

Summer One Read (s)



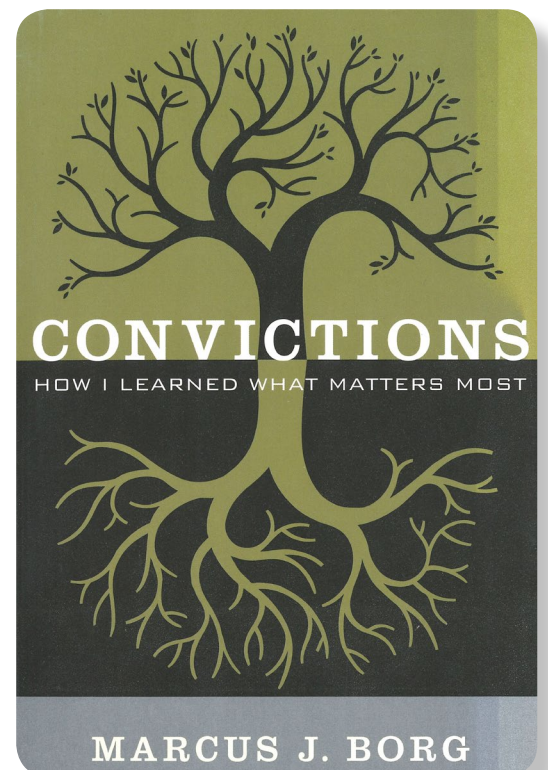
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Are you looking for something to read over the summer? Look no further. Back by popular demand is our summer one read(s)! We have chosen three books for our One Read. You can read one or read them all. The idea is for everyone to read at their own pace over the summer and then, join the conversations about them in the fall. Hopefully, the books will be thought-provoking, encourage spiritual growth, and fruitful discussion. Books are \$15 each and can be purchased on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week.

Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most by Marcus Borg

On his seventieth birthday, the renowned progressive Christian scholar Marcus Borg wrote *Convictions*. He shares how his bedrock religious beliefs were formed, contending that Christians in America are at their best when they focus on hope and transformation. This book is a manifesto for all progressive Christians who seek the best path for following Jesus today.

With each chapter discussing a distinct conviction, Borg writes provocatively and compellingly on the beliefs that can deeply ground us and guide us, such as: God is real, and a mystery and salvation is more about this life than an afterlife.



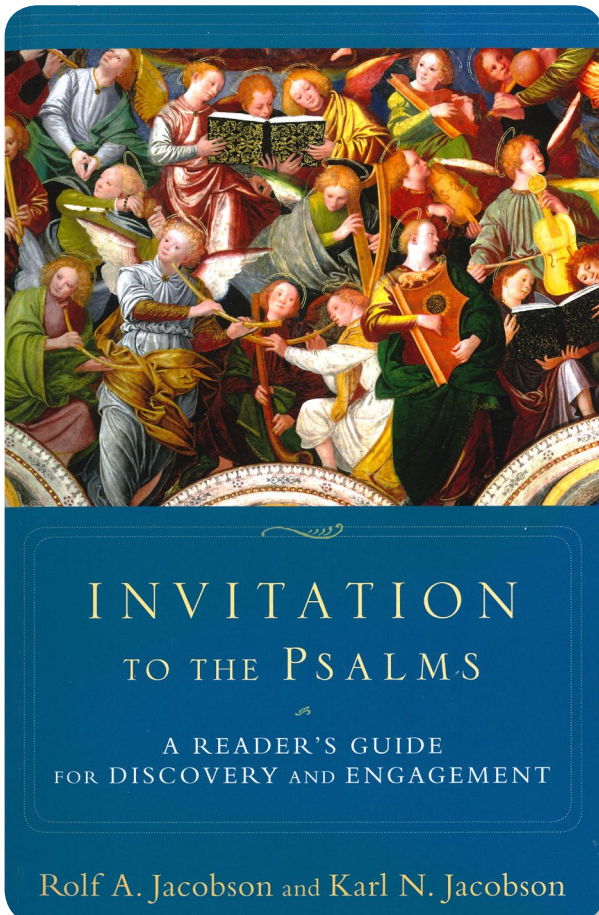
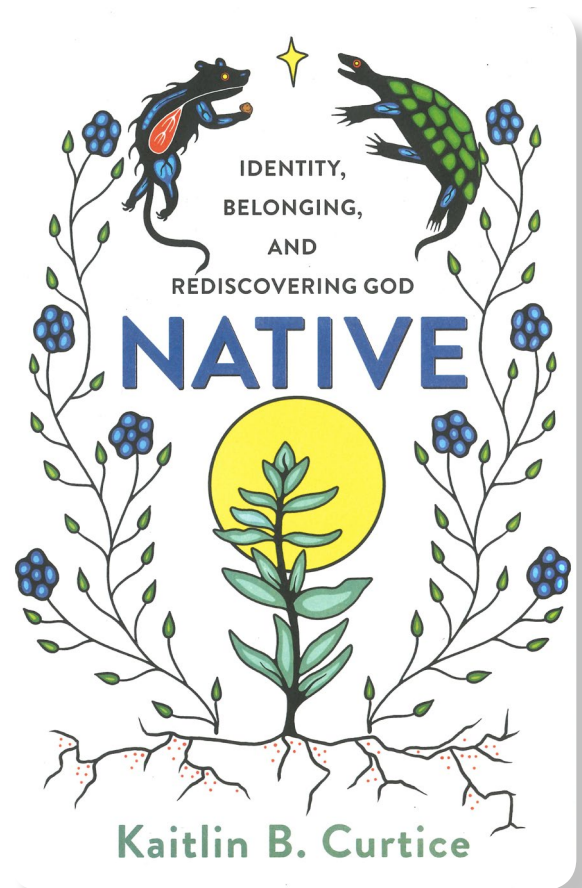


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Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God by Kaitlin Curtice.

Native is about identity, soul-searching, and the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice offers a unique perspective on these topics. Curtice writes about how reconnecting with her Potawatomi identity both informs and challenges her faith. Native is part memoir describing Kaitlin's faith journey and part historically reckoning, as she grapples with the ways the church has often been intertwined with white supremacy.

Native is deeply personal, beautifully written, and thought provoking. Each section begins with an illustrated poem from Potawatomi tradition.



Invitation to the Psalms by Rolf A. Jacobson & Karl N. Jacobson

This book was chosen to enhance our fall Shepherd Lecture. Dr. Nancy DeClaisse-Walford a Hebrew Bible scholar and professor at McAfee School of Theology will be our fall Shepherd Lecture speaker. She will be leading a multiweek Bible Study, during the 10:15 Small Group hour, on the Psalms beginning September 12. She recommended our first Summer One Read, which is Invitation to the Psalms by Rolf A. Jacobson.

Invitation to the Psalms is a winsome accessible introduction to the Psalms that delves into how to read Hebrew poetry, the Psalter's basic genres, the metaphorical world of the Psalms, and the theology of the Psalms. If you want to get the most out of our fall Bible study, be sure to pick up a copy.