

Suggested Reading List Vineyard Church of Marysville

- *Empowered Evangelicals*, by Rich Nathan & Ken Wilson. This book gives a solid overview and understanding of basic Vineyard theology. It is written from a practical point of view by pastors with a long-standing voice in the Vineyard.
- *John Wimber: The Way It Was*, by Carol Wimber. Near the end of John's life, he said to Carol one day, "When I'm gone, write a book and simply tell them the way it was." Carol sought to do that. This book is a very personal view of John, his wife and family. In it Carol tells her perspective on the joys and challenges of the ministry that God had for John and how it unfolded.
- *The Quest For The Radical Middle*, by Bill Jackson. Bill Jackson has sought to give a solid overview of Vineyard history. Vineyard has been a very responsive and fluid movement at times. There have been several turns in the road along the way, and how a person views the Vineyard, or how they might describe it, will often vary depending on when they entered or interacted with the movement. Bill gives a good overview of this process.
- *The Gospel of the Kingdom*, by George Eldon Ladd. Scriptural studies in the kingdom of God, in which Ladd presents a practical and devotional scriptural study of the many aspects of the kingdom of God and millenium issues, based on the parables, the Sermon on the Mount, and other key passages.
- *Power Points, Power Healing, and Power Evangelism*, all written by John Wimber. These books give an overview of how John understood what God was calling him to, and how he was to interact with the Holy Spirit's lead in doing ministry—or, as he liked to say it, "Doing the stuff." He referred to power ministry at those times when God simply shows up and does what he intends to do, in and through ordinary people.
- *Surprised by the Power of The Spirit* and *Surprised By The Voice Of God*, both by Jack Deere. Jack Deere is a former associate professor of Old Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary. At one time he argued powerfully and effectively that things like prophecy, dreams and visions, healing and miracles disappeared once the Bible was complete. "That is, until Jack searched the Bible deeply enough for it to search him." Jack helps the reader to identify the things that hinder us from hearing & responding to God, & calls the reader beyond them to a more powerful & intimate relationship with God.
- *Christianity With Power*, by Charles Kraft. Kraft writes about how our worldview and our experience affect our ability to understand and accept the supernatural move of God. He discusses how our Western worldview conditions us to fit God into a neat, predictable mold. "He offers a biblical understanding of signs and wonders and shows how Christians can become God's instruments to heal the sick, to work miracles, and to oppose the counterfeit powers of this age."
- *Signs Wonders And The Kingdom Of God*, by Don Williams. The subtitle is: "A Biblical Guide for the Reluctant Skeptic." This is a book "for anyone who believes in God's supernatural power but who doubts that we can experience that power personally."