



THE GOSPEL COALITION

2016 Annual Report

FROM OUR FOUNDERS

We live in times that are immensely challenging. Worldwide, very large numbers of people have never heard the gospel -- and this in a world where democracy is in declension, social and military strife abound, persecution is on the rise, and the great gods of consumerism and power beckon with seductive power. In the West, the freedoms we thought sacrosanct are being eroded, and many seek shelter in secularism, political correctness (especially in the sexual and gender arenas), new forms of xenophobia and racism, and candid spiritual indifferentism.

Yet at the same time, in many countries God is raising up a fresh cadre of young pastor-theologians who want to learn how to provide Spirit-anointed exposition of Scripture for the people of God, who volunteer to serve in Muslim-dominant nations, who throw themselves wholeheartedly into our cities with a Calebite spirit ("Give me this mountain!"), who want to be clear and passionate about the gospel, and who, far from being afraid of the "other," cry to God for mercy to enable them to love their neighbors as themselves.

This is a wonderful time to be alive. If the challenges are great, so are the opportunities -- and in any case we serve a God who is more interested in our faithfulness than in our fame. We serve the Lord Jesus, who has promised to build his church. It seems to us that in his mercy he has raised up The Gospel Coalition and likeminded organizations to help bring together Christians and faithful churches that are theologically evangelical, steeped in the Reformed heritage, and wanting to lay up treasures in heaven.

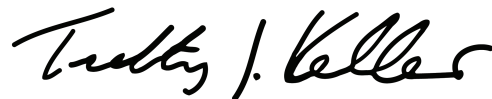
You have been part of this movement, and, speaking for the entire Council of TGC, from the bottom of our heart we thank God for what he is doing through your generous gifts.

And not least at this blessed season of the year, "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift" (2 Cor 9:15).

Your partners in the gospel,



Don Carson, President



Tim Keller, Vice President

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WEBSITE

Influencing a generation with top-notch, theologically rich, free material

Traffic at TGC.org increased at least 43 percent between 2015 and 2016, topping 74.8 million pageviews. As one of the largest Christian websites in the world, we hosted more than 16.4 million unique visitors in 2016.

Popular articles include a [report on the explosive growth of the church in Iran](#), [misconceptions about the pastor's wife](#), and a [testimony about the loss of a child](#). Our roster of bloggers now includes Ryan Reeves ([Historical Theology for Everyone](#)) as well as Thomas Kidd and Justin Taylor ([Evangelical History](#)). New staff editors and writers include:

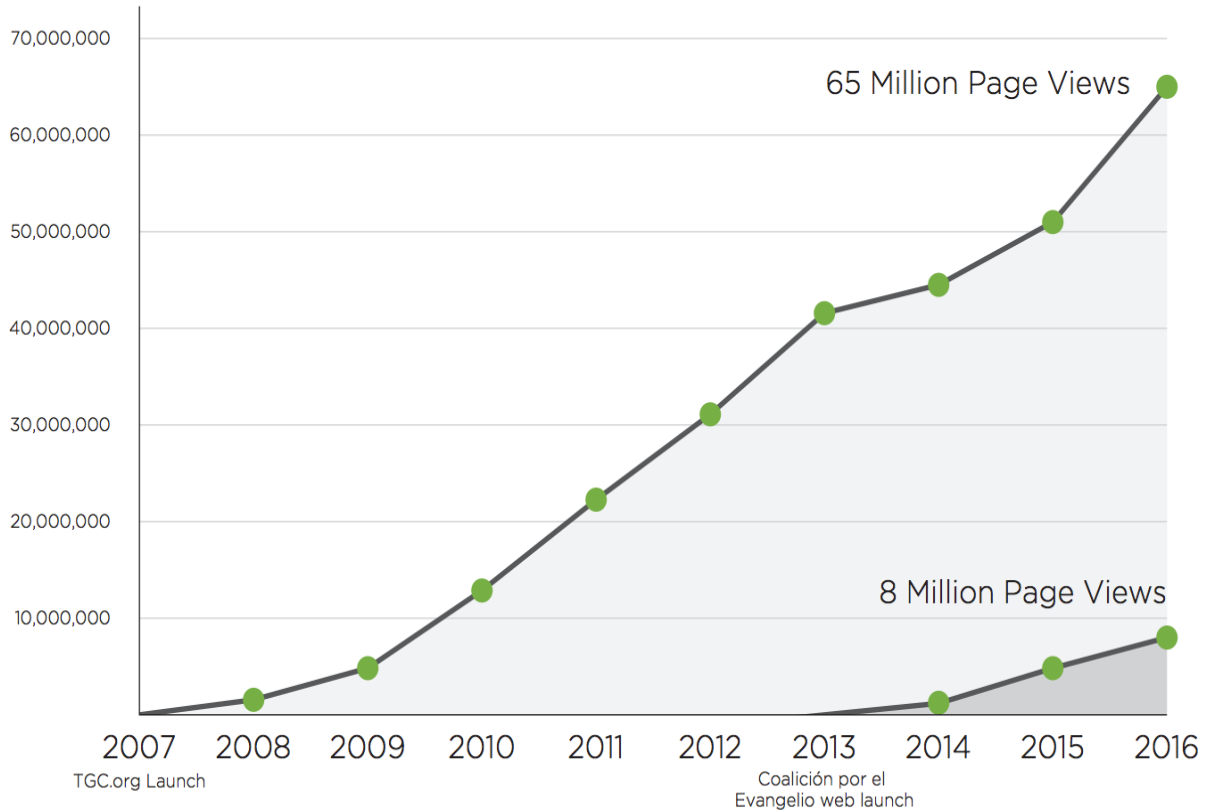
- Melissa Kruger
- Jason Cook
- Sarah Zylstra
- Timoteo Sazo

Multimedia Strategy

Written articles are just one part of our broader web strategy. Podcasts have exploded in popularity, and we have adjusted our attention accordingly. With an average of 15,000 downloads per episode, our main [TGC Podcast](#) is one of the most popular podcasts according to iTunes in the religion and spirituality category. Every two weeks we release Nancy Guthrie's [Help Me Teach the Bible](#) interviews with insightful pastors and scholars, and every [Word of the Week](#) features a sermon to encourage, exhort, and equip.

