

READING LIST FOR MEN'S FRATERNITY INTER-TERM 09:

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We recommend that you continue in your development as a man in between semesters of Men's Frat. At a minimum we hope you will carve out time to read. Even better, we encourage you to remain in fellowship with your frat brothers and discuss what you are reading together. Grab some guys, pick a book and meet regularly for discussion, fellowship, accountability and prayer. Rather than just assigning a book or two, I thought it would be best to provide more options. If I only suggested a couple books you may have already read them and be left feeling tempted to skip reading. Also, I have offered more options because different guys are at different places in their walk with God. I have broken down the books in 3 categories. Pick a category that interests you or even better pick the one you know little about and could use development. Once you have selected one of the 3 categories, you can then pick a book that catches your attention. While there are many books I would like to suggest for these categories, I have limited myself to 3 books for each category and I have only selected books that are easy reads. You have 5 months off, so it should be no problem to read a book or two or more. Enjoy!

● Biblical and Theological Studies :

Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears. *Vintage Jesus*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2007.

As a man it is important to understand Jesus - the greatest man! This is a great book about Jesus. It's introductory, fun and biblical. Each chapter ends with a Q & A, providing helpful answers to biblical questions.

Robert Lightner. *Handbook of Evangelical Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 1995.

God has called men to be guardians in the church. One of the things that destroys churches is bad theology. This is a great book on basic theology. It's biblical and concise. Use the book to equip yourself to be a guardian of the faith.

Chip Ingram. *The Invisible War*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2006.

Men are often on the front lines of Satan's attack to ruin families, churches and the culture. This book covers the basic things that every believer should know about Satan, demons and spiritual warfare

● Manhood and Family Studies:

Steve Farrar. *Point Man*. OR: Multnomah, 1990.

God has designed men to be leaders in the home. This is a great responsibility and calls for serious training. In this book, Farrar discusses how a man should lead his family. He covers manhood, marriage, parenting and more.

R. Kent Hughes. *Disciplines of a Godly Man*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1991.

This book covers the major areas of Christian manhood (e.g. friendship, marriage, fatherhood, ministry, etc.) and breaks them down in a biblical & orderly fashion. It is a stimulating and challenging read - loaded with godly insights.

Robert Lewis. *Real Family Values*. OR: Multnomah, 2000.

You have become familiar with Dr. Robert Lewis' preaching through our Men's Frat. This book provides you with a taste of his writing. I'd say this book is a must read for Christian men in the 21st century. It's packed with wisdom.

● Cultural and Apologetic Studies:

Timothy Keller. *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. NY: Dutton, 2008.

This is a great book that provides readers with an insightful presentation of the gospel and Christian faith in a manner that is culturally engaging. It is a great read for non-believers and believers alike.

K. Boa and R. Bowman. *An Unchanging Faith in a Changing World*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1997.

This book will help you understand the key issues in our culture that challenge the Christian faith. The authors cover every "ism" from postmodernism to feminism.

J.P. Moreland. *Love Your God With All Your Mind*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1997.

This book has become a classic for thoughtful Christians. It discusses the role of reason in the life of the soul for the development of worship, evangelism and vocation.