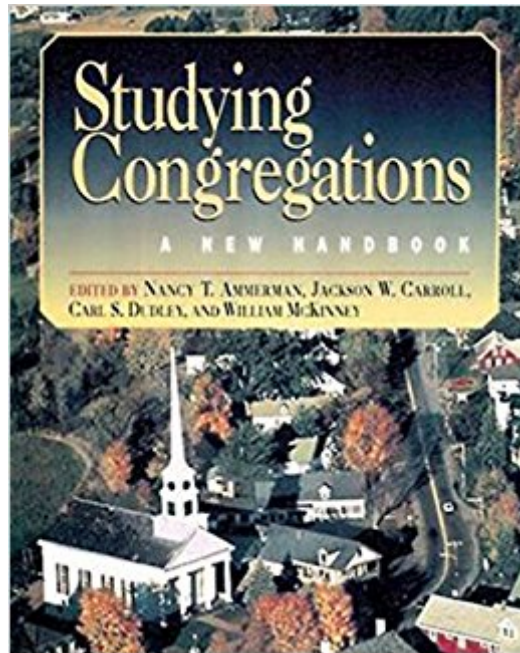




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I believe that at one point, this book was helpful. However, the church has changed significantly over the past few decades, and I can't help but call into question the lack of creativity this book has for educational and leadership models within the church.

Prfect exactly as expected !!!

This book outlines several important and practical ways to more deeply understand a congregation beyond what they say they believe. I found it informative, well-cited, yet practical and thought provoking. It is one of if not the best book out there on practically studying (and hopefully changing) congregations. It is written specifically for Christian Churches but the information and tools could be extrapolated into other faith backgrounds.

A very practical and engaging study book. An excellent tool for ministry! Some insightful strategies even to help congregations look at themselves as they determine their future, their goals and even their vision.

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