Video will become an increasingly important priority in future months and years. We have [improved and expanded on interviews and roundtable discussions](#) on events affecting today's church. We've also begun [producing short documentary films](#).

TGC Website Growth



Print Content

In 2016 our imprint with Crossway began to bear fruit with books written by women and books addressing faith and work. But you'll also see our first foray into equipping youth ministers with a book that's topped the charts on Amazon.com since its spring publication.

- *Seasons of Waiting: Walking by Faith When Dreams Are Delayed* by Betsy Childs Howard
- *God's Word, Our Story: Learning from the Book of Nehemiah* edited by Don Carson and Kathleen B. Nielson
- *Gospel-Centered Youth Ministry: A Practical Guide* edited by Cameron Cole and Jon Nielson

- *Praying Together: The Priority and Privilege of Prayer—In Our Homes, Communities, and Churches* by Megan Hill
- *Pursuing Health in an Anxious Age* by Dr. Robert Cutillo (foreword by Andy Crouch)

Study guides equip pastors and Bible study leaders with material they can trust, helping them to handle the Scriptures with care and keep the gospel of Jesus central from exegesis to application. This year with The Good Book Company we published *Gospel Shaped Work* by Tom Nelson; it's the fourth installment in [this profitable series](#) that teaches and applies TGC's *Theological Vision for Ministry* to local church life.

Our all-time bestselling resource on any paid platform is Jen Wilkin's *Sermon on the Mount* study with LifeWay, but it may end up topped by her 2016 TGC release, *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ*. Additionally, Gloria Furman's study *Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God* coincided with her new book of the same title with Crossway. Our most important study for 2017 features Albert Mohler and Kevin DeYoung talking with Trevin Wax about the five *solas* of the Reformation.

New in 2016

- *Seasons of Waiting: Walking by Faith When Dreams Are Delayed*, by Betsy Childs Howard
- *God's Word, Our Story: Learning from the Book of Nehemiah* edited by D. A. Carson and Kathleen B. Nielson
- *Gospel-Centered Youth Ministry: A Practical Guide* edited by Cameron Cole and Jon Nielson
- *Praying Together: The Priority and Privilege of Prayer—In Our Homes, Communities, and Churches* by Megan Hill
- *Gospel Shaped Work* by Tom Nelson
- *Gospel Shaped Living* by Vermon Pierre
- *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ* (study guide and DVD) by Jen Wilkin
- *Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God* (study guide and DVD) by Gloria Furman
- *Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God* by Gloria Furman

- *Pursuing Health in an Anxious Age* by Dr. Robert Cutillo

Forthcoming in 2017

- *Glory in the Ordinary: Why Your Work in the Home Matters to God* by Courtney Reissig
- *Echoes of the Reformation: Five Truths that Shape the Christian Life* by Kevin DeYoung, Albert Mohler, and Trevin Wax with study guide written by Brandon D. Smith
- *The New City Catechism Devotional: God's Truth for our Hearts and Minds* with introduction by Tim Keller and contributions from Don Carson, Kevin DeYoung, John Piper, and many more; Collin Hansen, general editor
- *The New City Catechism: 52 Questions and Answers for Our Hearts and Minds*
- *Gospel Shaped Mercy* by Stephen Um
- *Coming Home: Essays on the New Heavens and New Earth* edited by Don Carson and Jeff Robinson

In 2015, we began publishing eBooks and we've since increased our timeliness and flexibility while reaching readers who demand greater depth than we can provide in website articles. Our first eBook, *Revisiting 'Faithful Presence': To Change the World Five Years Later*, explored the landmark work of James Davison Hunter from various perspectives. The book featured contributions from Albert Mohler, Vermon Pierre, Collin Hansen, Hunter Baker, John Jefferson Davis, K. A. Ellis, Greg Forster, and Daniel Strange.

Our next eBook, *Seminary Didn't Teach Me . . .*, aims to equip younger pastors by filling in gaps where graduate education can't substitute for experience and emotional intelligence. Various pastors of different experience levels and denominations—including Danny Akin, John Onwuchekwa, Mark Vroegop, and Juan Sanchez—will contribute to this volume edited by Collin Hansen and Jeff Robinson.

The biggest editorial project of 2016 and 2017, however, will be *New City Catechism*. Originally offered only on the web or via app, we've made a print version of the resource in partnership with Crossway. We've heard

from parents that they appreciate the resource but don't want to use electronic media in family devotions. So we've worked hard on a print version that includes commentary from TGC Council members and staff. We've also created an accompanying children's book that will use creative designs for some shorter questions and answers, as well as a group curriculum suitable for Sunday schools and homeschooling families, written by Melanie Lacy at Oak Hill College in London. Crossway has also updated and redesigned the website and app, all appropriately in time for our celebration of the Protestant Reformation 500 years ago.

MEDIA

Renewing the contemporary church through contemporary mediums

Podcasts

- [The Gospel Coalition Podcast](#) remains one of the most popular podcasts (according to iTunes) in the religion and spirituality category speaking to 25,000 listeners per episode.
- ["How to Teach the Bible,"](#) with Nancy Guthrie interviewing pastors and scholars for the benefit of teachers on all levels. Each episode is heard by an average of 5,600 listeners.
- ["Word of the Week,"](#) an exceptional exposition of Scripture by a trusted pastor. Each episode is listened to by an average of 5,300 listeners.

Video and Television

In 2016 TGC [improved and expanded](#) our video content including [interviews and roundtable discussions](#) on events affecting today's church. Along with conference messages, many of these videos are now being [broadcast on cable TV with NRB Network](#).

EVENTS

Gathering God's people for expository preaching, corporate worship, and prayer

Women's Conference

We hosted our 2016 Women's Conference in Indianapolis from June 16–18, 2016. More than 7,300 women from all 50 states and 40 countries gathered together to study 1 Peter.

Along with the seven main plenary sessions, we offered more than 40 workshops and 30 focus gatherings led by speakers addressing topics including discipleship, sexual identity, abortion, mentoring, sexual abuse, raising children, faith and work, and more.

