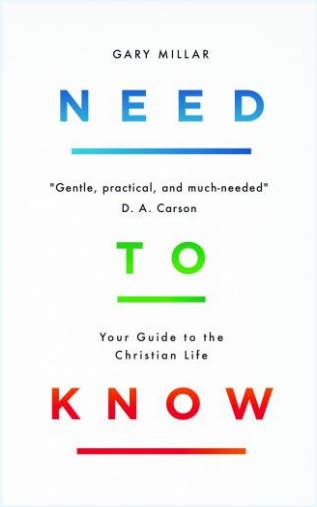
Thought for the week

Book Recommendation:
Need to Know, by Gary Millar

Gary Millar has done us a great service in writing this book, a primer on what it actually looks like to be a Christian. I'd strongly recommend this book because it is gospel-centred, engaging, short, and practical.



Gospel-centred. *Need to Know* is gospel-centred in the truest sense of the term. He defines the gospel clearly, and repeatedly returns to that definition throughout the book to show how it connects with various aspects of the Christian life. As he rightly points out, "the gospel is at the heart of becoming a Christian, living as a Christian, and keeping going as a Christian."

Engaging. Millar connects with the 21st century reader without compromising on theological rigour. For example, he manages to reference Irenaeus and Beyonce in the same sentence, and encapsulate his definition of the gospel (see first point above) in a tweet. His writing style is clear, engaging, and littered with real-life examples that bring the point home. I felt drawn-in the whole way through.

Short. Call me lazy, but I think brevity is an important quality in a book (especially if you want to give it to someone and them to actually read it!). Too many books have a great concept, but then pad it out unnecessarily for 200 pages. This is not one of those books. This makes the message of the book a lot sharper and more accessible and makes it a great book to give away.

Practical. Chapter after chapter, Millar keeps asking (and answering) the question, *"So what? What actual difference does this make to the way we live?"* This book manages to be practical without doing so at the expense of theological depth. Millar happily tackles meaty topics like the Trinity, for example, while also deftly showing its concrete implications for everyday life.

Book Review by Ben Smart, from The Gospel Coalition Australia Website

Care Outreach Christmas for the Bush - Thanks!

Thank you to all those who gave so generously. In the next two months 75 volunteers will be travelling west. They will be covering the area from Darling Downs west to Windorah, north to Tambo and south to Bourke. The volunteers will take: 1468 Christmas Cakes, 63 Hampers, 840 Christmas Gifts, and 147 Toiletry Packs to be given to farming families.

What's on?

MONDAY
7AM Community Breakfast

TUESDAY
9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY
9AM Quilters/Craft

FRIDAY
9:30AM Playgroup

BIRTHDAYS

Nov 8th Ruth S
Nov 8th Dave L
Nov 9th Eliott T
Nov 13th Jo A
Nov 13th James L

Announcements:

Mark Varidel's Appointment as Associate Pastor

Last Sunday as a church we confirmed Mark Varidel's call as Associate Pastor at Coolum Beach Baptist Church. Mark will be a pastor across the life of the church and will join our elders' meetings, and his role will have a specific focus on ministry to our teenagers and children. He will be commencing in January, but feel free to start chatting to him about next year, especially if you are a parent!

Men's Breakfast - Saturday

Men, we're having another men's breakfast on Saturday November 21 at the church (8am-11am). After breakfast we're going to have a panel discussion about why, what and how suicide affects us as men. This may be a good event to invite a friend if you think it would be helpful for them. There is a signup sheet in the church foyer. Speak to Richard Van Eck for more info.

Christmas Carols - Helpers and Invites

We'll be holding our annual Christmas Carols community outreach event on Sunday Afternoon, December 6 (4:30-6:30pm). Put the date in your diary and start thinking about who you can invite! We need lots of volunteers to make the afternoon and evening happen, especially helping out with kids activities. If you are available to help, please sign up in the church foyer, or talk to Kathy directly.

Playgroup Coordinator - Expressions of Interest

We are aiming to appoint a new Playgroup Coordinator for 2027 and beyond. This is a paid role in our church (8 hours per week), coordinating our two playgroups on Tuesday and Friday mornings. There are two parts to the role: Firstly, it involves thinking about playgroup as a ministry outreach that will help us "Know Christ and Make Him Known" in our community. Secondly, it involves organising and leading fun and safe playgroup activities to bless the kids and parents who come. If you're interested in the role or would just like more information, please contact Bill (bill.forgeard@coolumbeachbaptist.com). You can also chat with Kathy who is currently the interim playgroup coordinator to find out about playgroup.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for answering our prayers for an Associate Pastor, and pray for Mark, Jane and Azalea as Mark prepares to commence at CBBC in January.
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including Alan S, Dawn J, Alice & Graham D, Mark P, Claire H, and Jeanie P.
- Pray for our carols outreach event on December 6, for preparations, lots of people to help, and for many non-Christian friends, family and neighbours to come along.
- Pray for Year 12 students as they complete their final exams, including Levi R.
- Pray for our need to appoint a new Playgroup coordinator next year. Pray for the right person to take on the role, and pray for Playgroup to continue to be an effective witness to our community
- Pray for those from CBBC currently travelling for mission work including John & Margaret B with Bible translation in PNG, Garry & Chris B with Care Outreach in Western Qld, Matt & Uli H leaving for Vietnam next Tuesday, and Trish F leaving for India with HOHI next Friday.

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"To know Christ and make Him known"



"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."
(Mark 14:24)

8th Nov 9AM Pastor Bill

The Lord's Supper

Mark 14:12-26

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