

Church Ministry Reading List (MA)

Students are expected to watch all films in their entirety, even if they have seen them previous to enrollment. All audio material is to be heard in full as well. For the reading material, students are expected to employ reading strategies in order to move through the material at a good pace and in a way that does not overwhelm with information. Students will receive instruction concerning reading strategies. Material to be read in full will be designated as such in the curriculum, and reading selections or excerpts will be clearly marked in the curriculum.

NOTE: We include material that does not necessarily align with our views because our method is to think critically about more than one view on a topic.

- 1) Jesus and the Gospels (Audio, The Teaching Company, Luke T. Johnson, Emory University)
- 2) The Jewish Gospels: The Story of the Jewish Christ (Daniel Boyarin)
- 3) Liberating the Gospels: Reading the Bible with Jewish Eyes (John Spong)
- 4) Mere Christianity (C. S. Lewis)
- 5) Christianity and Liberalism (J. Gresham Machen)
- 6) Who Is an Evangelical (Thomas Kidd)
- 7) What Is the Bible?: How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything (Rob Bell)
- 8) Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People (Nadia Bolz-Weber)
- 9) The Autobiography of George Mueller (selections)
- 10) My Story (Elizabeth Smart, selections)
- 11) Bad Faith: When Religious Belief Undermines Modern Medicine (Paul Offit)
- 12) American Demagogue: The Great Awakening and the Rise and Fall of Populism (James Dickey, selections)
- 13) The Geography of Madness: Penis Thieves, Voodoo Death, and the Search for the Meaning of the World's Strangest Syndromes (Frank Bures, selections)
- 14) Shameless: A Sexual Reformation (Nadia Bolz-Weber)
- 15) Life in Biblical Israel (Book, Philip King and Lawrence Stager)
- 16) The Moody Handbook of Theology (Book, Paul P. Enns)
- 17) Weiner (film, 2016, dir. by Josh Kriegman and Elyse Steinberg)

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- 18) Hail, Caesar (film, 2016, dir. by E. Coen and J. Coen)
- 19) Magic in the Moonlight (film, 2014, dir. by Woody Allen)
- 20) Tar (film, 2022, dir. by Todd Field)
- 21) The Father (film, 2022, dir. by Florian Zeller)
- 22) We Are All Going to the World's Fair (film, 2021, dir. by Jane Schoenbrun)
- 23) Dante Goes to War (film, 2018, dir. by Roberto Albanesi)
- 24) Sound of Metal (film, 2019, dir. by Darius Marder)
- 25) Two Days, One Night (film, 2014, dir. by Jean-Pierre Dardenne and Luc Dardenne)
- 26) Aftersun (film, 2022, dir. by Charlotte Wells)
- 27) Amy (film, 2015, dir. by Asif Kapadia)
- 28) Paris, Texas (film, 1984, dir. by Wim Wenders)
- 29) The Florida Project (film, 2017, dir. by Sean Baker)
- 30) The Last Black Man in San Francisco (film, 2019, dir. by Joe Talbot)
- 31) The Glass Castle (film, 2017, dir. by Destin Cretton)
- 32) Perfect Days (film, 2023, dir. by Wim Wenders)
- 33) Kumiko the Treasure Hunter (film, 2014, dir. by David Zellner)
- 34) Won't You Be My Neighbor (film, 2018, dir. by Morgan Neville)
- 35) A Serious Man (film, 2011, dir. by J. Coen and E. Coen)
- 36) Wonder Wheel (film, 2017, dir. by Woody Allen)
- 37) At Eternity's Gate (film, 2018, dir. by Julian Schnabel)
- 38) All Is Lost (film, 2013, dir. by J. C. Chandor)
- 39) Person to Person (film, 2017, dir. by Dustin Guy Defa)
- 40) 400 Blows (film, 1959, dir. by Francois Truffaut)
- 41) Honey Boy (film, 2019, dir. by Alma Har'el)
- 42) Kajillionaire (film, 2020, dir. by Miranda July)
- 43) 16 Blocks (film, 2006, dir. by Richard Donner)
- 44) The Mountain between Us (film, 2017, dir. by Hany Abu-Assad)
- 45) First Reformed (film, 2017, dir. by Paul Shrader)
- 46) Wildlife (film, 2018, dir. by Paul Dano)

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- 47) Wit (film, 2001, dir. by Mike Nichols)
- 48) Salt of the Earth (film, 2014, dir. by Herbert Biberman)
- 49) Fire of Love (film, 2022, dir. by Sara Dosa)
- 50) Fill the Void (film, 2013, dir. by Rama Burshtein)
- 51) Whiteout: Lost in Aspen (Ted Conover)
- 52) Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City (Matthew Desmond)
- 53) Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America (Barbara Ehrenreich)
- 54) The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League (Jeff Hobbs)
- 55) American Kingpin: The Epic Hunt for the Criminal Mastermind behind the Silk Road (Nick Bilton)
- 56) Newjack: Guarding Sing Sing (Ted Conover)
- 57) Nomadland: Surviving American in the Twenty-First Century (Jessica Bruder)
- 58) Downhill from Here: Retirement Insecurity in the Age of Inequity (Katherine S. Newman)
- 59) Confessions of a Tax Collector: One Man's Tour of Duty inside the IRS (Richard Yancey)
- 60) Artificial Happiness: The Dark Side of the New Happy Class (Ronald W. Dworkin)