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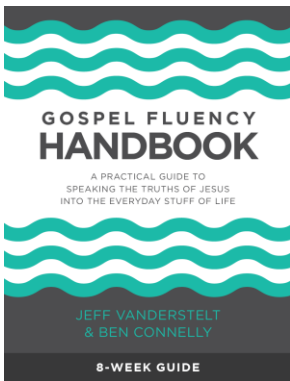


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Are you fluent in the Gospel?

Gospel Fluency Handbook helps Christians speak the truths of Jesus in everyday life



Seattle: Every Christian has moments of unbelief. Author and pastor **Jeff Vanderstelt** admits, "I'm an unbeliever. So are you. We slip in and out of believing God's word about us and trusting in His work on our behalf. We forget who He is, what's He's done and, in light of that, who we are."

Vanderstelt and his co-author, **Ben Connelly**, wrote ***Gospel Fluency Handbook: A Practical Guide to Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life*** (Saturate Resources/September 15, 2017/ISBN 978-0996849326/\$24.99) for those who've realized they disbelieve God, His goodness and His gospel in areas of normal, everyday, busy life. It is also for those who are keenly aware and weighed down by a failure to connect the way gospel truths actually matter to everyday life.

The *Gospel Fluency Handbook* is designed to help individuals and groups become fluent in the gospel. "To be fluent in the gospel is to know it so well it becomes like a mother tongue," explains Vanderstelt. "When I am fluent, I am able to filter all of life through the truths of the gospel and am readily able to speak those truths into any situation or struggle we are facing at any time."

The discussions and exercises in this eight-week interactive handbook provide a step-by-step immersion of the reader's mind, heart, soul and life in the gospel. Each week follows a simple format: three sets of personal readings and reflections and a weekly guide for group discussion and exercises that will lead to becoming a more gospel-fluent people — people learning to see and then speak the truths of Jesus into the everyday stuff of life.

"The first goal of the *Gospel Fluency Handbook* is to help readers become fluent in the gospel — in other words, to help them move from unbelief to belief, in whatever area(s) of their lives they find it difficult to believe God's promises, and live according to that belief," Connelly outlines. "The second goal, which we hope naturally flows from the first, is to help readers speak the truths of Jesus into the everyday stuff of life as we together become a more gospel-fluent people. To that end, we've crafted this resource as an interactive guide. It's not a book; books are generally designed to give information and to be read cover to cover, often in just a few days. The handbook, however, is an eight-week interactive study."

The book, while inspired by Vanderstelt's *Gospel Fluency* (Crossway), is a stand-alone resource, intended to be used both by groups and individuals. Content from *Gospel Fluency* is summarized in each week's readings, and for participants who want to go deeper, the readings indicate corresponding chapters from the book if they choose to read and study further.

There is also a [nine-part online video series](#) that enhances and deepens the learning experience for groups using *Gospel Fluency Handbook*. Week by week, Vanderstelt articulates and summarizes key ideas, themes and principles as groups engage and process the handbook together. Additional concepts and training will enhance learning for groups as they move toward becoming a community fluent in the gospel.

Learn more about the *Gospel Fluency Handbook* at www.gospelfluency.com.

Praise for *Gospel Fluency*

"I have known Jeff for more than a decade now, and his heart beats for the church to be all that God has called her to be in Christ. He is not an ideas man; he is on the ground living out the truths you read in this book. As the culture shifts and attractional ministry fades Jeff will be a faithful guide for us all."

~ Matt Chandler, Lead Pastor, The Village Church, Dallas, Texas; President, Acts 29 Church Planting Network

"It's easy to forget how good the good news of the gospel is. This practical book will help you to see that good news and to share it with others."

~ Russell Moore, President, Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

About the Authors



Jeff Vanderstelt is the visionary leader of the Soma Family of Churches and Saturate and the lead teaching pastor at Doxa Church in Bellevue, WA. He gets to spend his days doing what he loves: training disciples of Jesus to make more disciples of Jesus and equipping the Church in the gospel and missional living.

Vanderstelt is the author of *Gospel Fluency*, *Saturate* and the *Saturate Field Guide*. He and his wife, Jayne, have three children and live in the Seattle, WA area.

Learn more at www.jeffvanderstelt.com and www.saturatetheworld.com. He is also active on [Facebook \(SaturateTheWorld\)](#) and [Twitter \(@SaturateWorld\)](#).



Ben Connelly started and now co-pastors The City Church, part of the Acts29 network and Soma Family of Churches. He also directs church-planting for Soma churches across North America and has taught university classes. With degrees from Baylor University and Dallas Theological Seminary, he writes for various publications and does training across the country.

Connelly has published a few books, including co-authoring *Saturate Field Guide* and *Gospel Fluency Handbook*. He and his wife, Jess, have three children and live in Fort Worth, TX.

Connelly blogs occasionally at www.benconnelly.net and is on [Twitter \(@connellyben\)](#).

Suggested interview questions

- You open *Gospel Fluency Handbook* with a quote from Jeff's book *Gospel Fluency*, which reads, "I'm an unbeliever. So are you." What do you mean by this broad statement directed to readers?
- What does it mean to be gospel fluent? What is the first step in the process of improving our fluency?
- How do Christians often misapply Paul's instruction to speak the truth in love?
- As we work to become fluent in the gospel, what are some of the vocabulary words in which we need a refresher course?
- Why is it hard for many people to talk to others about Jesus? How do we grow our love for Jesus?
- How are our sins tied to our unbeliefs? Why is simply confessing the fruit of our sin not enough?
- How can we display the work of God to the world without looking like we are trying to show off?
- In a world so hostile toward Christianity, what advice do you offer readers for courageously proclaiming the gospel?
- This handbook is based on content from the book *Gospel Fluency*. Do readers need to have read *Gospel Fluency* to use this guide?
- What do you hope for readers to gain from reading and working through the handbook?
- What is the format of *Gospel Fluency Handbook*, and how is it intended to be used? Can it be used for individual study, or should it be used in a group setting?
- Why is it important for readers to share their personal stories with the group?
- There is a video series to go along with the handbook; how do they enhance the reader's experience with the material?
- Can you share a little bit with us about Saturate the World? What resources are available from your website?

To request a review copy of *Gospel Fluency Handbook*, to schedule an interview with the Jeff Vanderstelt and Ben Connelly or for more information, please contact Audra Jennings, audra@liffusegroup.com.