Recommended Resources for Allies

# Books

***When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor…and Yourself* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert** – A great resource for understanding how our usual efforts for helping the poor usually make things worse.

***Letters to the Church* by Francis Chan** – A great resource for reexamining the nature of the church and how to be in community with one another

***Relationships: A Mess Worth Making*** **by Tim S. Lane** – All about relationships and how they’re God’s design for humankind

***Total Church: A Radical Reshaping around Gospel and Community* by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis** – Wonderful book that looks into a thriving community life between believers

***Everyday Church: Gospel Communities on Mission* by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis** – The follow-up to *Total Church*

***A Meal with Jesus: Discovering Grace, Community, and Mission around the Table* by Tim Chester** – Explores how sharing a meal is an important way to break down barriers and build relationship

***Knowing the Bible* by Various Authors** – A wonderful series of Bible Studies

# Online Resources

Porterbrook (<http://www.porterbrooknetwork.org/>) – A great online training resource (with cost)

Biblicaltraining.org – A FREE online training resource for multiple levels of learning

The Bible Project (<https://thebibleproject.com/>) – A wonderful series for each book of the Bible to understand its overall arch and theme

Right Now Media (<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/>) – Only available if your church participates, but TONS of online video resources

CCEF Podcast and Online Articles (ccef.org) – A wonderful set of resources around counseling and soul care

# Bible Translations

NLT (New Living Translation) – Very readable, though takes some pretty strong translation liberties

NIrV (New International Reader’s Version) – Marketed for kids, but a simplified version of the NIV for 3rd/4th grade level

NIV (New International Version) – Most popular translation for good reason; very readable, but also very faithful to the original languages