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- Chapters are organized around each of the nine New Testament authors and focus on what each author really cared about in order to emphasize *their* concerns—not ours.
- More than one hundred sidebars explore how New Testament authors might apply their writings to Christians today.
- One-page snapshots examine introductory issues (who, when, where, why), providing essential information in condensed form.
- Five maps and more than fifty color photographs bring biblical sites and culture to life.

What the New Testament Authors Really Cared About is a collaborative project involving fifteen New Testament scholars who teach undergraduate students and know their needs. The resulting resource is simple in format and intentionally shorter than other surveys.

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