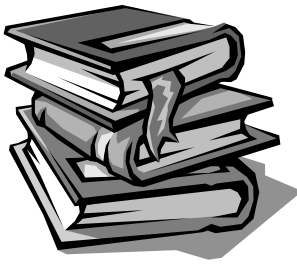


Book Reviews

Here is a selection of books for you to consider:



Life's Big Questions - Six major themes traced through the Bible

by Vaughan Roberts IVP £5.99

If you prefer to do some serious thinking for your holiday reading, consider this: How can the sixty-six books of the Bible have a single message for us today? What unites the vastly different accounts of God's work in the world? How do the various genres of the Bible work together? Vaughan Roberts believes that the Bible tells a single story

for all time. He draws out the Bible's message of Jesus Christ and God's redemption through him, in six big questions:

- Who is the king?
- What does it mean to be human?
- How should we view money?
- What does God say about marriage?
- How does the Holy Spirit work in the world and in our lives?
- What part does mission play in the Christian life?

This companion volume to God's Big Picture will not only help you answer these questions, but also give you tools to transform your own Bible study in light of the whole story of God. Vaughan Roberts is Rector of St Ebbe's Church, Oxford and author of God's Big Picture (IVP). He is also a popular speaker at Spring Harvest, and is a founder member of '9:38' which encourages people to consider full-time gospel ministry

Who can be saved? - Reassessing salvation in Christ and world religions

by Terrance L Tiessen IVP £16.99 IVP

Summer is often a time for church to do missions, and if the whole implications of mission have ever worried you, this serious book will help you think through the issues.

Throughout history, millions have lived and died without hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Despite vigorous missionary efforts, large populations of the world today have never been evangelised. And now religious pluralism has set up shop on the high street. The question 'Who can be saved?' forces itself on the minds of Christians like never before.

- Is there a wideness in God's mercy?
- Does God reveal himself in a way that invites all people to respond positively in saving faith?
- How should we view the religions we live alongside?
- Is inter-religious dialogue profitable and desirable or to be avoided?

These are big questions requiring thoughtful care.

In this intriguing study, Terrance L. Tiessen reassesses the questions of salvation and the role of religions and offers a proposal that is biblically rooted, theologically articulated and missiologically sensitive. This is a book that will set new terms for the discussion of these important issues.

Terrance L. Tiessen is professor of theology and ethics at Providence Theological Seminary in Otterburne, Manitoba. He previously served on the mission field in India