

# **STRENGTHENING YOUR MIND FOR GOD**

## **Dr. Renwick's 2020 Lenten Booklist**

### **Choose ONE – and read! Not sure you can get around to reading?**

- Search the web for shorter reviews and summaries
- Search the web for videos – many of these authors are on video!

### **Preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter**

- The Bible! (*Find daily bible reading notes on the web: read a little every day*)
- The Story, ed. Max Lucado. (*Still have your copy from 2018/19? Read it again!*)
- Bread and Wine (*short, daily readings for Lent and Easter by Lewis, Chesterton, Yancey, Buechner, L'Engle, etc.*), 2003
- Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church, N.T. Wright, 2007

### **Spiritual Growth and Relationships**

- Life of the Beloved, Henri Nouwen, 1992
- The Blessing: Giving the Gift of Unconditional Love and Acceptance, by J.Trent, G. Smalley, K. Stageberg, rev.2019

### **Why Christian Belief Makes Good Sense in a Secular Age**

- Surprised by Oxford: A Memoir, Carolyn Weber, 2013
- Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with His Father's Questions about Christianity, Gregory A. Boyd, 2008
- Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis, 1952
- The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief, Francis Collins, 2006
- The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism, Timothy Keller, 2008
- Is Religion Dangerous, Keith Ward, 2006

### **Christian Action in a Difficult World**

- The Bible and the Ballot: Using the Bible in Political Decisions, Tremper Longman, 2020 (*Dr. Longman will be back at NPC this summer*)
- Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson, 2014 (*also: watch the movie!*)
- Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom, David W. Blight, 2018 (*2019 Pulitzer Prize*)

### **Christian History and Impact**

- Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World, Tom Holland, 2019 (*from a secular historian*).
- Resilient Faith: How the Early Christian Third Way Changed the World, Gerald R. Sittser, 2019