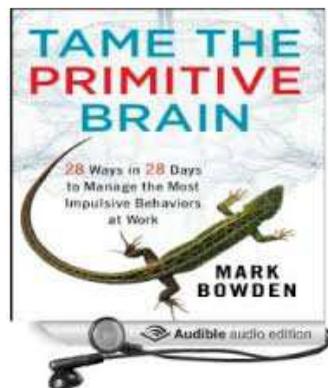


**Ender's Game**

Orson Scott Card, first published by Tor Science Fiction, Jan. 1985

In this young adult novel, computer gamer Ender Wiggin is recruited for war games that simulate combat with an invasive alien species. His application of the profound biblical question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" to his teammates builds deep bonds of friendship. But does Ender dare apply this question to the alien enemy?



**Tame the Primitive Brain**

Mark Bowden, Wiley, 2013

Subtitled "28 Ways in 28 Days to Manage the Most Impulsive Behaviours at Work", this is an accessible and fascinating read. Bowden is a noted body language expert who travels the world to train leaders in persuasive and influential verbal and non-verbal communication. This book helps to identify and understand some of our most basic behaviours, offering a new level of self-awareness which can help us respond to people in a calm, assertive and empathetic manner. (Note: also available as an audio book!)

You can buy or borrow and read or listen to these books in whatever order you like. If you want to challenge yourself, there are a couple prizes at the end of the season: one for reading all of the books (\*or more than anyone else) and one for a written summary of what you learned from the ones you did read.

The prizes? Book Gift Certificates!

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**Books & BBQ**  
**Summer Reading List**

Do you enjoy reading? Please join us for Books & Barbecue get-togethers every two weeks over the summer in the backyard of our Ministry Centre, located at 276 Gladstone Avenue, first building north of the church.

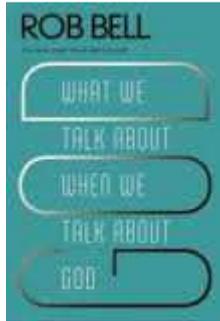
Every other week, we'll talk books over a simple barbecue (donations requested) and a substantial salad (we'll take turns preparing). During dinner, we'll have casual conversation about the books we are each reading. Then, after our meal, we'll have a group conversation about a general theme and how it comes up for all of us. Thanks to everyone who contributed book suggestions.

**Here's our 2014 list:**

- *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, by Rob Bell
- *On Religion*, by John Caputo
- *What The Gospels Meant*, by Garry Wills
- *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis
- *I See Satan Fall Like Lightning*, by René Girard
- *There is a Season*, by Patrick Lane
- *Learning To Walk in the Dark*, by Barbara Brown Taylor
- *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*, by Reza Aslan
- *Ender's Game*, by Orson Scott Card
- *Tame the Primitive Brain*, by Mark Bowden

**Wednesdays: June 25, July 9 & 23, August 13 & 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Please join us!**



### **What We Talk About When We Talk About God**

Rob Bell, HarperOne, January 2012

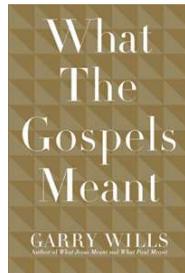
Bell playfully tackles popular misconceptions about God (mean, primitive, backward, illogical, tribal, and at odds with the frontiers of science) and tries to explain why culture and the church both resist talking about God. His prose is wide-eyed, lively, and easy-going, if a touch juvenile. You could gleefully skim read this in two hours.



### **On Religion**

John Caputo, Routledge, 2001

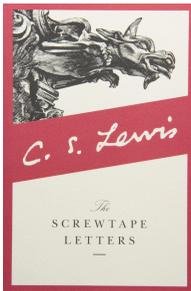
*On Religion* explores the origins of religious thought, including the "crisis of faith" brought on by modern science and philosophy. And more, he gives us some new language to consider how we move beyond this crisis and how questioning and doubt are ultimately an essential part of a deeper and richer experience of faith.



### **What The Gospels Meant**

Garry Willis, Viking, 2008

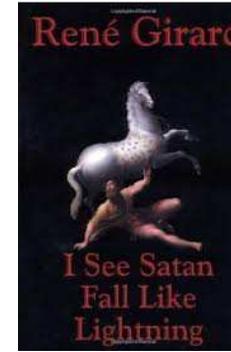
We rattle off the names Luke, John, Matthew and Mark. Why, or why not, that order? Who were these guys who wrote the Gospels? Who was their audience at the time? Garry Willis attempts to answer these questions in this short and fun-to-read introduction to the history of the Gospels and the early church.



### **The Screwtape Letters**

C.S. Lewis, 1942, HarperOne; Reprint edition (March 3, 2009)

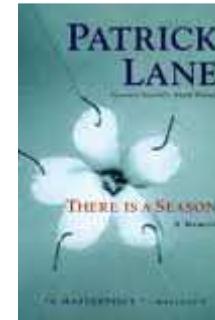
Many will recognize the author's name from his famous *Narnia* series. An atheist for many years, Lewis converted to Christianity and described his conversion as an admission that "God was God...I was perhaps the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England." As relevant as it was 70 years ago, this book is a short and entertaining read which provides a great framework for the big questions. It's also available in an audio version...easy listening while on the move!



### **I See Satan Fall Like Lightning**

René Girard, Novalis, 2001

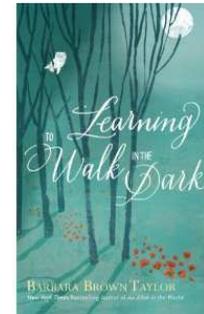
Our human culture has so often repeated the pattern of envy (coveting), scapegoating, and violence that we may wonder if we can ever be free of it and live in peace. Victims are found and blamed, presented as demonic and punished or killed. From Joseph's brothers selling him into slavery to Jesus on the cross, from the war in Iraq to schoolyard bullying, people act out the same dynamics. Jesus' life and death reveals the victim mechanism and points the way to nonviolence: we were blind but now we see.



### **There is a Season: A Memoir**

Patrick Lane, McClelland and Stewart, 2004

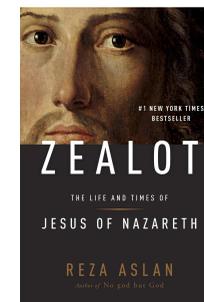
A great book for gardeners! Patrick Lane is a renowned Canadian writer, poet...and alcoholic. He spent over 40 years in a drunken haze. *There is a Season* recounts the year right after his rehab. Finally sober, his senses are as alive as those of a newborn child. His Garden is his salvation, solace and teacher. In this book, he weaves together lovingly-observed descriptions of the creatures in his garden with the often brutal story of his life.



### **Learning to Walk in the Dark**

Barbara Brown Taylor, Harper One, 2014

Are you afraid of the dark? Here's a book that may change your perspective. Renowned theologian, Barbara Brown Taylor, writes of her personal experience in her journey to understand darkness. In this very readable book, we are invited to reflect on how our lives do not work only when everything is fully lit. Taylor guides us through a spirituality of the nighttime and teaches us how to find God even in the darkness, while giving us a way to let darkness teach us what we need to know.



### **Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth**

Reza Aslan, Random House, 2013

This is a book that seeks to distinguish between the historical Jesus and the mythical Jesus. Because, Aslan argues, the Gospels are not "eye-witness accounts written all at the same time by people who were walking around with Jesus with pens and paper in hand." (interview in the United Church Observer)