2017 National Conference

With over 3,000 attendees already reserving their places, we're on pace for between 8,000 and 10,000 registrants for our 2017 National Conference, April 3 to 5, in Indianapolis: ["No Other Gospel: Reformation 500 and Beyond."](#) Our 2015 National Conference in Orlando hosted 6,000 attendees.

Our 2017 National Conference will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Six plenary talks will proclaim the gospel of grace from Paul's letter to the Galatians. Another three plenary talks will recount God's work in the lives of Martin Luther, John Calvin, and other leaders in the broader Reformed tradition. Among our usual lineup of 50+ workshops, several will explore in-depth Reformation issues such as how we live out Reformational convictions in the 21st century and where the Reformers' legacy continues today.

As we reflect on the momentous events that unfolded 500 years ago, we give thanks for God's continued promise of faithfulness to his church. This conference celebrates God's work beyond Europe and North America, beyond the walls of the church into government, our workplaces, and the

arts. The same gospel of grace that inspired Luther and his generation continues to spread into every corner of both our world and our lives.

Plenary Expositions:

- Galatians 1: “Paul’s Pilgrimage, Paul’s Plea” (John Piper)
- Galatians 2: “Apostolic Confrontation: The Exclusive Sufficiency of Christ” (Sandy Willson)
- Galatians 3: “The Gospel of Grace: How to Read the Bible, Part 1” (Peter Adam)
- Galatians 4: “The Gospel of Grace: How to Read the Bible, Part 2” (Don Carson)
- Galatians 5: “Gospel Freedom, Gospel Fruit” (Thabiti Anyabwile)
- Galatians 6: “Boasting in Nothing Except the Cross” (Tim Keller)

Reformation Plenary Talks:

- Martin Luther (Stephen Nichols)
- John Calvin (Kevin DeYoung)
- The Reformed Tradition Beyond Calvin (Ligon Duncan)

Reformation Themed Workshops:

- The Missionary Legacy of the Reformation (Michael Haykin)
- Anabaptists and the Radical Reformation (Michael Haykin)
- Thomas Cranmer and the Bible (Graham Cole)
- Thomas Cranmer and the Gospel (Graham Cole)
- Calvin’s Company of Pastors Today (Tim Keller)
- Is the Reformation Over? (Gregg Allison)
- Early Reformed Pastoral Practice (Scott Manetsch)
- Early Reformers: Why Didn't They Unite? (Timothy George)
- Pastor-Scholars in the Reformation (Andy Davis, Ligon Duncan, Stephen Um, John Yates)
- Living Out Our Reformation Convictions: The Marks of a Great Commission People (Danny Akin and Matt Carter)

Other Workshops:

- Answer These 14 Questions Before You Preach (Peter Adam)
- Common Misconceptions About Singleness (Sam Allberry)
- Discipleship with Monday in Mind (Tom Nelson)
- Faithfulness in an Age of Anxiety: Meeting Our Cultural Moment with Faith, Not Fear (Trevin Wax)
- Help Me Teach the Bible Live Recording (Nancy Guthrie and Tim Keller)
- Marveling at the Glories of Christ in the Book of Ephesians (Gloria Furman)
- Mountains, Vineyards, and Birth Pangs: the Power of Metaphor in the Prophets (Kathleen Nielson)
- Pastors and Women in Ministry: A Conversation (Kevin DeYoung, Melissa Kruger, Kori Porter, Mary Willson, Sandy Willson)
- Protestants and Muslims: How Should We Relate to Islam? (Zane Pratt)
- Pursuing Health in an Anxious Age: Reimagining Health as Gift (Bob Cutillo)
- The Prophetic Church (Vermon Pierre)
- A Reformation in Education: How Should Christians Engage Public Schools? (Jemar Tisby)
- Singing the Blues as Believers: The Value of Congregational Lament (Rob Smith)
- What Freud's Pastor Got Wrong—and Why that Matters for Us (Greg Thornbury)
- What Has Geneva to Do with Ferguson? (Mika Edmondson)
- Why Latin America Still Needs a Reformation (Miguel Núñez)
- With Liberty and Jesus for All: Why Religious Liberty Is a Gospel Issue (Russell Moore)
- Chasing Contentment: Trusting God in a Discontented Age (Erik Raymond)
- Engaging Children's Hearts So They Live for the Glory of God (Melanie Lacy)
- Evangelicalism and the Evangel (Don Carson)
- Gospel-Shaped Mercy (Stephen Um)
- The Holy Spirit and Preaching (Robert Smith Jr.)

- Ministry for a Short Season: Hardships and Triumphs in College Ministry (Jon Nielson, Kori Porter, Chris Sarver, Courtney Wisted)
- The Most Segregated Hour: Understanding the Historical Forces and Offering Possible Solutions to this American Evangelical Problem (Eric Washington)
- Not Just a Women's Issue: Why the Work of the Home Matters for Us All (Courtney Reissig)
- Pastors' Wives: Daughters of the Reformation (Claire Smith)
- Reaching Corinthians: Ministering to Millennials Without Selling Out (Derek Rishmawy)
- Reexamining Perspicuity: If the Bible Is So Clear, Why Are There So Many Different Interpretations? (Kevin DeYoung)
- The Silver Lining of Awkwardness (Sammy Rhodes)
- Smartphone Smart: Finding Healthy Balance in the Digital Age (Tony Reinke)
- The Virtues of Reading: How Great Books Cultivate Virtue and Promote the Good Life (Karen Swallow Prior)
- Why It's Good that God Is Different from Us (Jen Wilkin)
- Art: What's the Point? (Jackie Hill Perry)
- Christ Died for Our Sins: Representation and Substitutionary Atonement in Romans (Jarvis Williams)
- A Deeper Gospel for More Effective Discipleship in Youth Ministry (Cameron Cole)
- Gospel DNA: Apostolic Ministry Principles and Church Planting (Richard Coekin)
- Hope When It Hurts: Biblical Reflections that Help You Grasp God's Purpose in Your Suffering (Kristen Wetherell and Sarah Walton)
- Is This the End of Gender? (Claire Smith and Rob Smith)
- Parenting Is Gospel Ministry (Paul Tripp)
- Preaching the Whole Counsel of God: Design and Deliver Gospel-Centered Sermons (Julius Kim)
- 9Marks Panel: Race, Political Partisanship, and the Unity of the Church (Isaac Adams, Kevin DeYoung, Jonathan Leeman, Russell Moore, Curtis Woods)
- Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood (Melissa Kruger)
- What to Do When Scripture Is Inspired But Our Interpretation Isn't (Jonathan Gibson, Kent Hughes, Jeffrey Jue)

