

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning. However, by recommending them, we are not giving a blanket endorsement to the author or every sentence you'll read. The only perfect person is Jesus and the only perfect book is the Bible so as you read these, practice discernment. In other words, "chew the meat and spit out the bones"!!!

- Francis Chan - *Crazy Love*
- Mike Slaughter - *Dare to Dream: Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement for Your Life*
- Richard Stearns - *The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us? The Answer That Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World*
- Bill Jackson - *The Quest for the Radical Middle: A History of the Vineyard*

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

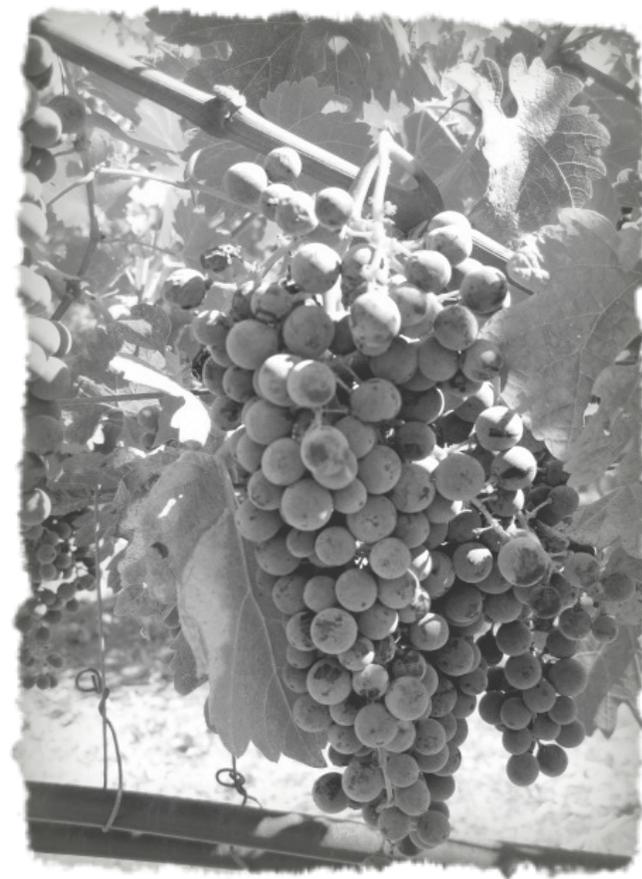
Plus... be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!

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A Vision for the Future

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We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

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(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker - We are just one week into the year. What has been a highlight of 2018 for you so far? What is something you are looking forward to doing in 2018?
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. On the front of this program it says: *We want people to ENCOUNTER God on Sundays and not just "go to church."* We hope that happens every Sunday you come, so we hope you have tons of examples! Share a time when this has been true for you, how you experienced God in a real way on a Sunday morning at our church. And when did that experience happen... during worship, the sermon, Communion, 1-on-1 prayer, or in the lobby before or after the service?
4. Read Psalm 119:68 and James 1:17. Do you believe deep down in the depths of your soul that God is good ALL of the time? In other words, do you believe in the absolute goodness of God? Why or why not?
5. Read Galatians 4:19 and Colossians 1:28-29. Since you have been coming to The Eastside Vineyard, how have you become better EQUIPPED in your faith? For example...How has your theology been impacted? What spiritual practices have you pressed into? What people have you met that you have begun to share your spiritual journey with? How have you become more mature in Christ?
6. John Wimber (founder of the Vineyard movement) said: "I am just change in God's pocket. He can spend me how He chooses." With that quote in mind, is there an area of your life where you feel you need to become better EQUIPPED so that God can "spend" you more effectively (so your life can have a greater impact)?
7. In *The Hole in the Gospel* Richard Stearns writes: "What does God expect of us? . . . It's a simple question, really. But is the answer so simple? What is the Christian faith about? Going to church every Sunday, saying grace before meals, and avoiding the most serious sins — or does God expect more?" How would you answer those questions?
8. Read Galatians 5:6. What are some simple ways you can ENGAGE — showing God's love in practical ways between now and next Sunday? Brainstorm with your group. And then put your faith in action!

Key Passage:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)