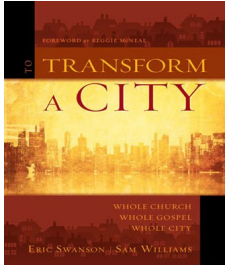
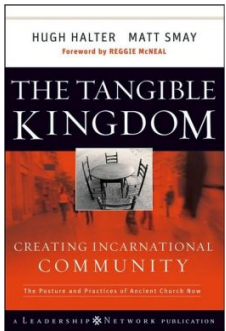


Books Recommended on Community Development:



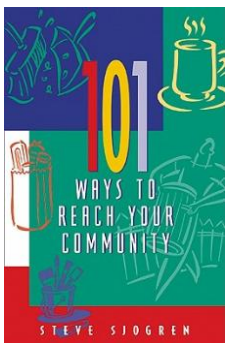
To Transform a City: Whole Church, Whole Gospel, Whole City

The earth's population is now more urban than rural, and Christian leaders are trying to figure out what this means for the church. Evangelistic strategies that work in rural areas seem to bounce off of people in the cities, forcing church leaders to reevaluate church effectiveness. The wide-open potential for spiritual and social change on this larger scale requires that leaders leverage the multivalent domains of their communities to solve problems the entire city cares about. This book is a call to action for spiritual and societal transformation. The authors begin casting their vision for God's work in cities with an overview of the importance of cities in the twenty-first century.



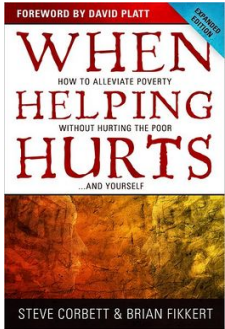
The Tangible Kingdom: Creating Incarnational Community. The posture and Practices of Ancient Church Now.

Written for those who are trying to nurture authentic faith communities and for those who have struggled to retain their faith, *The Tangible Kingdom* offers theological answers and real-life stories that demonstrate how the best ancient church practices can re-emerge in today's culture, through any church of any size. In this remarkable book, Hugh Halter and Matt Smay "two missional leaders and church planters" outline an innovative model for creating thriving grass-roots faith communities.



101 Ways to reach your community.

You don't have to be the apostle Paul in order to share your faith. Relatively few of us are gifted in the area of evangelism. In fact, many of us have a rather dismal track record when it comes to sharing our faith. And yet, in spite of our evangelistic shortcomings, we want to share Jesus with others. Is there a way we can be involved in sharing the gospel without preaching like the apostle Paul? You may not be a gifted evangelist, but you do have the gift of servanthood. You can use that gift to reach out to your community with the love of God. For years Steve Sjogren has successfully used a simple approach called "servant evangelism" that allows any believer-regardless of gifting-to be involved in sharing God's love with others. One of the great things about this approach is that you don't have to do it alone. Sjogren offers 101 simple and effective ways your church or small group can demonstrate the love of God to those in your community. And when people see the love of God in action, they want to know more about Him.



When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself.

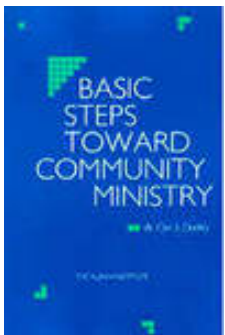
Churches and individual Christians typically have faulty assumptions about the causes of poverty, resulting in the use of strategies that do considerable harm to poor people and themselves. Don't let this happen to you, your ministry or ministries you help fund! A must read for anyone who works with the poor or in missions, *When Helping Hurts* provides foundational concepts, clearly articulated general principles and relevant applications. The result is an effective and holistic ministry to the poor, not a truncated gospel.



The Next Hundred Million: America in 2050

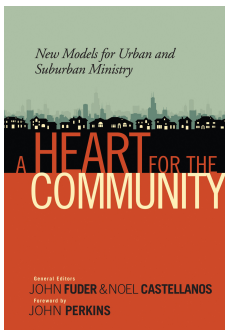
In stark contrast to the rest of the world's advanced nations, the United States is growing at a record rate, and, according to census projections, will be home to four hundred million Americans by 2050. This projected rise in population is the strongest indicator of our long-term economic strength, Joel Kotkin believes, and will make us more diverse and more competitive than any nation on earth.

