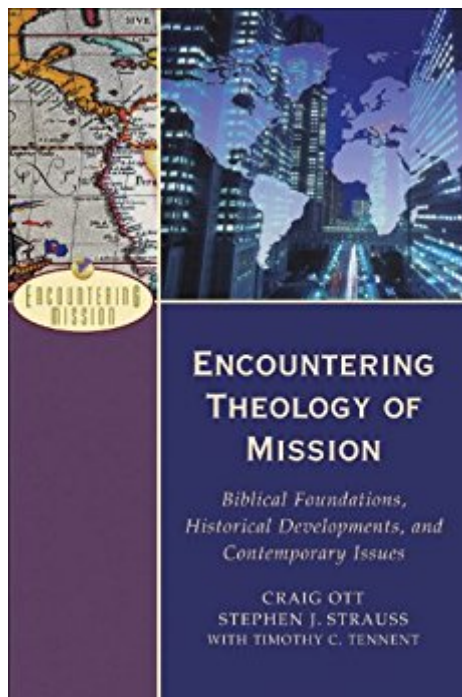


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Synopsis

This fresh, comprehensive text fills a need for an up-to-date theology of mission. It offers creative approaches to answering some of the most pressing questions in theology of mission and missionary practice today. The authors, who are leading mission experts, discuss biblical theology of mission, provide historical overviews of the development of various viewpoints, and address theologically current issues in global mission from an evangelical perspective. This readable yet thorough text integrates current views of the kingdom of God and holistic mission with traditional views of evangelism and church planting. It also brings theology of mission into conversation with ecclesiology and eschatology. Topics covered include contextualization, the missionary vocation, church and mission, and theology of religions. Sidebars and case studies enable readers to see how theology of mission touches real-life mission practice.

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Encountering Theology of Mission is a tremendously impressive, Biblically-grounded theology of

mission. The authors lay out a Biblical foundation for a theology of mission that is both robust and compelling. What is impressive about this work is its strong Biblical foundation, fair treatment of differing perspectives, clear organization and winsome style, and compelling and persuasive positions. The 10-page list of Biblical references in the back of the book shows the profound engagement with the Scriptures throughout the work. Rather than cherry-picking favorite verses and linking all conclusions back to them to support their points, the authors give a well-rounded view of the Bible's full counsel on mission. Likewise, the work treats the various theories of noted theologians without condescension but also without the need to come to the same conclusion. The book is clearly organized, starting with the *sitz im leben* of mission in the 21st century, building the Biblical foundation from Old and New Testaments, and then embarking on a full theology of mission that incorporates its purpose and nature, task, motivation, and spiritual dynamics, before proceeding to issues of contextualization, encounters with other religions, and thorny questions related to missions. Case studies (or "sidebars") are introduced at relevant points to make the material applicable to real-life circumstances. Ultimately what is produced is a very comprehensive and rich undergirding for the work of Biblical mission.

Loving God and understanding missions will propel you to fulfilling His will. Great book for understanding missions and the God of missions in a contemporary context.

Excellent text. Used it in Theology Class in the Seminary I attend as one of our prime texts for the course. It is graduate level work and does a very good job of meeting both the graduate level and educating about the Theology in missions and the workings of the mission work. It covers many aspects and theological necessities of Missionology.

This book deals with a variety of issues of mission theologies and mission activities from the evangelical perspective. I really recommend this book for those who study an intercultural studies at seminaries and missionaries who are actively working in mission fields.

This is a positive and upbeat take on missions. It is biblically sound, and it doesn't try to brow beat you into doing something. I have enjoyed reading this very much.

This is the first book I read in the Encountering Mission series. It was so thorough, detailed and useful that I have already purchased two more. I can easily see using it in missions-related courses,

missions training or simply encouraging missionaries and those who love them in their work.

The binding broke after just a couple weeks of reading it. Very disappointed in the quality of the binding.

An excellent book on missions. Gives the local and global aspects and more. Bernice

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