- When to Stand Together, When to Stand Apart: Principles for Social Cooperation without Compromise (Albert Mohler)
- Why the Gospel's Exclusivity Is Compelling (Jared Wilson)
- Spanish Track: La predicación como un agente de transformación (Sugel Michelén)
- Spanish Track: Desde Wittenberg hasta la Patagonia: Preguntas y Respuesta (Juan Sánchez, Miguel Núñez, Sugel Michelén)
- Spanish Track: La necesidad de reformar la iglesia hispana: ¿Qué podemos hacer nosotros? (Carlos Contreras, Greg Travis, Juan Sánchez)

Regional and International Events

- In 2016, 13 of our regional chapters around the United States hosted events that welcomed more than 8,000 attendees from Hawaii to New England.
- In 2016, we partnered in 11 international events in Switzerland, France, Germany, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and Dominican Republic, and others.

Event Calendar

2016

January 15–16	Arizona; Unraveling Revelation, Tom Schreiner and Greg Beale
January 25	Twin Cities Regional Conference, Don Carson
March	New Mexico Regional Chapter; Clarus 2016
April 11	Coalición por el Evangelio; Despierta
April 16	Michigan; Helping Others Change
April 19	Los Angeles; Quarterly Meeting with Jared Wilson
Spring 2016	Arizona; The Big Story of the Bible Women's Conference with Nancy Guthrie
May 14	Hawaii; Grow Conference
May 17–19	TGC Council Colloquium at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

May 25–28 Evangile 21; La Parole et les Actes
 June 16–18 National Women’s Conference; Resurrection Life
 In a World of Suffering: A Focus on 1 Peter
 August 2–4 Atlantic Canada; Trinity: One God, Three Persons
 October 28–29 Hawaii; Overflow: This Is Love
 November 4–5 Columbus Regional Conference
 November 11–12 New England Regional Conference
 November 18 Bay Area Regional Conference
 November 11–12 Coalición event: Caguas, Puerto Ricos
 December 9–10 Coalición event: Viña del Mar, Chile

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February 3–4 Women’s Training Workshop: Santo Domingo,
 Dominican Republic
 February 8–9 Coalición event: City to City Latin America; Mexico City
 February 24–26 Albuquerque; Clarus 2017, Mark Dever
 April 3–5 National Conference: No Other Gospel: Reformation
 500 and Beyond; Indianapolis, Indiana
 April 7–8 Coalición event: Firmes 2017, Atlanta, Georgia
 June 14–16 Coalición event: Conference for pastors San Salvador, El
 Salvador
 July 13–15 Coalición event: Planting Healthy Churches, Guatemala
 City, Guatemala
 October Los Angeles; Regional Chapter Conference
 October 13–14 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference; Mark Dever and
 Russell Moore
 November Coalición event: Reforma2

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February Coalición event: Poiema Conference, Medellin, Colombia
 June 14-16 National Women’s Conference, Indianapolis, IN

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The leadership team that guides our ministry efforts

The Gospel Coalition is a fellowship of evangelical pastors in the Reformed heritage who are deeply committed to renewing our faith in the gospel of Christ. We're committed to conforming our ministry practices fully to the Scriptures.

Most people see us live out this vision through our website and conferences, but TGC was founded about 10 years ago as a small gathering of pastors we've since called the Council. These leaders span denominational, ethnic, and generational lines, but they're all joined by a passionate commitment to the gospel and its transformative power.

Our Council now consists of 55 pastors, many of whom meet each year for three days as we seek God for gospel-centered awakening. We spend our time praying, reading Scripture, and discussing the pressing issues of the day.

Our Council meetings also provide an opportunity for these leaders to extend accountability and friendship to each other. We share our personal struggles and joys in family and ministry; we learn how to pray for and support one another. We trust we can accomplish more for the sake of Jesus Christ together than we can separately.

In May 2016, the Council met for three days in Chicago with a group of 75 guests from various backgrounds and parts of the country. We covered a large spectrum of issues including sexuality, Islam, biblical studies, and ethics.

This year, we added three members to the Council: [Vernon Pierre](#), [Darryl Williamson](#), and [Afshin Ziafat](#). We also added four Council Associates: [John Onwuchekwa](#), [Jeremy Yong](#), [Garrett Kell](#), and [Anthony Moore](#).

WOMEN'S INITIATIVES

Our women's initiatives team has had the privilege this year of regularly hearing joyful reports of God's work in lives around the world due to the ministry of TGC. It is amazing to see how the Lord has given TGC the gift of encouraging women of various backgrounds, contexts, and interests to love and serve the Lord Jesus. Please pray with us that our women's initiatives team would continue to steward this gift faithfully.

Our training workshops have equipped women to handle and share the Scriptures as they minister within their various callings in Albuquerque, Augusta, Chicago, Indianapolis, Jakarta, Lansing, and Memphis. Gratefully, more are planned for 2017, and we thank God for 106 local churches represented so far among the workshops.

Publishing

We've received lots of good feedback on our recent publishing projects. *Word-Filled Women's Ministry: Loving and Serving the Church*, edited by Kathleen Nielson and Gloria Furman, brings together many voices of women who have come to know one another and partner together largely through the ministry of TGC. Many men and women from various contexts have expressed their thanks for this book and the vision it casts for gospel ministry among women within the local church.

We've shaped *God's Word, Our Story: Learning from the Book of Nehemiah*, our collected plenary talks from TCGW14, so that we show more explicitly how to expound the Scriptures: with an introductory chapter on exposition, comments in each chapter about the process of expository teaching, and a concluding chapter on teaching Old Testament narrative.

We plan to do the same with our collected plenary talks from TGCW16 on 1 Peter. We sometimes collaborate with our editorial team to develop helpful articles for our online audience, like a recent blog series on women's ministry that offered practical guidance for women's ministry leaders on a range of topics. We are grateful for every opportunity to develop material that aims to encourage the growth of women in faithfully

studying and sharing the Scriptures, actively loving and serving the church, and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in all our callings.

