

Book Recommendations for Young Men Headed for Ministry | Rev. Scott E. Slaughter

Brett, here are a handful of books that I have found to be formative in my thinking about pastoral ministry. There are more but I tried to pick “my favorites.” I wasn’t sure what you might want so I’ve picked a few from the key aspects of pastoral theology (ministry, preaching, worship, evangelism). There are more that I could recommend but I knew you didn’t need that many. I’ll place a star by the works that I would suggest first to any serious young man.

MINISTRY GENERAL:

Lectures to My Students, complete & unabridged, C.H. Spurgeon – *a classic*
Liberating the Ministry from the Success Syndrome, Kent & Barbara Hughes
Preaching & Preachers, D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones – *a modern classic*
*Shepherding God’s Flock, Jay Adams
The Christian Ministry, Charles Bridges – *a classic*
*The Reformed Pastor, Richard Baxter – *a classic*

PREACHING:

Between Two Worlds, John R.W. Stott
Biblical Preaching, Haddon W. Robinson – *a modern classic*
New Testament Exposition, Walter L. Liefeld – *difficult but good*
*Preaching & Preachers, D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones – *a modern classic*
The Ministry of the Word, G. Campbell Morgan – *a classic but more theory*

WORSHIP & EVANGELISM:

*Ashamed of the Gospel, John MacArthur
Limited Church, Unlimited Kingdom, Rob Rienow
Reaching Out without Dumbing Down, Marva J. Dawn
*Tell The Truth, Will Metzger
*The Trivialization of God, Donald W. McCullough
Too Small To Ignore, Wes Stafford
We Believe, Michael Horton