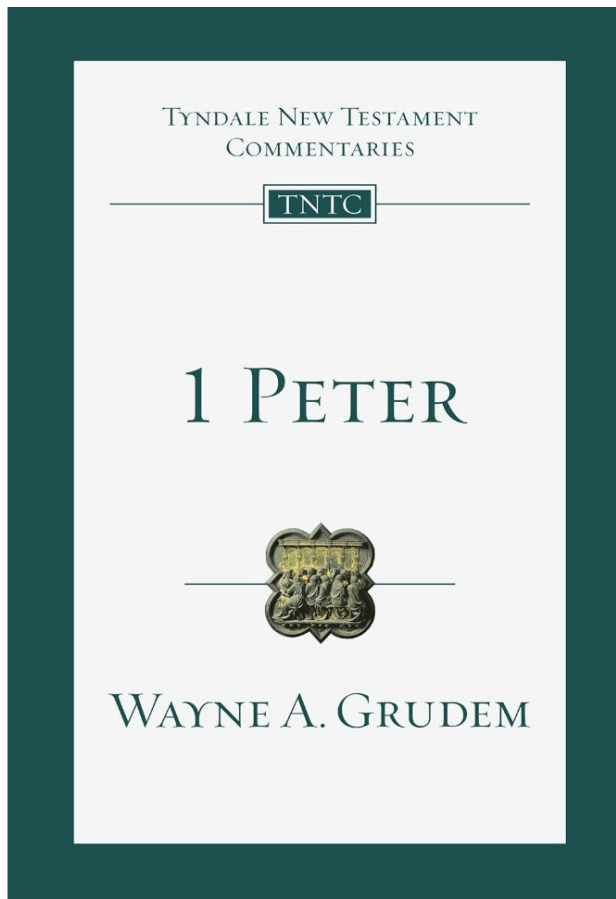
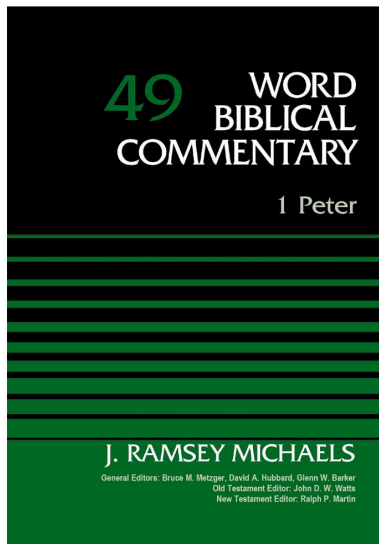


For this year's Theological Roundtable reading, we're asking all participants to read one book in common, the Grudem commentary shown at the top of the list. (*A revised version will be available June 20, but you can pre-order now.*) The rest of the list provides further exegetical, theological, and topical material at the reader's discretion. We hope that reading the same commentary will provide common ground for group discussion. Please choose at least one other book as you prepare for the event.

Common Book (all participants should read):



Additional Commentaries:



Bible Project Resources:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-peter/>

<https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-1-peter/>

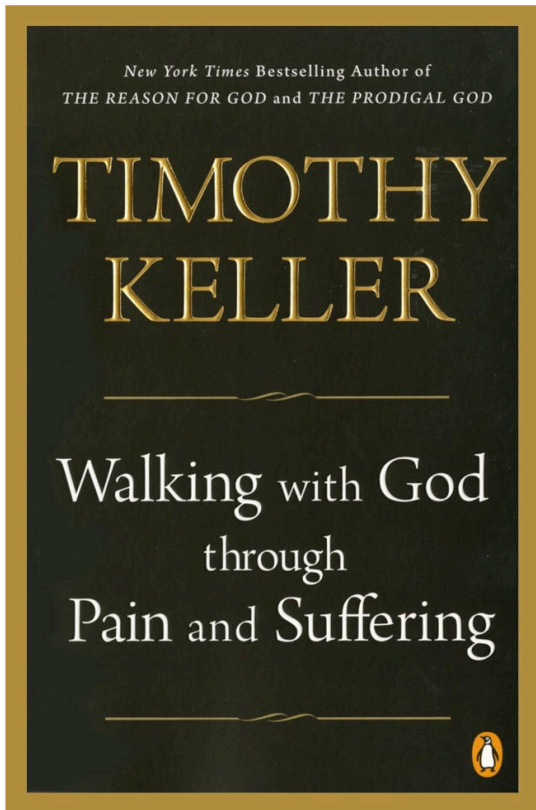
R.C. Sproul lectures: <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/series/first-peter>

Additional Topical Reading:

The church is political.

