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**If I was a pastor, I would...**

Have you found, at least on occasion, that there are some who have never pastored, but think they have all the answers? Is there a wry smile crossing your lips just now?

Confession #1: I have not served as a pastor. Confession #2: Sometimes I think to myself, "If I was a pastor, I would..." Confession #3: I try to quickly remind myself relative to Confession #2 that I need to exercise a great deal of humility!

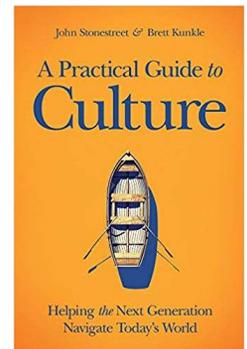
Seriously—I know that every pastor (senior, assistant, youth, executive, etc.) carries burdens and concerns and a sense of responsibility that only those who have served in that capacity can fully understand and appreciate.

Having said that, one of our goals for the Church Ambassador Network is to be a helpful resource to you. If something we offer can help, then great! And if not, don't feel bad about skipping it. Every ministry has different needs at different times.

One resource we have promoted this last year is the book **A Practical Guide to Culture: Helping the Next Generation Navigate Today's World** by John Stonestreet and Brett Kunkle (Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 2017).

Now brace yourself. Are you ready? Here it comes—*If I was a pastor* (I really hope you are smiling...), I would seriously consider doing a series of messages based on the topics in this book. Why is that? Let me quote from the back cover of the book: "Something has changed. We all sense it. Cultural pressure is increasing, especially on our kids. But even in a world of addictions, ever-present screens, and gender-identity questions, youth can have clarity and confidence. We must help them attain it. In this...practical guide for parents and Christian leaders, John Stonestreet and Brett Kunkle explore questions such as:

- What unseen undercurrents are shaping twenty-first-century youth culture?
- Why do so many kids struggle with identity?
- How do we talk to kids about LGBT issues?
- How can we steer kids away from substance abuse and other addictions?
- How can we ground students in the biblical story and empower them to change the world?"



If you would appreciate some gospel-centered, biblically-based help for thinking through the issues of the day and how you can help your families and young people navigate "all that is in the world," then you might find this to be a helpful resource.

May the Lord grant great wisdom and grace to you for daily ministry!

In Christ,

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PS: You can order this book on amazon at: [https://smile.amazon.com/Practical-Guide-Culture-Generation-Navigate/dp/1434711013/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?crid=3QOVGXZGUFXGB&keywords=a+practical+guide+to+culture&qid=1565794090&s=gateway&sprefix=a+practical+guide%2Caps%2C194&sr=8-3](https://smile.amazon.com/Practical-Guide-Culture-Generation-Navigate/dp/1434711013/ref=sr_1_3?crid=3QOVGXZGUFXGB&keywords=a+practical+guide+to+culture&qid=1565794090&s=gateway&sprefix=a+practical+guide%2Caps%2C194&sr=8-3)

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PPS: Please be praying for your legislators this month. We encourage you to plan on connecting with them "at home" or in the Capitol at least once a year to pray with and for them and their families and the important work they do as elected officials. I Timothy 2:1-4. The authorities in our lives need us to pray for them.