

## SUMMER READING FOR MINISTRY LEADERS:

As part of your preparation for student leadership, you are required to read one book from the following list. If you are required to read one of these books for another ministry, such as a summer camp ministry, you may consider that as fulfilling this requirement. If you have already read a book from this list and want to read it again this summer, you may do so, but having read it *before this summer* does not fulfill this requirement.

The resources below provide guidance and helpful instruction on leadership, discipleship and Christian growth. Although BJU does not necessarily endorse all that the authors write or practice in ministry, these books will serve you as valuable resources for your ministry to others.

Berg, Jim. *Essential Virtues: Marks of the Christ-Centered Life*. BJU Press, 2008.

- Heart-searching exposition of Peter's list of Christian virtues in 2 Peter 1. Encourages inner growth that results in spiritual commitment, courage and compassion—the foundation of true biblical maturity and a pillar of biblical leadership.

Bridges, Jerry. *The Discipline of Grace: God's Role and Our Role in the Pursuit of Holiness*. NavPress, 2006.

- We know we need to become more like Christ every day, but we often wrongly apply discipline and forget the necessity of God's grace. Bridges masterfully explains the Gospel, grace, and spiritual discipline for the believer pursuing holiness. This book will challenge you to pursue holiness in your relationship with Christ each day.

DeYoung, Kevin. *The Hole in Our Holiness*. Crossway, 2012.

- DeYoung's book discusses the scriptural importance of holiness in a full-orbed biblical context of the gospel and its implications. He is careful with Scripture, provides helpful and appropriately entertaining illustrations and is willing to speak the truth in love.

Eims, Leroy. *Be the Leader You Were Meant to Be*. Chariot Victor Books, 1981, rep. ed.

- With powerful illustrations and much biblical insight, Eims discusses crucial topics such as the personal life of the leader, his attitude toward others, his personal effectiveness and organization, his ability to work with a team, his skill at resolving conflict, and the necessary skill of communication.

Mathis, David. *Habits of Grace*. Crossway, 2016.

- Mathis writes about the spiritual disciplines, or "habits of grace" in the context of three categories: listening to God's voice, speaking to Him in prayer, and joining together with his people as the church. These are the channels through which God's power flows and our primary growth occurs.

Mohler, Albert. *Conviction to Lead*. Bethany House Publishers, 2012.

- Mohler writes as a leader to other developing leaders on the importance of leading by conviction. In this book he addresses twenty-five convictions that leaders should seek to form and follow as they lead others.

Tripp, Paul David. *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*. P&R Publishing, Phillipsburg, NJ, 2002.

- Excellent book describing the Christian's responsibility to be involved in discipleship. Tripp shows how to follow the example of Christ in discipleship, how to get to know people and how to lovingly speak truth to them. Includes appendices, homework ideas, illustrations, and diagrams for hands-on discipleship.

Whitney, Don. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1991.

- A helpful guide that seeks to equip believers with spiritual disciplines such as Scripture reading, prayer, worship, Scripture meditation, evangelism and stewardship. Whitney illustrates why the disciplines are important along with practical suggestions for cultivating them in your life.

Lane, Timothy and Paul Tripp. *Relationships: A Mess Worth Making*. New Growth Press, 2006.

- Laced with strong theology, the book is very practical and helpful in giving applications for what our relationships are meant to be. It centers on God's purpose for us and how He uses relationships to accomplish His purpose for us.

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