Training Program

In 2016, during a pre-conference to TGCW16, we were delighted to launch our Word-Filled Women's Ministry Workshops. These workshops have been enormously encouraging, as pastor-nominated women from nearby local churches gather to receive training in a biblical approach to women's ministry, as well as instruction on discipleship and biblical exposition.

Through February 2017, we will offer workshops in Jakarta, Augusta, Santo Domingo, Arlington Heights, Minneapolis, Memphis, and Austin. We are thankful for your prayers, as we seek to encourage the growth of pastor-led, Word-based ministry among women in local churches through this training initiative.

Workshops Round 1 (Mar 2016–Feb 2017)

It's been a delight to see the proposals for these workshops grow into reality; we praise the Lord for the work he is accomplishing through this training. In the six workshops so far, 103 different local churches have been represented by over 470 women. We have witnessed increased hunger to study and apply God's Word, connections fostered and encouraged among pastors and women, and women better equipped to minister in all of their callings. Our host pastors/elders have been outstanding:

- Kevin DeYoung at University Reformed Church (East Lansing, MI)
- Trent Hunter at Desert Springs (Albuquerque, NM)
- Mark Vroegop from College Park Church (Indianapolis, IN)
- Mitchell Moore and Niel Nielson at Karawaci Presbyterian Church (Jakarta)
- George Robertson at First Presbyterian (Augusta, GA)
- Tom Olson at The Orchard (Barrington, IL)

Two workshops remain in this initial round: Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN, and Iglesia Bautista Internacional in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Based on feedback from the first round, we have been able to make changes for increased efficiency in the planning and registration process and increased effectiveness in the training sessions. All these changes are included in the new Word-Filled Women's Host Church Packet. Future workshops will be noted on our website events page, which we believe will be helpful in publicizing and growing this work. In addition, we have connected with an increasing number of women who may join us as teachers in the following round. Teachers in the first round have included Kathleen Nielson, Mary Willson, Mallie Taylor, Jen Wilkin, Nancy Guthrie, Kristie Anyabwile, Carrie Sandom, Jenny Salt, and Colleen McFadden.

Workshops Round 2 (Sep 2017–May 2018)

We look forward to a second round of workshops. The aim is to hold at least six workshops from September 2017 through May 2018.

Training Calendar

2016

March 18–19	University Reformed Church, East Lansing, MI Host Pastor: Kevin DeYoung
April 15–16	Desert Springs Church, Albuquerque, NM Host Pastor: Ryan Kelly
June 14–15	TGCW16 Pre-Conference Host pastor: Mark Vroegop, College Park Church
August 12–13	Karawaci Presbyterian Church, Jakarta, Indonesia Host Pastor: Ric Cannada
Sept 9–10	First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, GA Host Pastor: George Robertson
Sept 23–24	International Baptist Church, Santa Domingo, D.R. Host Pastor: Miguel Núñez
Sept 30–Oct 1	The Orchard, Arlington Heights, IL Host Pastor: Colin Smith

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January 13–14	Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee Host Pastor: Sandy Willson
February 3–4	The Austin Stone Church, Austin, Texas Host Pastor: Matt Carter
TBD	Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota Host Pastor: Jason Meyer

REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Grassroots gatherings of local church leaders for the sake of advancing gospel-centered ministry in their area

Our regional chapters provide the opportunity to contextualize gospel-centered ministry in specific locations around the United States. In 2016, 10 of our 24 regional chapters hosted events totaling more than 10,000 attendees, including Phoenix, Ontario, Orange County, Hawaii, and New England.

Chapter Name	Lead Church	Lead Person
Albuquerque	Desert Springs	Ryan Kelly
Arizona	Trinity Bible Church	Josh Vincent
Atlantic Canada	Grace Baptist Church PE	Steven Bray
Bay Area, CA	Solano Community	Andy Hoffman
Birmingham, AL	Redeemer Community Church	Collin Hansen
Columbus, OH	Northeast Baptist	Lee Davis
Eastern Iowa	Cornerstone Evangelical Free	Matt Proctor
Fresno	Highview Bible	Paul Micu
Hawaii	Harbor Church	Matt Dirks
Hampton Roads, VA	Catalyst Church	Jeff Mingee
Houston, TX	Redeemer Church	Jeff Medders
Inland Pacific NW	Spurgeon Fellowship	Kyle Schwan
Indianapolis	Castleview	Eric Bancroft

Los Angeles, CA
Memphis, TN
Michigan
Mid-Atlantic, NJ
New England
Oklahoma
Omaha, NE
Ontario, Canada
Orange County
Orlando, FL
St Louis, MO
Twin Cities, MN

Cornerstone
Second Presbyterian Church
5Points Community Church
Stone Hill Church of Princeton
Citylife Presbyterian Church
BridgeWay Community Church
Emmaus Bible Church
Hughson Street Baptist Church
Reverence Bible Church
Celebration Community
The Journey
Hope Community

Brian Colmery
Sandy Willson
J.J. Sherwood
Matt Ristuccia
Steven Um
Sam Storms
Erik Raymond
Dwayne Cline
Chris Poblete
Mike Graham
J.Bedenbaugh
Steve Treichler

Now Forming

Carolinas
Chicago, IL
Dayton, OH
Seattle, WA
Tampa/St Pete, FL
Inland Empire, CA

East Cooper Baptist Church
The Orchard Ev. Free
Grace Covenant Church
Redeemer East Side
Gulf Coast Community
Desert Springs Church

Buster Brown
Tom Olson
Joel Hollins
Ryan Welsh
Daryn Kinney
Ben Pate

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Providing theological famine relief for the global church

At the beginning of 2016, TGC had an inventory of over 180,000 physical books in various warehouses around the world, the majority of which have been distributed throughout the year. Over the last 12 months, our international partners have distributed more than 160,000 resources in 15 languages to thousands of church leaders in 86 countries—including 30,000 copies of the *ESV Global Study Bible*.

In August, we distributed 32,000 resources—a record for our ministry. Gladly, this record lasted only 30 days, as we distributed more than 36,000 in September.

