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## **Resources for Unit 1: Experiencing Christian Faith**

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Here are some resources that you might find useful for your studies of this unit, or to follow an interest later. **Please don't think of this as a required reading list**, and please don't be overwhelmed by the number of suggestions!

If you find a book, a website, an app or a podcast that helps you with this unit PLEASE SHARE! Let us know about it at [australism@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:australism@bendigoanglican.org.au) so we can let other students know about it by adding it to this page.

### **Recommended Reading**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*, SCM, 2015

Walter Brueggemann *The Prophetic Imagination*, Fortress, 2018,

Walter Brueggemann *Texts under Negotiation*, Fortress, 2012

Stephen Burns: *Worship and Ministry: Shaped Towards God*

Brendan Byrne: *The Hospitality of God*

Tim Costello, *Faith*, Hardie Grand, 2017.

Mava Dawn, *How Shall We Worship? Biblical Guidelines for the Worship Wars*, Wipf & Stock, 2015

Marva Dawn, *Reaching Out without Dumbing Down*, Eerdmans, 2008.

James Dunn, *The Living Word* (second edition), SCM, 2012.

Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All its Worth*, Zondervan, 2014.

Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*, Hodder, 2009

Gerard Hughes, *In Search of a Way: Two Journeys of Spiritual Discovery*, Darton, Longman & Todd, 1986.

Alister McGrath, *Christianity: An Introduction*, Blackwell, 2006

Scot McNight, *The Blue Parakeet*, HarperCollins, 2016

Ralph Martin, *Worship in the Early Church*, Eerdmans, 1975

J R Porter: *Illustrated Companion to the Bible*

Andrew Sloane, *At Home in a Strange Land*, Baker Academic, 2009

Jon Michael Spencer, *Protest and Praise: Sacred Music of Black Religion*, Fortress, 1997

David Watson, *Discipleship*, Hodder, 2014

Rowan Williams, *Being a disciple: Essentials of the Christian Life*, SPCK, 2017

Rowan Williams, *Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*, Canterbury, 2007

N. T. Wright, *Simply Christian*, Harper One, 2006

Tom Wright, *Small Faith, Great God*, SPCK, 2011

#### Bible Dictionaries:

Mark Allan Powell, ed, *HarperCollins Bible Dictionary*, HarperOne, 2011.

Chad Brown, et al, ed, *Holman Bible Dictionary*, Holman Reference, 2015

J.D. Douglas, et al, ed, *Zondervan Illustrated bible Dictionary*, Zondervan, 2011

Michael Counsell, Editor, *A Basic Christian Dictionary: An A-Z of beliefs, practices and teachings*, Canterbury, 2011.

#### Links

A few church music sites:

[www.hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org)

[www.thehymnsociety.org](http://www.thehymnsociety.org)

[www.worshiptogether.com](http://www.worshiptogether.com) (for more recent songs)

Look up Bible passages in many different translations and languages. You will also find a few commentaries here to help you interpret the Bible. [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)

Some Bible software products, such as [www.logos.com](http://www.logos.com) have a free basic option to give you a few tools to help you study the Bible.

Grove is a series of short, accessible books covering many Christian topics ([www.grovebooks.co.uk/collections/spirituality](http://www.grovebooks.co.uk/collections/spirituality))

[www.anglican.org.au](http://www.anglican.org.au) is a good place for look for information about Anglican belief, ministry and worship.

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) has some helpful resources for individual and congregational prayer. These may be useful for you, even if your church is not participating in “Thy Kingdom Come” activities.

*Treasures in Earthen Vessels: interpreting the scriptures together*, statement from the Faith & Order Commission of the World Council of Churches

[www.oikoumene.org/gr/resources/documents/wcc-commissions/faith-and-order-commission/iv-interpretation-the-meaning-of-our-words-and-symbols/a-treasure-in-earthen-vessels-an-instrument-for-an-ecumenical-reflection-on-hermeneutics.html](http://www.oikoumene.org/gr/resources/documents/wcc-commissions/faith-and-order-commission/iv-interpretation-the-meaning-of-our-words-and-symbols/a-treasure-in-earthen-vessels-an-instrument-for-an-ecumenical-reflection-on-hermeneutics.html).

*The Gift of Authority: Authority in the Church III*, SPCK / CTS, 1998. An Agreed Statement on the relationship of the scriptures, Tradition, tradition and traditions, and the authority of the Church and its leaders from the *Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission* (ARCIC)

[www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/chrstuni/documents/rc\\_pc\\_chrstuni\\_doc\\_12051999\\_gift-of-aurority\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/documents/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_12051999_gift-of-aurority_en.html).