

# BOOK REVIEW

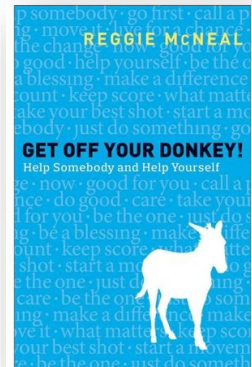
From Bob's bookshelf



## GET OFF YOUR DONKEY:

help somebody and help yourself

By Reggie McNeal



**I READ IT BECAUSE:** This book was recommended by Outreach Magazine. Every year, Outreach publishes a resource edition for church leaders, covering many areas of church life. This particular book was listed in the missional living section.

**SUBJECT MATTER:** The book challenges people to take a long, hard look at themselves. It inspires the reader who wants to leave a lasting impact on those with whom they come in contact. The author presents the key aspects of finding and fulfilling one's life mission. When a person identifies his or her life mission, he or she is enabled to serve others more effectively. McNeal gives many practical ways readers can explore and discover their life mission. He makes this statement on page 75, "Figuring out your life's mission will help you better know how to serve others. At the same time, the work of serving others can help you figure out your life mission. Then you will know the meaning of life: it is a mission trip."

**QUOTABLE:** "The most fulfilled ministry leaders I am around today are the ones making the decision to lead their people into the streets of human need." p. 40

"One of the key benefits of serving others will be your own increased self-awareness. I contend that the most important body of information you must possess is your own self-awareness." p. 57

"Spiritual development does not occur in some kind of vacuum. It works its way out in these relationships that are part of everyday life." p. 66

"God didn't make people to get work done, he made work to get people done." p. 103

"Identifying the attitudes, behaviors, perspectives, habits, internal narratives, and responses that you want to leave behind is important preparation for the rest of your life journey." p. 127

**WHO SHOULD READ THIS BOOK?** This book is great for book clubs, small groups, or personal enrichment. Any believer who is looking to have a clearer vision for personal ministry and outreach should read this book.

**RECOMMENDATION:** I have made many notes from the content of the book. I do recommend it. It has the potential to inspire and motivate people to their God-given mission. The clever title and subtitle alone make it worth opening the pages. I was already familiar with and implementing many of the author's suggestions. I constantly evaluate what I do to be sure that I'm involved in the lives of those God has planned for me to touch.