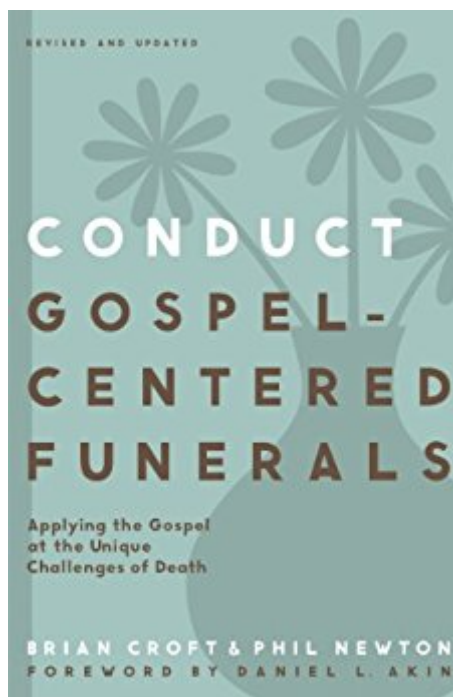




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# Conduct Gospel-Centered Funerals: Applying The Gospel At The Unique Challenges Of Death (Practical Shepherding Series)



## Synopsis

Bring Gospel Hope in the Midst of Death  
The phone rings: “Pastor, can you do my mother’s funeral?” Or, “Please help us—our baby just died.” Death comes unexpectedly, giving you two to three days of time to prepare a sermon in the midst of caring for a grieving family. This helpful book walks a pastor through the logistics of memorial services, burials, and working with funeral homes—using the four P’s: Plan, Prepare, Preach, and Perform. It shows how to magnify Christ and the gospel in the midst of all the details, demands, and sorrow that surrounds the death of a loved one.  
The Practical Shepherding series of books provides pastors and ministry leaders with advice and practical help to do the work of pastoral ministry in a local church. In *Conduct Gospel-Centered Funerals*, experienced pastors Brian Croft and Phil A. Newton offer readers a concise guide to conducting funerals that glorify God and offer a timely message of hope.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent little book from DayOne that should be a must for any Pastor who is being called on to plan and conduct funeral services. Our denomination has a little book of services prepared by one of our pastors that is good, but this book goes further. It tells you the protocol for dealing with the funeral home, the funeral director, the musicians, the family and any other people who might be involved. It is both Biblical and very practical in the way the material is presented. The appendixes are excellent and filled with helpful outlines, scripture references and music references. I am so impressed with this little booklet. It is the second on in the collection and I plan now on buying each of the others. Again, if you are a seminary student, a lay leader or a new pastor this book will be one that you treasure. God bless and enjoy!

I still remember sitting down with a retired pastor early in my ministry as he walked me through all the details I needed to know about conducting a funeral. I still refer back to those notes though I have done many funerals since then. I expect to do the same with this book by Croft and Newton. These two pastors have joined together to give practical advice about every aspect of conducting a funeral, from the moment you hear of a loved one's passing to caring for the family after the funeral is over. It is loaded with the kind of advice I needed as a young pastor (including sample sermons and eulogies in the back) and will be a great encouragement to those further down the road as well. Because it was written by two authors there is a bit of overlap in the book, but it's not enough to weigh down the reader. Most importantly this book emphasizes how important it is to make the hope of the gospel central in every funeral. This is what every believer wants to hear and every unbeliever needs to hear. Unfortunately it is often minimized or left out completely. This book will help you keep the gospel central while navigating the complexities of funerals. For that I am grateful and I think you will be too.

I have been a pastor for about 8 months now, and I had no idea how to prepare for a funeral. I knew a church member of ours was getting ready to pass away, and I wanted a reliable source to help guide me through the process of helping the family. I bought this book and have used it as a guide. It has far exceeded my expectations. It is extremely helpful, practical, and gospel-centered (as the name says). Most helpful for me was the short section on the three things you want to accomplish during a funeral message: 1. Acknowledge the need to grieve 2. Remind people that true hope in grief cannot come apart from the hope of the gospel 3. Help those listening know how to respond to the gospel Very helpful. Now, go buy the book. In fact, buy 10 of them and give them to your pastor

friends, deacons, and elders.

This is really an invaluable resource. So much wisdom and practical advice for specific situations [such as when someone takes their own life, funerals of non-believers, etc]. Every pastor must read this book.

Every pastor/minister has to lead in times of loss. Death comes, either surprisingly or not, to fallen humans beings. The ones grieving (Christians or non Christians) need the gospel. This book teaches every pastor/minister how to bring and apply the gospel of Jesus Christ to the grieving heart. Also, this book teaches practical aspects of funerals. Highly recommended, specially for young pastors/ministers

I have conducted a number of funeral services and how grateful I would have been to have this book available to me for my first funeral service. This book is an excellent resource for the young preacher and for the seasoned preacher who desires to fine tune his ministry to a family that lost a loved one. This is a book you read once, but come back to over and over again. Lots of practical helps. Every preacher/pastor should read this book.

I was a youth pastor. My wife's grandfather passed away and I was asked to conduct the funeral. I had never done a funeral before and had little idea where to start. This little book helped me immensely. I would recommend it as a guide book for anybody thrown into an unexpected funeral.

This is a helpful guide for conducting a gospel centered funeral especially if one is new to this ministry. I enjoyed reading the personal stories and about how the pastor and the funeral director need to collaborate in order to provide effective care to the berieved.

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