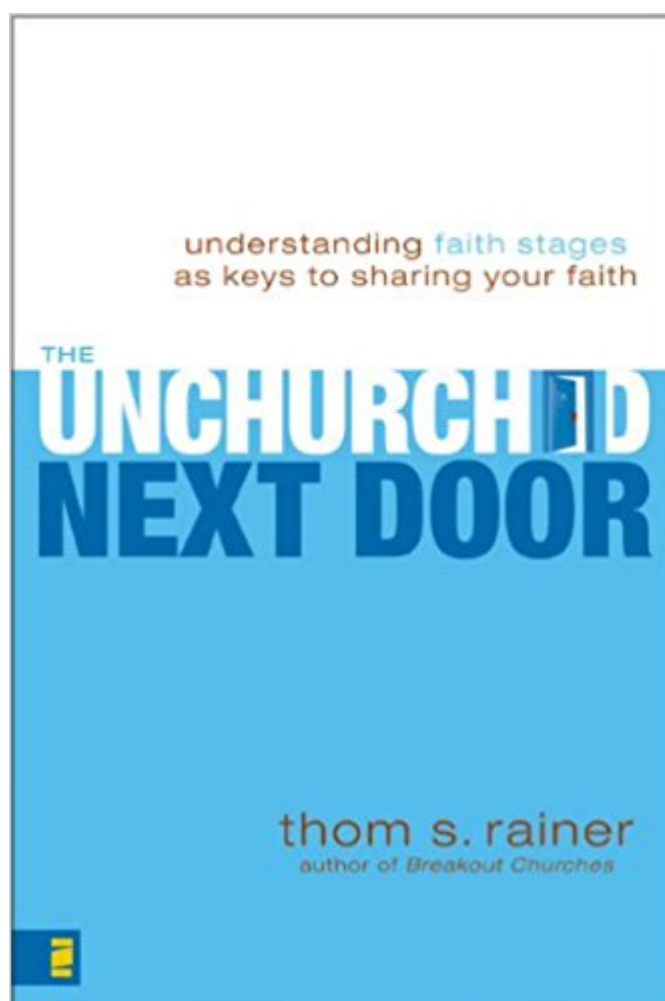


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If only 19 percent of church going people read their Bible daily - what about those who do not attend? The fastest growing religious group in the U.S. is that of those who claim no religious affiliation. Tom S. Rainer has done a masterful work in "The Unchurched Next Door." He has classed those "next door" as being either - U1,U2,U3,U4,U5 - He discussed the profile of each toward the church - Antagonistic, Resistant, Neutral, Friendly, etc...Their beliefs and attitudes toward churchgoers, the Bible, God, etc. This book will be of great help in identifying the class of the "unchurched" and how best to approach them with the message. I found and find this book to be easy reading and of great help and interesting..

The book was helpful in taking a more optimistic and faith-based view of evangelism. It was interesting to actually have their evangelistic efforts carefully evaluated by how open people were.

This book provided helpful research-based conclusions and strategies for sharing the message of Jesus. I highly recommend the book for thoughtful followers of Jesus.

A must read for the body of Christ! We have to reach the Unchurched, this is the body's great commission. Again awesome book!!!!!!!!!!

A must read for those who take to heart the call to "go and make disciples", yet feel insecure or overwhelmed with where to start or who to start with. Highly recommended!

It was a joy to read and understand how to talk to the unchurch.

Rainer's research helped me to see the utter reach ability of those who have either checked out of church or have never been a part of a church. This will help me sharpen my focus on those who need it the most.

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