

## EfM NZ Book list 2025

The EfM curriculum is presented in a cycle of four *Reading and Reflection Guides*. A theme for each volume in the cycle provides a lens for focusing the work throughout the year. Weekly assignments guide participants' responses to the readings. Weekly preparation includes practice in the disciplines of listening and theological reflection.

- Volume A: "Living Faithfully in Your World"
- Volume B: "Living Faithfully in a Multicultural World"
- Volume C: "Living as Spiritually Mature Christians"
- Volume D: "Living into the Journey with God"

This year we are at Volume D: "Living into the Journey with God" in the cycle.

EfM NZ provides your *Reading and Reflection Guide* as part of your enrolment fee.

Textbooks provide participants with their weekly readings in the Christian tradition:

first years: the Hebrew Bible; second years: the New Testament; third years: church history; fourth years: theology, ethics, and interfaith encounters

The *Reading and Reflection Guide* (RRG) is your guide to your individual reading and reflection, and for the work done during group meetings. The RRG supports EfM participants in preparing for their weekly seminar sessions. While it may not be possible to do everything assigned each week, giving priority to regularly completing as much of the work in the RRG as possible will enhance your formation for ministry through study and theological reflection.

Beyond the *Reading and Reflection Guide*, **you are responsible for purchasing the textbooks** required for participation in the EfM curriculum, which include:

1. 2024-2025 Interlude Books
2. Your particular year participant textbooks (Years 1, 2, 3, or 4)
3. Bible with Apocrypha needed for Years 1 and 2

### **2024-2025 Interlude books**

- [Restoring the Story: the good news of atonement](#) by Anne Van Gend
- [The Four Vision Quests of Jesus](#) by Steven Charleston

### **Year 1**

- [A Short Introduction to the Hebrew Bible](#) | John Collins
- [The Hebrew Bible: Feminist and Intersectional Perspectives](#) | edited by Gale A. Yee

### **Year 2**

- [Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey](#) | Mark Allan Powell
- [The Misunderstood Jew: the Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus](#) | Amy Jill Levine

### **Year 3**

- [Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years](#) | Diarmaid MacCulloch

### **Year 4**

- [Theology: A Very Short Introduction](#) | David Ford
- [Mysteries of Faith](#) | Mark McIntosh
- [The Christian Moral Life: Practices of Piety](#) | Timothy F. Sedgwick
- [My Neighbors Faith: Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation](#) | edited by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose, & Gregory Mobley

**Suggested Study Bible Translations** (*only ONE of these is necessary!*)

- [The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha: New Revised Standard Version](#)
- [Harper Collins Study Bible: Fully Revised and Updated](#)
- [The CEB \(Common English Bible\) Study Bible](#)