Participants are strongly encouraged to read one of the following books before the retreat:

- *Introducing the Missional Church* – Roxburgh and Boren
- *Missional Renaissance* – Reggie McNeal
- *Follow Me To Freedom* – Shane Claiborne & John Perkins

In addition, you are welcome to skim any of the articles linked below as food for thought:

**Youth Ministry as an Exercise in Liberation Theology: Reflections on Gustavo Gutierrez:**

Efrem Smith’s blog posts about missional ministry and racial-ethnic identity:

Bruce Reyes Chow’s reflections on the difficulty of being community:
[http://day1.org/2041-bruce_reyeschow_the_difficult_call_to_be_community](http://day1.org/2041-bruce_reyeschow_the_difficult_call_to_be_community)