



“As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word...who indeed bears fruit...” -Matthew 13:23

Welcome to Faith Fertilizer!

Each month's issue features resources we recommend to help you grow your faith. Here you will find ideas such as books, articles, podcasts, tips, insights, and other tools that your pastors and staff have found helpful along their own spiritual journey.

If you find this helpful, please feel free to share with friends!
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Visuals We're Loving

What It's About

A Cartoonist's Guide to the Bible is a library of visual resources to study, teach and preach the Bible. It is the lifelong project of Rev. Dr. Steve Thomason, Ph.D. A Cartoonist's Guide to the Bible illustrates Scripture in a Graphic Novel Style. The illustrations are whimsical, but not childish.

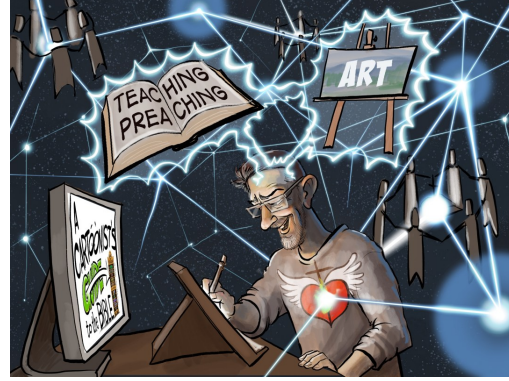
Why I Recommend It

IT'S NOT JUST FOR KIDS! This is a great way to encourage those who prefer a more visual read to engage with Scripture in a deeper way. More than that, though, this website offers amazing resources to help folks of all ages to read and understand the Bible, as well as the historical context in which it was written. I wish I'd known about this treasure a long time ago!

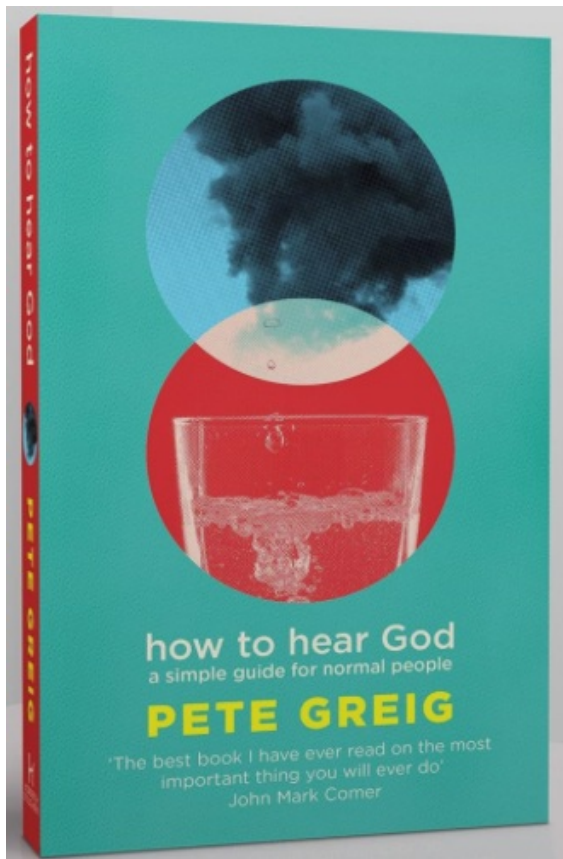
-Pastor Amy



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Books We're Reading



Pete is a great storyteller, and I highly recommend **listening** to the audio-book available through St. Louis Public Library!

What It's About

The follow up to "How To Pray" is a practical and encouraging guide to the other side of the prayer conversation: how to hear what God might be saying in response to the prayers we pray.

The first section of the book explores God's Word, exploring the ways that the Bible can speak to us, and the second half focuses on God's Whisper, what God really sounds like today.

Why I Recommend It

One of the best modern books I have read on prayer is "How to Pray: A Simple Guide For Normal People" by Pete Greig. I liked it so much, I led the accompanying video series class on it last year during lent. This second book, is equally as moving, insightful, and helpful.

So much of how we talk about prayer in the modern world falls into two different categories. One seems to be an assumption that God is literally always intervening in our world to the point where prayer gets talked about in naïve or cliché ways that works well for us when all is great in life, but falls apart when trouble comes and we are shocked to discover God doesn't obey our every whim. On the other end of the spectrum is a view of prayer that sees it as somehow important because we are in relationship with God, and it helps focus our hearts & minds, but doesn't actually seem to expect God to act.

Pete's experience and writing

somehow transcends these trappings and focuses on what the bible teaches us about prayer, mixing both intellectual honesty about the challenge of prayer with real-life experiences of God. It is a refreshing take on prayer in the modern world that has expanded my prayer life greatly.

-Pastor Josh

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