to care for God's earth.

Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective

Edited by Michael Schut

Editor Michael Schut presents a rare collection of voices — Henri Nouwen, Cecile Andrews, Richard Foster and others — as they explore our use of money, the practice of simplicity, listening to our lives, widening our circle of community, and other topics at the core of how we live out our faith in our homes and workplaces. A study guide is included.

FREE: Spending Your Time and Money on What Matters Most

Mark and Lisa Scandrette

A new book that addresses important questions about money, meaning and global sustainability. It's filled with practical steps and exercises to help you cultivate a heart of abundance and time and financial skills including a detailed study guide and links to eight videos, making it ideal for group use. Become more free to spend your time and money on what matters most.

The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good

William Easterly

From one of the world's best-known development economists, *The White Man's Burden* is a brilliant and blistering indictment of the West's economic policies for the world's poor. Sometimes angry, sometimes irreverent, but always clear-eyed and rigorous, Easterly argues that we in the West need to face our own history of ineptitude and draw the proper conclusions, especially at a time when the question of our ability to transplant Western institutions has become one of the most pressing issues we face.

Water: The Fate of Our Most Precious Resource

Marq de Villiers

In his award-winning book *Water*, Marq de Villiers provides an eye-opening account of how we are using, misusing, and abusing our planet's most vital resource. Encompassing ecological, historical, and cultural perspectives, de Villiers reports from hot spots as diverse as China, Las Vegas, and the Middle East, where swelling populations and unchecked development have stressed fresh water supplies nearly beyond remedy. Political struggles for control of water rage around the globe, and rampant pollution daily poses dire ecological threats.

When Helping Hurts

Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

When Helping Hurts is a paradigm-forming contemporary classic on the subject of poverty alleviation and ministry to those in need. Emphasizing the poverty of both heart and society, this book exposes the need that every person has and how it can be filled. While this book exposes past and current development efforts that churches have engaged in which unintentionally undermine the people they're trying to help, its central point is to provide proven strategies that challenge Christians to help the poor empower themselves. *When Helping Hurts* catalyzes the idea that sustainable change for people living in poverty comes not from the outside-in, but from the inside-out.