**Guidelines for Book Reviews**

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1. Introduction

Why did you pick this book and what did you hope to gain from it?

1. Description
   1. What is the author’s purpose of writing and method of inquiry?
   2. How does the author fulfill his/her purpose?
   3. How would you summarize the main theological ideas of this book?
   4. What are the major definitions at work in this work?
   5. What are the main conclusions reached by the book?
2. Evaluation
   1. How well did the author fulfill her/his purpose?
   2. How well did the author take account of other points of view on the same subject?
   3. Are the major definitions clear, adequate, and consistent?
   4. How well does the argument stand up to other perspectives on the same issue?
   5. Where do you agree and disagree with the book?
3. Application
   1. How does this work enrich your thinking and expand your knowledge?

What did you find interesting and exciting about this book?

Where did this book disappoint you?

* 1. What are the implications for preaching and teaching?
  2. What are the implications for theological interpretation?
  3. How does this book help you with the theological aspects of caregiving?
  4. What are the implications for social and cultural change?