Drawing on prodigious research, firsthand reportage, and historical analysis, *The Next Hundred Million* reveals how this unprecedented growth will take physical shape and change the face of America.



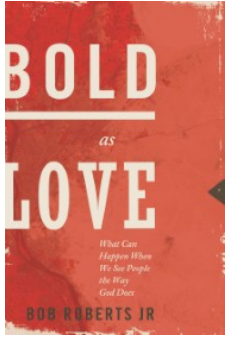
Basic Steps Toward Community Ministry.

The author brings theory and practice together in these usable resources designed for those concerned to equip their congregations for community ministry. Dr. Dudley's clearly defined frames of reference enables church leaders to see their communities and to identify opportunities for service. Anyone who wants to learn how to prepare a congregation for community ministry will find all the essential information in *Basic Steps Toward Community Ministry*. =



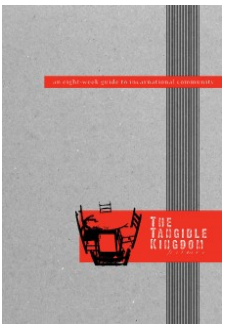
A Heart for the Community: New Models for Urban and Suburban Ministry.

Islam, gentrification, AIDS, and multiculturalism: Where do we face these realities? A few years ago, it was in the city. But today, many city dwellers are moving to the suburbs, either by choice or because of circumstances beyond their control. And this shift is changing both the urban and suburban landscape. With this shift in mind, editors John Fuder and Noel Castellanos have gathered together a team of experts to help you minister effectively in both the urban and suburban context. Divided into four sections--Critical Issues, Church-Planting Models, Ministering to Suburban Needs, and Para-Church Ministries--*A Heart for the Community* is a rich resource designed to help you do ministry today.



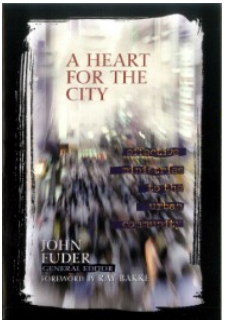
Bold as Love: What Can Happen When We See People the Way God Does.

In *Bold as Love*, Pastor Bob Roberts shows you what it looks like to live out your faith daily in the global public square among people of other faiths—Jews, Muslims, atheists, Hindus, Buddhists. While he admits that it can be challenging to engage people of other faiths whose beliefs are as strong as yours, he demonstrates how to enter into this critical dialogue in a radical yet loving way. “We have to learn to speak with one conversation and give the same message everywhere to everyone,” he says. “We are commanded to love God and love others. And sometimes that requires risky boldness.”



The Tangible Kingdom Primer: An eight-week guide to incarnational community.

Everyone is talking about community. Everyone seems to want it, but most struggle to find it. Matt and Hugh have written *The Tangible Kingdom Primer* with two specific purposes. First, to be a spiritual formation tool to prepare your heart for mission. You can simply be friends going through an 8 week spiritual exercise together. You can challenge each other as you build a community, and you will have a much better experience as you process your struggles together. The second purpose is to be a field guide for starting mission together. Some of you are ready to go and have friends that want to go with you. If that is you, then dive right into the Primer as both spiritual formation and missional practice. In either case, at the end of the eight weeks, you will have the opportunity to decide what to do next.



A Heart for the City: Effective Ministries to the Urban Community.

Jesus is still the answer for urban ministries, for ministries to the downtrodden, poor, and distressed in our cities. *A Heart for the City* is a rich compendium of valuable information on city ministries written by people who are currently ministering in the city, including pastors, Christian school administrators, and directors of homeless missions. It includes many illustrations and case studies that will prove valuable to any who work in the city or who want to understand how to more effectively help in the city.