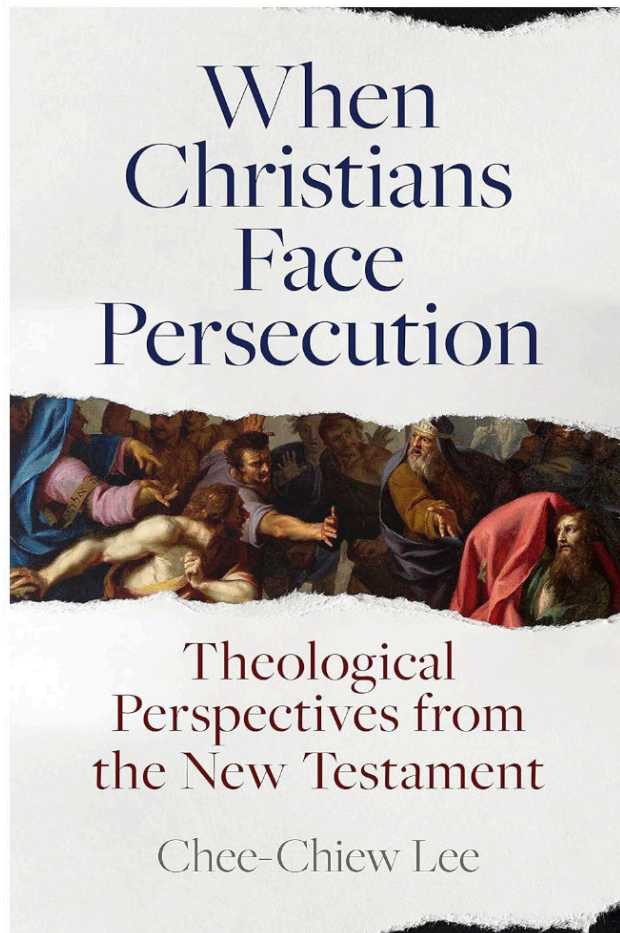
Theologians have been debating this claim for years. Liberationists, Anabaptists, Augustinians, neo-Calvinists, Radical Orthodox, and others continue to discuss the matter. What do we mean by politics and the political? What are the limits of the church's political reach? What is the nature of the church as an institution? How do we establish these claims theologically?

Jonathan Leeman sets out to address these questions in this Studies in Christian Doctrine and Scripture volume. Drawing on covenant theology and the "new institutionalism" in political science, Leeman critiques political liberalism and explores how the biblical canon informs an account of the local church as an embassy of Christ's kingdom. *Political Church* heralds a new era in political theology.



Walking with God through Pain and Suffering is the definitive Christian book on why bad things happen and how we should respond to them. The question of why there is pain and suffering in the world has confounded every generation; yet there has not been a major book from a Christian perspective exploring why they exist for many years.

The two classics in this area are *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, which was published more than thirty years ago, and C. S. Lewis's *The Problem of Pain*, published more than seventy years ago. The great secular book on the subject, Elisabeth Kübler-Ross's *On Death and Dying*, was first published in 1969. It's time for a new understanding and perspective, and who better to tackle this complex subject than Timothy Keller?



What does the bible say about persecution of Christians?

Many New Testament studies focus on persevering in faith to the end and responding even to perpetrators of persecution with love and forgiveness. Yet while there are unifying principles, the New Testament is filled with a range of experiences of and reflections on Christian persecution - texts that it is crucial to engage with in order to fully appreciate the bewildering array of experience and strongly held viewpoints amongst believers today.

In *When Christians Face Persecution*, Chee-Chiew Lee explores the New Testament authors' theological understanding of persecution. She offers a thorough look at the biblical foundations, covering their responses to early Christian persecution, their evaluation of these responses, and how they encourage or persuade their recipients to persevere in their faith.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/review/when-christians-face-persecution/>