So far in 2016, more than \$222,000 has been donated for international outreach. These donations have helped us produce several resources for theological famine relief—including 20 books in 13 different languages (like [these books](#) for leaders in the Middle East). We've also received funds for digital resourcing in Farsi, Arabic, and Portuguese.

New Projects

We have launched a new resource aimed at a pressing theological need. We called it the “Prosperity Project.” It combats the error of the prosperity gospel which is doing so much damage in the world. We acquired biblically faithful content to combat the errors of the prosperity gospel. We then used our website to raise \$50,000 for publishing costs. Finally, our friends who work in domestic and international printing helped us publish 65,000 copies of the newly authored book *Prosperity*. These books are now being distributed from storehouses in six major cities in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America: Cape Town, Hyderabad, Jos, London, Minneapolis, and Nairobi. The book has also been downloaded hundreds of thousands of times at TGC.org/Prosperity.

New Partnerships

TGC developed several new global resourcing partnerships in 2016:

- We provided the [International Mission Board \(IMB\)](#) of the Southern Baptist Convention with 4,354 books in April 2016. These books have been distributed to IMB workers across the world. Our team conversed with IMB theological trainers from Istanbul to Cali.
- Operation Mobilization's *Logos Hope* ship ministry began a cruise to ports of call in the Caribbean, Spain, and Latin America. On board the ship are more than 7,000 copies of gospel-centered resources from TGC that will be freely distributed to church leaders and pastors.
- In the world's newest country, South Sudan, civil war and religious strife has caused over 250,000 refugees to cling to their lives; more than 500 churches have seen destruction. But with the help of Samaritan's Purse, TGC provided over 25,000 Bibles and other resources in both Arabic and English. In 2017, we also have plans to

translate and distribute an additional 20,000 Arabic books from Don Carson, John Piper, and others.

- Alongside a north Indian ministry, TGC sent over 30,000 books across the subcontinental region. These resources were in several languages, including Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Manipuri, Tamil, Urdu, English, and Oriya.
- In partnership with the Children Hunger Fund's Mexico and South Texas regional directors, TGC provided several thousand copies of Spanish resources. Authored by the Coalición, Tim Keller, Bob Kauflin, and others, these resources equipped pastors to offer physical and spiritual care to the underprivileged populations in their areas.
- Ligonier Ministries and Crossway have work with TGC to distribute thousands of copies of Ligonier's Christology statement, Crucial Questions series, and the ESV Global Study Bible.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS

Globally located and autonomously operated sister ministries committed to gospel-centered ministry

Coalición

Coalición is the TGC equivalent for the Spanish language. It's our attempt to support gospel-centered renewal in the Spanish-speaking world. The Coalición Council was formed and officially launched at the first **Coalición Conference** on April 9, 2015.

Coalición hosted its second national event on April 11, 2016, as a **pre-conference** to Together for the Gospel in Louisville, Kentucky. "Awake: A Call to Latin American Pastors and Church Leaders" featured speakers like Miguel Núñez, Juan Sanchez, Sugel Michelén, Albert Mohler, and John MacArthur. More than 500 people attended the event.

The **founding council of eleven pastors**—including leaders from the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Guatemala, Argentina, and Mexico—gathered in April 2016 to formally adopt the foundation documents of el Coalición por el Evangelio.

The Coalición editorial team continues to grow. The website is on pace for 3 million visitors this year (an increase of 50% over 2015), and we now employ editors in Mexico, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic.

In 2016, we also launched a line of 25 Spanish books; these are a mix of new and translated titles, each addressing vital needs in the Latin American church. These books represented nearly a year's worth of work—from negotiating right to editing to marketing the finished products—and we're grateful to provide much-needed theological depth in the Spanish language.

Leadership:

- Juan Sánchez, Senior Pastor of High Pointe Baptist Church, Austin, Texas
- Miguel Núñez, Senior Pastor of Iglesia Bautista Internacional (International Baptist Church), Santo Domingo, República Dominicana
- Sugel Michelén, Pastor of Iglesia Bíblica del Señor Jesucristo (Bible Church of the Lord Jesus Christ), Santo Domingo, República Dominicana
- José Mercado, Pastor of Iglesia Gracia Soberana de Gaitherbusrg (Sovereign Grace Church of Gaithesburg), Gaithersburg, Maryland
- Greg Travis, Pastor of Iglesia Bíblica de City Bell (City Bell Bible Church), City Bell, Argentina
- Al Pino, Pastor of Palm Vista Community Church, Miami, Florida
- Alexis Perez, Fundador de Equipo Impacto (Founder of Impact Team), Habana, Cuba
- Hanibal Rodriguez, Lead Pastor of Iglesia del Pueblo (Church of the People), West Chicago
- Otto Sánchez, Senior Pastor of Iglesia Bautista Ozama (Ozama Baptist Church), Santo Domingo, República Dominicana.
- Carlos Contreras, Pastor of Iglesia Cristiana Gracia Soberana (Pastor of Sovereign Grace Christian Church), Juárez, México

- Andrés Birch, Pastor of Iglesia Bautista Reformada en Palma de Mallorca (Reformed Baptist Church in Palma de Mallorca), España

Coalición Annual Summary

TGC Canada

Since 2014, there have been informal discussions among Canadian leaders spearheaded by John Mahaffey and John Neufeld (two of our Council members) and the Ontario chapter of TGC, concerning the need to form a distinctly Canadian Gospel Coalition. This new TGC Canada would establish and strengthen fellowship between pastors across Canada.

In October 2015 in Toronto, leaders from across Canada were invited to take part in the Ontario regional conference. There, they engaged in initial discussions about the possibility of TGC Canada. These leaders included Stephen Bray, the chair of TGC's Atlantic Region, and Yanick Ethier, who leads SOLA in Quebec. The discussions were positive, so the brothers agreed to proceed with another meeting to form a Canadian Council, laying the groundwork for a national presence and movement.

From March 8 to 10, 2016, these leaders met again in Ottawa, the Canadian capital, at the offices of the Church of the Messiah (Anglican Network in Canada), within walking distance of Parliament Hill. This meeting included significant time working through the TGC Confessional Statement and Theological Vision for Ministry.

