

DREAM DISCIPLE

Supplemental Resource Guide

Curated for further reading, listening, and learning for each Dream Disciple role

SAVVY FOLLOWER

I discern God's voice and follow His lead at the right time in the right way.

Start Here Books

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry | John Mark Comer | The best starting point for anyone whose pace of life is drowning out God's voice.

Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God | Timothy Keller | Weaves theology and practice together to make prayer feel both more important and more doable.

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth | Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart | The go-to guide for understanding biblical genres and reading Scripture with confidence.

The Common Rule | Justin Whitmel Earley | A practical starter kit for daily and weekly habits that create space for God.

Crazy Busy | Kevin DeYoung | A short, honest look at why we're so busy and how the gospel frees us from the tyranny of the urgent.

Dangerous Prayers | Craig Groeschel | A challenge to move beyond safe, predictable prayers into the kind of bold asking that changes everything.

How Not to Read the Bible | Dan Kimball | Addresses the most common misunderstandings and misuses of Scripture with clarity and warmth.

Go Deeper Books

Celebration of Discipline | Richard Foster | The modern classic on spiritual disciplines, organized into inward, outward, and corporate practices.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality | Peter Scazzero | Makes the case that emotional health and spiritual maturity are inseparable.

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook | Adele Calhoun | An encyclopedic guide to over 60 spiritual practices, organized by desire. Ideal for building a personal rule of life.

Thriving in Babylon | Larry Osborne | A sharp look at how Daniel navigated a hostile culture without compromising or becoming combative.

Live No Lies | John Mark Comer | A deep dive into the devil, the flesh, and the world as sources of deception. Maps directly onto the Four Competing Voices framework.

Slow Theology | A.J. Swoboda and Nijay Gupta | Eight practices for building resilient faith by slowing down your thinking, praying, and decision-making.

The Deeply Formed Life | Rich Villodas | Five transformative values for a world demanding speed, and why depth of soul matters more than breadth of activity.

The Spirit of the Disciplines | Dallas Willard | The theological foundation for why disciplines position us to receive grace, not earn favor.

Cultural Engagement | Joshua Chatraw and Karen Swallow Prior | A crash course in how Christians can think well about today's most pressing cultural issues.

Podcasts & Media

Practicing the Way Podcast | John Mark Comer | Short, focused episodes on spiritual formation and the practices of Jesus.

The Bible Project Podcast | Tim Mackie and Jon Collins | Deep, accessible explorations of biblical themes and theology that make complex ideas stick.

Slow Theology Podcast | A.J. Swoboda and Nijay Gupta | Honest, unhurried conversations about Bible, theology, and living a patient faith in chaotic times.

Not Just Sunday Podcast | Patrick Miller and Keith Simon | Honest, practical conversations about moving faith from Sunday-only to everyday discipleship through Scripture, surrender, and spiritual habits.

BibleProject Classroom (YouTube) | The Bible Project | Free video courses on how to read the Bible, biblical themes, and book overviews.

Emotionally Healthy Leader Podcast | Peter Scazzero | Connects inner emotional health to outward leadership and discipleship.

COMPASSIONATE STORYTELLER

I know God's story, my place in it, and am motivated to tell the people in my life.

Start Here Books

The Story of God, the Story of Us | Sean Gladding | Retells the entire biblical narrative in a compelling, accessible way. The closest companion to the Compassionate Storyteller course.

Welcome to the Story | Stephen J. Nichols | Walks through creation, fall, redemption, and restoration in a way that invites you into the narrative.

Stay Salt | Rebecca Manley Pippert | A warm, updated guide to natural evangelism through genuine relationships and honest conversations.

Surprise the World | Michael Frost | Five simple, repeatable habits that make evangelism a lifestyle rather than an event.

Faith for the Curious | Mark Matlock | Research-based strategies for engaging the spiritually open majority, not just the hostile minority.

Making Faith Magnetic | Daniel Strange | Practical wisdom for making the Christian faith genuinely attractive to the people you encounter every day.

Understanding the Big Picture of the Bible | Wayne Grudem, et al. | A concise guide to seeing how every part of Scripture fits into one unified story.

Go Deeper Books

The Drama of Scripture | Craig Bartholomew and Michael Goheen | The academic standard for understanding the Bible as a unified narrative in six acts.

The True Story of the Whole World | Craig Bartholomew and Michael Goheen | A shorter, more accessible companion to *The Drama of Scripture*, retelling the biblical narrative for everyday readers.

Telling a Better Story | Joshua Chatraw | Moves beyond traditional apologetics into a narrative approach that meets people inside their own stories.

Confronting Christianity | Rebecca McLaughlin | Addresses twelve hard questions skeptics ask with intellectual rigor and personal honesty.

Tactics | Gregory Koukl | Practical training in the art of asking good questions and navigating tough conversations about faith.

The Reason for God | Timothy Keller | Addresses the most common objections to Christianity with intellectual depth and pastoral warmth.

The Case for a Creator | Lee Strobel | A journalist's investigation into the scientific evidence pointing toward an intelligent creator.

Truth in a Culture of Doubt | Andreas Kostenberger, Darrell Bock, and Josh Chatraw | Responds to popular challenges to the reliability of the Gospels with careful, accessible scholarship.

The Problem of Life | Mark Clark | Eleven principles for finding identity, purpose, and joy, with deep engagement from biblical theology and psychology.

Podcasts & Media

The Bible Project Podcast | Tim Mackie and Jon Collins | The single best resource for understanding the story of God. Essential for Compassionate Storytellers.

Ask N.T. Wright Anything | N.T. Wright and Justin Brierley | Wright answers questions about Bible, theology, and culture with a narrative, kingdom-focused perspective.

The Exploring My Strange Bible Podcast | Tim Mackie | Deep but conversational teaching organized by topic and biblical book.

