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Book Reviews



Bruns, S. D. (2019). *Introduction to Christian worship: Grammar, theology and practice*. Nashville: Wesley's Foundry Books. 230 pp. \$28.99. ISBN 9781945935404

Steven Bruns, department chair of ministry and Theology at Central Christian College of Kansas, provides a superb introductory book on Christian Worship. This book has the potential to add to a collection in various library types such as a bible college, a church, a private liberal arts college which offers religious studies, and a seminary. The front cover of Bruns' book displays a visual of steps going from the bottom to the top with words starting at the bottom with grammar theology, and lastly, practice. It seems the author's purpose is to provide the reader an understanding of a foundational framework as it relates to grammar used in worship. Bruns' book would be a valuable for pastor in his or her library. Patrons researching worship could use this book as a valuable resource.

The clarity and thoroughness is satisfactory in this book. Each chapter explains topics which can be confusing to individuals that are new to church. Bruns helps readers have a better grasp on a topic. For example, ordination is clarified very well in the book. He devoted chapter eleven explaining how a reader can bring the topics into practice.

Bruns presents an exceptional documented book providing four practical appendixes A to D. The appendixes are a great resource for leaders who are responsible for Christian worship services. Also, these appendixes could offer discussion in a bible college or seminary class on Christian worship. Appendix A labeled "Worship Service Worksheet" outlines a possible order of worship services. Appendix B labeled "Prayer Services" provides an order of prayer services. Appendix C is labeled "Covenant Renewal Service" notes prayers that can be used in a specific service such as New Year's Eve or service during lent. Appendix D is labeled "Lectionary" and displays a three-year rotation in the church calendar year which is in table format with name of days, scripture readings, and color used in services. A bibliography would have been helpful for further reading and research. Bruns' book provides pastors, students, teachers with a resource that can assist them with a better understanding of Christian worship.

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