Our time together included a guided tour of the Parliament Buildings. This visit included a focus on the various places that Scripture can be found within the building. A special highlight was time spent in the Memorial Chamber dedicated to Canadians who have died in military service. Here we gathered in a circle around the Altar of Remembrance, in which is inscribed the words of Ephesians 6:11–17.

We prayed together for the government, the church in Canada, and that our dream of a Canadian TGC might have a national impact for good. This

was a moving time, which concluded with the singing of the Doxology, which was heard in other parts of the building (a video of this singing was posted on Facebook and within a week it had received over 25,000 views online). We missed an encounter with our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, by only minutes, but we had opportunity to meet a few Members of Parliament and shared the purpose of our meeting in Ottawa.

Now TGC Canada's burgeoning network is growing daily, as we nurture relationships with churches in Canada and cultivate writers and technology for the launch of our website in January 2017. TGC Canada plans to double its ten-person council, to register as a charitable organization and incorporate, and to organize our first national conference in Ottawa in 2018. Like any new organization, we're also looking to build a strong financial base to support our ongoing efforts to unite Canadians around the gospel. We trust the Lord will provide for our needs.

Our hope is to broaden our 11-member Council regionally and denominationally. The present members are:

Executive Team:

- John Neufeld, Bible Teacher of Back to the Bible Canada, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- John Mahaffey, Lead Pastor, West Highland Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ontario
- Paul Martin, Lead Pastor, Grace fellowship Church, Toronto, Ontario
- Paul Carter, Lead Pastor, First Baptist Church, Orillia, Ontario

Other Leadership:

- Stephen Bray, Lead Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, St. John's Newfoundland (TGC Atlantic Chair)
- Jeff Eastwood, Lead Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
- Yanick Ethier, Lead Pastor, Eglise Baptiste Evangelique de L'Espoir, Longueuil, Quebec (SOLA Chair)
- George Sinclair, Rector, Church of the Messiah, Principal of Ryle Theological College, Ottawa, Ontario

- Clint Humfrey, Senior Pastor, Calvary Grace Church, Calgary, Alberta
- Jeff Bucknam, Lead Pastor, Northview Community Church, Abbotsford, British Columbia
- Rob Goddard, Senior Pastor, Cloverdale Baptist Church, Surrey, British Columbia

TGC Australia

TGC Australia (TGCA) launched in July 2015 at Queensland Theological Seminary in Brisbane with its own independent leadership Council, editorial team, and plans for both future publications and a national conference.

Here is a report from chairman Gary Millar:

TGCA continues to make progress. We recently appointed an editorial director for the website, which has already significantly strengthened our output and is increasingly leading to a clear promotion of our core values. We also appointed a chair for a new Women's Advisory Panel, a small group of senior women whose role will be to help the Council promote women's ministries and to present a positive model of complementarianism in our context.

Our goal is to develop two kinds of networks across Australia. First, we're eager to develop "regional networks," like those that have already started to meet under the guidance of Council members in both Melbourne and Brisbane. Their gatherings focus on Bible teaching, prayer, and ministry issues. Second, we're eager to see several "ministry networks" begin. Certain virtual networks for training preachers have already emerged, and we have plans for a network for those involved in training and equipping women.

The challenge of drawing people together from across the Reformed evangelical constituency has been successfully negotiated, and TGCA is in the process of inviting five new Council members from across the nation, which will both increase our reach and equip us to grow and develop. In due course, the goal is to appoint an executive director. All of this is done

with deep gratitude for the support and partnership of all those involved in the United States.

Leadership:

- Peter Adam, Vicar Emeritus, St. Jude's Carlton
- Alistair Bain, Senior Minister, St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hobart
- Neil Chambers, Senior Pastor, Bundoora Presbyterian Church, Melbourne
- Ray Galea, Pastor, Multicultural Bible Ministry, Rooty Hill
- Paul Harrington, Associate Minister, Holy Trinity, Adelaide
- David Jones, Senior Pastor, Ann Street Presbyterian Church, Brisbane
- Rick Lewers, Bishop, Armidale Anglican Diocese, Sydney
- Gary Millar, Principal, Queensland Theological College, Brisbane
- Andrew Reid, Lead Pastor, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Doncaster
- Bill Salier, Vice Principal, Moore Theological College, Sydney
- Rory Shiner, Senior Pastor, Providence Church, Perth
- David Starling, Lecturer, New Testament and Theology, Morling College, Sydney.
- CS Tang, Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Presbyterian, Sydney

Evangile21

In 2016, Evangeile21, the French-speaking equivalent of TGC continued to grow [its website](#) and hosted a conference in France with Henri Blocher, Don Carson, Kevin DeYoung, John Piper, and dozens of workshops. The event's theme was "The Word and the Life of the Disciples in Light of the Cross" (Mark 8–10).

TRANSLATION WORK

Providing theologically informed translation services to the global church

Services

We continue to lead a team of about 80 translators who work in 40 languages, managing complex and robust translation work for several ministries. This includes anything from live translation during conferences to seminary-level theological textbooks.

Global Resource Library

- We translate sermons and articles of trusted authors into several languages. Our highest output has been in Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi, and Arabic. In 2016, these digital resources were accessed more than 50,000 times from our [Global Resource Library](#).
 - In Portuguese, [we are launching a social media strategy](#) to expand the reach of our 1,000+ Portuguese resources.
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PROJECTS

TGC Learn

We are developing a free education platform TGC Learn, that will include courses on everything from traditional seminary subjects to important historical figures to current social issues like sexual ethics. The purpose of this platform is to provide free courses without barriers to entry that provide friction in the online Christian education process. This platform is designed to be used primarily on mobile devices.

One of the core differences between TGC Learn and other online courses is that it doesn't have "instructors" but "curators" who continually update

content as it is produced by others. These courses will never be finished or closed. We'll regularly tweak them as new content is created or discovered.

This platform will also allow individual content pieces to be shared socially. In this way, it allows us to endlessly market individual courses through our digital platform. For example, in an article about a particular theological topic, we can embed a link at the bottom to a video, book, or sermon so our readers can learn more about the topic.

In short, this platform makes online education easier by removing barriers to entry and making it mobile-friendly. We're also grateful we can offer it for free.

