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Book Reviews



Pasquarello, M. (2017). *Dietrich: Bonhoeffer and the theology of a preaching life*. Waco: Baylor University Press. 288 pp. \$39.95. ISBN 9781481307512

Michael Pasquarello, who is a preaching professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, provides a valuable resource into the preaching life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He portrays Bonhoeffer as a preacher along with Bonhoeffer being a teacher of preaching. Pasquarello depicts Bonhoeffer as ecumenical displaying progress chronologically of his career in preaching and teaching preaching throughout his life. It is implied that the author's intension was not for this book to be a biography on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This scholarly work helps researchers study Dietrich Bonhoeffer more in depth as a preacher and teacher of preaching.

Pasquarello furnishes this book as a scholarly resource for students in a Bible college or seminary. This book allows preaching students to study the theology of Bonhoeffer's preaching life. Students have an opportunity to form their theology of preaching when reading this book. It contributes to preaching students by studying what Dietrich Bonhoeffer was challenged with in society during his time, subsequently encouraging students to assess the social challenges of their own time. This work develops a student's theology of preaching and offers them skills to preach in a specific ministry context. This book offers potential for a researcher to continue writing in the area of the theology of preaching. The book helps researchers as a resource to write on the theology of preaching regarding the lives of more Christian figures. Because Dietrich Bonhoeffer is represented as a twentieth century Christian figure, the book fulfills its purpose by giving a foundation in this area of research. The book contributes to a field of study for those who study the theology of preaching and those who study Bonhoeffer.

The book is clear, thorough, and well documented. The book chapters are divided into specific years and is partitioned into three headings: preparation, preaching, and consequences. A notes section included in the book is organized by the sections in the table of contents which allows a reader to reference back to the footnotes in one area of the book. This book contains an extensive bibliography, an index, and a table of contents.

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