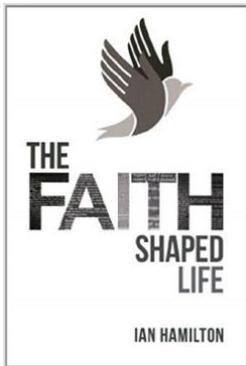


## 2019 APC Reading Challenge

The following six books have been selected and recommended by the Pastoral team of Arden Presbyterian Church for your encouragement and edification in the new year. They need not be read in any specific order, and a copy of each will be made available in the church library.



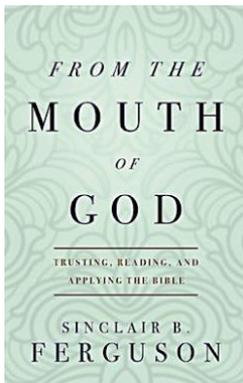
### [The Faith Shaped Life](#)

Hamilton, Ian

The Christian life is a faith-shaped life. Faith is the instrument that unites us to Christ, but it is also the reality that shapes how we live in union with Christ. From beginning to end the Christian lives by faith.

The life of faith is not easy. The Christian is engaged in an unrelenting warfare with the world, the flesh and the devil. Every step forward will be contested. The one thing that will keep the believer on track and pressing on is moment by moment trust in God, in his Word, in the goodness and perfection of his purposes, and in his exceedingly great and precious promises. 'This is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith' (1 John 5:4).

The chapters are intentionally brief and packed with biblical teaching to encourage and challenge both younger and older Christians; and above all to point us relentlessly to Jesus Christ 'the founder and perfecter of our faith'.



### [From the Mouth of God: Trusting, Reading and Applying the Bible](#)

Ferguson, Sinclair B.

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Why should we believe—as Jesus did—that it is “the mouth of God”?

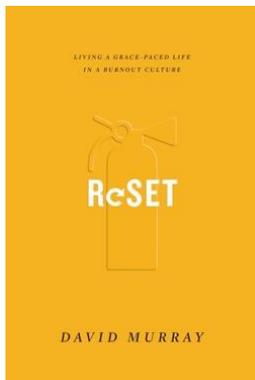
When did it come into existence?

Is it inerrant?

What do we need to learn in order to understand it better?

How does its teaching change our lives?

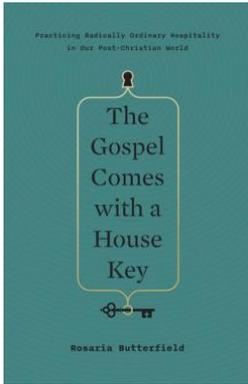
In *From the Mouth of God*, Sinclair B Ferguson answers these and other important questions about trusting, reading, and applying the Bible. Appendices include articles by John Murray, John Owen, a Bibliography for Further Reading, and a Bible Reading Plan



### [Reset: Living a Grace-Paced Life in a Burnout Culture](#)

Murray, David

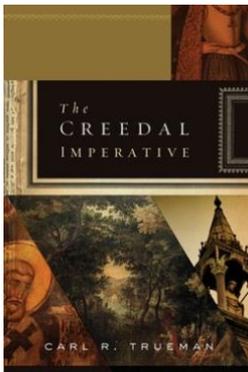
Renew your body and soul while learning how to live and serve in a sustainable and faithful way. Born out of his own experience with coming to grips with limitations, Murray's pastoral and grace saturated book offers some hopeful, practical points of application for transforming your life to reflect the commitment and patience we find when resting in Christ.



## [The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World](#)

Butterfield, Rosaria

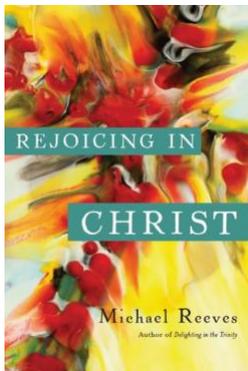
Hospitality isn't just a nice idea - it is needed, commanded and doable. Convicting and encouraging us from her personal story and with Biblical wisdom, Butterfield lays out an inspiring vision for practicing radically ordinary hospitality. Read the book then pray with your spouse or roommate how best to apply the second greatest commandment in your home.



## [The Creedal Imperative](#)

Trueman, Carl R.

What if “No creed but the Bible” is unbiblical? The role of confessions and creeds is the subject of debate within evangelicalism today as many resonate with the call to return to Christianity’s ancient roots. Advocating for a balanced perspective, Carl Trueman offers an analysis of why creeds and confessions are necessary, how they have developed over time, and how they can function in the church of today and tomorrow.



## [Rejoicing in Christ](#)

Reeves, Michael

If we want to know who God is, the best thing we can do is look at Christ. If we want to live the life to which God calls us, we look to Christ. In Jesus we see the true meaning of the love, power, wisdom, justice, peace, care and majesty of God. Michael Reeves, author of *Delighting in the Trinity*, opens to readers the glory and wonder of Christ, offering a bigger and more exciting picture than many have imagined. Jesus didn't just bring us the good news. He is the good news. Reeves helps us celebrate who Christ is, his work on earth, his death and resurrection, his anticipated return and how we share in his life. This book, then, aims for something deeper than a new technique or a call to action. In an age that virtually compels us to look at ourselves, Michael Reeves calls us to look at Christ. As we focus our hearts on him, we see how he is our life, our righteousness, our holiness and our hope.