We are not trying to compete with seminaries and other platforms that already offer something similar. Their programs often offer course credit and are promoting content they worked very hard to create. We simply want to work alongside them by targeting a broader, non-credit-seeking audience and using the "curator" versus "instructor" model.

Finally, we're working on an API that would allow us to share our courses with seminaries and let them use some or all of the content. We will be occasionally creating our own courses from the ground-up, such as our Expository Preaching Initiative. This will enable seminaries to port the content into their existing system, assign an instructor, and evaluate student progress as they do for their other courses.

New City Catechism 2.0

We are undergoing a refresh of the New City Catechism, available online since 2012. In partnership with Crossway, next year we will publish The New City Catechism, with 52 Questions for Our Hearts and Minds, and The New City Catechism Devotional, featuring historical and contemporary commentary as well as original music for kids with lyrics drawn from the catechism.

The New City Catechism: 52 Questions and Answers for Our Hearts and Minds

Produced by The Gospel Coalition with an introduction from Kathy Keller, this book will be suitable for families or small groups to use to learn the catechism together. It will include 52 questions and answers with both the full answers for adults as well as shortened answers for children. Crossway has developed illustrations to accompany each question to help visual learners with recall. Each entry will also include a supporting Scripture verse as well as a corresponding virtue that helps the reader respond to what the catechism teaches. We've long heard from parents that they want a catechism resource they can use as a family without turning on an electronic device, and this product will meet that need.

The New City Catechism Devotional

Produced by The Gospel Coalition with an introduction by Tim Keller, this book is designed for individual use by adults. Each question features devotional commentary written by leading contemporary and historical figures such as Keller, John Piper, Kevin DeYoung, Don Carson, Alistair Begg, Mark Dever, Augustine, John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards, John Owen, Martin Luther, and many others. In addition to a supporting Scripture passage, the devotional will include 52 original prayers to accompany memorization of the catechism.

New City Catechism Children's Curriculum

Produced by The Gospel Coalition and written by Melanie Lacey of Oak Hill Theological College, this curriculum (due to be released in 2018) will be used in Sunday school, homeschools, and Christian schools. The curriculum is designed for students ages 8 to 10. It can be used over 52 weeks that correspond to the 52 questions of the catechism. The curriculum will also include an intentional focus on cultivating ten key Christian virtues: Awe, Love, Forgiveness, Gratitude, Honesty, Hope, Humility, Joy, Perseverance, and Trust.

Each lesson will include activities, applications, and creative ways to help children both memorize and understand the catechism.

Books:

- Book 1—Lessons 1–20: God, creation and fall, law (20 questions)
- Book 2—Lessons 21–35: Christ, redemption, grace (15 questions)
- Book 3—Lessons 35–52: Spirit, restoration, growing in grace (17 questions)

Mobile Apps (iPad, iOS, and Android):

The mobile apps will be available for free in all formats and will provide parents, pastors, and teachers with additional ways in which the catechism and virtue material can be used to form virtue in children. In addition to the catechism questions and supporting Scripture and prayers, the apps will include free music to help children memorize and reflect on Christian truth. They will incorporate activities and virtue-related elements from the curriculum.

Website (NewCityCatechism.com):

The website will be developed to be mobile responsive and easily sharable, and will be an additional place where virtue can be formed in the hearts and minds of children, targeting parents, pastors, and teachers. Each question and answer entry will include its own landing page with social sharing. Each page will include the visual branding and graphics carried over from the other elements (print books and apps), as well as embedded music, prayers, commentary.

Music

We are working with songwriter Frank Hernandez, a former Nashville songwriter with many children's albums to his name. Hernandez is

writing songs that follow the children's catechism questions and answers word for word as an aid in learning the questions and answers..The songs will be embedded into the website and app, and available for free MP3 download. Lead sheets will be available for churches that want to use the songs in their children's ministry or corporate worship. The music will be aimed at children from birth to 8 years old.

Expository Preaching Initiative

We are working with a team of experienced preachers to produce a multi-media curriculum aimed at helping to produce a new generation of Bible expositors. This group has met twice in Chicago, and progress is being made. It will eventually be available for free on TGC's new "Learn" platform, as well as integrated into the curriculum of colleges and seminaries.

Content offered in the Expository Preaching Initiative will include:

Getting It Right:

1. The Biblical Purpose and Power of Preaching (Tim Keller and Julius Kim)
2. The Biblical Purpose and Power of Expository Preaching (Bryan Chapell and David Helm)
3. Why Expository Preaching? (Bryan Chapell and David Helm)
4. The Holy Spirit and Expository Preaching (Andy Davis and George Robertson)
5. How Does God Call and Equip the Preacher? (Dan Doriani and Sandy Willson)
6. Choosing the Text Relation to the Gospel: Biblical Theology (Dan Doriani and Sandy Willson)
7. Interpreting the Text: Hermeneutics (Don Carson and Dan Doriani)
8. Preparing the Message Structure (Bryan Chapell and David Helm)
9. Preparing the Message Components (Bryan Chapell)
10. Preparing the Message Content (Julius Kim and Dan Doriani)

Getting It Across:

11. Delivering the Sermon (Ed Copeland and Julius Kim)
12. Preaching Various Literary Genres (Dan Doriani)
13. Preaching Christ-Centered Sermons (Bryan Chapell and Julius Kim)
14. Preaching Christ from the Old Testament (Andy Davis and Julius Kim)
15. Preaching Is for People (Ed Copeland, Andy Davis, and George Robertson)
16. The Use of Illustrations (Kent Hughes and Bryan Chapell)
17. Application and Preaching for Change (Bryan Chapell and Dan Doriani)
18. Connecting Text and Culture (David Helm and Tim Keller)
19. Use of Hebrew and Greek in Preaching (Don Carson and Dan Doriani)
20. Preaching and the Use of Systematic Theology and Historical Theology (Jeff Robinson)
21. Making Sermons Plain (Don Carson and Jeff Robinson)
22. The Place of Commentaries in Sermon Preparation (Don Carson and Jeff Robinson)
23. How to Study Other Preachers without Plagiarizing Them (Don Carson and Jeff Robinson)
24. Assembling a Toolbox for Preaching (Don Carson and Jeff Robinson)

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