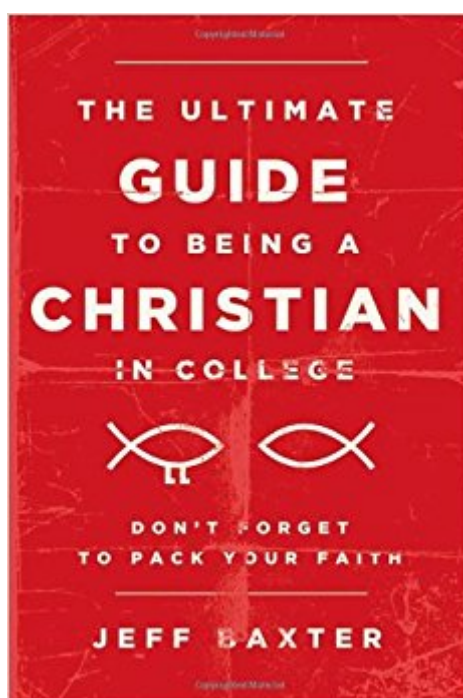


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The Ultimate Guide To Being A Christian In College: Don't Forget To Pack Your Faith



Synopsis

Are You Ready for the Rest of Your Life? You got the high school diploma, received the college acceptance letter, and have your eye on that dorm fridge. Everything seems new and exciting—but with those positive feelings come huge questions about what awaits you once you're no longer home but sharing a small room with strangers instead. Don't fear! Here is your essential guide for everything you need to know to survive and thrive, with tips on: Dorm life Dealing with professors Selecting classes Balancing school and fun Standing firm in your faith Becoming who you're meant to be And more! With godly wisdom and understanding, Jeff Baxter draws from his experience helping young adults like you build a solid foundation for your life ahead.

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I bought this book to consider using it to lead a bible study for high school seniors. I was quite disappointed. The main problem is this book tries to cover not only specific "Christian" issues like choosing a local church, but all sorts of generic issues like budgeting. Further, the first third of the

book is spent on important, but not college-specific, spiritual issues like "grace" and "doubt." The book tries to cover so much that it covers nothing well. The book isn't "bad" in the sense it gives bad advice, it's just a mile wide and an inch deep as the old saying goes. In trying to cover everything from choosing your major to getting along with your roommate to dealing with doubt to picking your friends, the advice ends up being broad, generic, and not very helpful. In some chapters, there is literally no advice at all. The "Finding and Investing in a Local [Church] Family" is a good example. The chapter starts off with an anecdote about homesickness. It moves on to statistics about youth leaving the church. It cites some scripture about church being important. It then says "local churches come in all shapes and sizes" and literally give ****no advice****, none, on how to choose one. I'd advise folks to look elsewhere.

good service and good book

The college years can be defined in so many ways but often are not known for spiritual growth. If you have read the statistics or any of the numerous articles floating around the Christian community, hope for our graduating youth group students seem bleak. The Ultimate Guide to Being a Christian in College is a book that is written to hopefully change that. Jeff Baxter in his newest book, The Ultimate Guide to Being a Christian in College, does not hold back. He writes a complete and thorough guidebook for those headed off to college or are already there. Divided up into three parts this book goes right to the issues at hand: identity, decisions, and belonging. You can not sum up the struggle of the college years any better. Each of the three parts provides seven powerfully packed chapters of wisdom and scripture. The book systematically works through the personal, spiritual, and campus life of being a Christian in college. I can not think of anything that was not covered. I applaud this book's definitive direction focused style. Having recently just stepped away from a couple years of walking beside the college ministry of our church while still working as a middle school pastor, I can honestly say I wish I would have had this book. It is of course a great graduation present, but I can see this easily translating to a group study. Each chapter is so full of content and scripture, and then includes deep thoughtful questions at the end of each. As you pray for your graduating seniors and college students follow up those prayers with this book.

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