Alpha Film Series (Video) | Alpha International | A well-produced series for people exploring Christianity. Useful as both a refresher and an invitation tool.

The Chosen (TV Series) | Dallas Jenkins | Brings the gospel narratives to life, helping storytellers imagine and communicate the human reality of Jesus' ministry.

INTENTIONAL FRIEND

I partner with God to build healthy relationships and restore broken ones.

Start Here Books

B.L.E.S.S.: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World | Dave and Jon Ferguson | The foundational text for the Intentional Friend course. If you read one book from this list, make it this one.

The Art of Neighboring | Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon | Starts with a startling question: Do you know the names of your eight closest neighbors?

Befriend | Scott Sauls | A compelling invitation to move toward the people we'd normally avoid and build unexpected friendships.

Everybody, Always | Bob Goff | Warm, inspiring stories about loving people without an agenda, even the difficult ones.

Forgiving What You Can't Forget | Lysa TerKeurst | An honest guide to the process of forgiveness when it feels impossible.

Finding Your Third Place | Richard Kyte | Explores the essential gathering spaces where friendships form, and how to find or create your own.

The Good and Beautiful Life | James Bryan Smith | Practices for living the way Jesus described in the Sermon on the Mount, with emphasis on relational transformation.

Go Deeper Books

The Meaning of Marriage | Timothy and Kathy Keller | The best single volume on Christian marriage. Theologically grounded and practically wise.

Love and Respect | Emerson Eggerichs | Unpacks the core dynamic of marriage: her need for love and his need for respect, and how they fuel each other.

Bold Love | Dan Allender and Tremper Longman III | What it actually looks like to love difficult people, moving past niceness into transformative love.

A Meal with Jesus | Tim Chester | A theological and practical exploration of how Jesus used meals as the primary vehicle for mission.

Crucial Conversations | Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, et al. | Essential communication skills for navigating conflict, speaking honestly, and maintaining safety in hard conversations.

The Five Love Languages | Gary Chapman | The classic for understanding how different people give and receive love, which shapes how you serve friends well.

A Non-Anxious Presence | Mark Sayers | How faithful Christian leaders can bring calm, clarity, and presence in an anxious and fragmented culture.

Love Over Fear | Dan White Jr. | A practical guide to engaging the people and places around you with love instead of retreating in fear.

Podcasts & Media

BLESS Every Home Podcast | Dave and Jon Ferguson | Ongoing conversations and stories about living the BLESS lifestyle after the course ends.

The Art of Relationships Podcast | Biola University | Research-informed, faith-grounded conversations on marriage, family, friendship, and conflict.

The Table Podcast | Dallas Theological Seminary | Models the kind of generous, curious dialogue that Intentional Friends should be practicing.

BLESS App | Dave and Jon Ferguson | A free app designed to help you practice the five BLESS rhythms daily with your specific people.

EMBEDDED INFLUENCER

I understand how God has purposefully gifted and positioned me to multiply His work in the world.

Start Here Books

Every Good Endeavor | Timothy Keller | The best single book on the theology of work and vocation, showing how every kind of work can be worship.

Visioneering | Andy Stanley | A practical guide to discerning and pursuing the vision God has for your life and influence.

Find Your Place | Rob Wegner and Brian Phipps | Helps you locate your calling through your Gifts, Passions, and Story with an accompanying assessment.

The Treasure Principle | Randy Alcorn | A short, powerful reframing of generosity from obligation to joyful eternal investment.

S.H.A.P.E. | Erik Rees | A practical assessment framework for discovering how God shaped you through Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences.

Forgotten God | Francis Chan | A wake-up call to the often-neglected role of the Holy Spirit in empowering our lives and mission.

Lead Like a Shepherd | Larry Osborne | Practical leadership wisdom rooted in the biblical metaphor of shepherding, from a veteran pastor.

Go Deeper Books

Culture Making | Andy Crouch | Challenges Christians to move beyond consuming or critiquing culture and instead create it.

Kingdom Calling | Amy Sherman | Connects your professional skills to God's mission of renewal, packed with real-world examples.

Gospel Patrons | John Rinehart | Inspiring stories of generous Christians throughout history who funded and fueled movements of God.

The Generosity Factor | Ken Blanchard and S. Truett Cathy | A parable about the connection between generosity and influence from the founder of Chick-fil-A.

Multiply | Francis Chan | A free, practical guide to the multiplication mindset: moving from personal growth to reproducing disciples.

Center Church | Timothy Keller | A comprehensive vision for how the gospel shapes every dimension of ministry and cultural engagement.

Facing Leviathan | Mark Sayers | Explores the crisis of leadership in the modern world and what it takes to lead with integrity in cultural chaos.

Didn't See It Coming | Carey Nieuwhof | Identifies the seven hidden challenges leaders face before they become full-blown crises.

Spiritual Leadership | Henry and Richard Blackaby | The classic on leading from a posture of following God, emphasizing that spiritual leaders move people onto God's agenda.

Leading on Empty | Wayne Cordeiro | An honest account of burnout and recovery, with practical tools for sustaining influence over the long haul.

Leading with a Limp | Dan Allender | Why the best leaders lead from their weaknesses, not their strengths, and how vulnerability builds trust.

Podcasts & Media

Craig Groeschel Leadership Podcast | Craig Groeschel | Practical, high-impact leadership episodes that consistently connect leadership principles to faith and calling.

Faith & Work Podcast | The Gospel Coalition | Conversations with Christians in every field about how faith shapes their work.

The Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast | Carey Nieuwhof | Conversations with top leaders across industries on leadership, productivity, and influence.

This Cultural Moment Podcast | Mark Sayers and John Mark Comer | Explores how Christians can faithfully engage and influence the cultural moment we find ourselves in.