

5 Executive Book Recommendations



John Matthews

Sticking Points by Haydn Shaw

This book identifies 12 points where the Traditionalist, Baby Boomer, Gen X and Millennial generations disconnect and teaches how to bridge those gaps. *Sticking Points* says that if we can understand each other, we can work together as a productive team. “This is a great book to help [all ages] know how to better interact with and understand individuals of differing generations,” Matthews said. Especially as Christians, good communication between generations is essential for a good testimony. “We will be working side by side in America’s workplaces and attending church together,” Matthews said.



Dr. Gary Weier

Just Do Something: A Liberating Approach to Finding God’s Will by Kevin DeYoung

This book shows Christians how to break out of the paralyzing indecision that comes with not having clear life direction from God. Either this fear of accidentally missing God’s plan leaves us sedentary, having buried our talents, or it makes us swim in circles within the same fruitless arenas. Pastor DeYoung says that God has already given us simple, precise direction in His Word, and it is our responsibility to stop waiting for a voice from Heaven and “just do something.” “[Just Do Something] presents a practical and theologically sound guide to decision-making,” Weier said.



Dr. Steve Pettit

Knowing God by J.I. Packer

Published in 1973, this book has since sold over 8 million copies. J. I. Packer wrote, “The conviction behind the book is that ignorance of God—ignorance both of his ways and of the practice of communion with him—lies at the root of much of the church’s weakness today.” Packer warns that disregarding the study of God avoids being sentenced to blunder through life blindfolded, wasting your life and losing your soul. “Knowing God is a foundation work for developing a right theological mind for a solid Christian walk,” Pettit said.



Alan Benson

Counsel from the Cross: Connecting Broken People to the Love of Christ by Elyse M. Fitzpatrick

Benson said this book brings a Gospel perspective to sanctification. It explains the principle of preaching the Gospel to ourselves to see our worth as God does: on one hand, sinners to whom He extended grace; on the other hand, His children adopted through the sacrifice of Christ. This principle encourages counselors to turn hearts back to the Gospel with every struggle. “This book shows how much counsel tends toward self-effort and futility, and offers constructive advice for how to correct that,” Benson said. “This book has helped to shape much of my current practice in counseling.”



Dr. Sam Horn

Habitudes by Tim Elmore

Habitudes is a series challenging teenagers and young adults to develop their leadership abilities in the midst of their current environment. “It’s about the attitudes and habits you should be cultivating as a college student,” Horn said. “During a time of life that is setting the direction for the rest of your life, it’s important to be setting the right habits now.” This goal of this series is to teach young adults to break the tendency to follow the crowd and instead to take initiative for both their personal life and career.