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I am interested in focusing my writing in this course on the development of leadership and theological education at the church level utilizing an informal approach rather than the formal institutional approach to theological education. I do not advocate for the replacement of the academy or institutional theological education but rather a re-envisioning of how theological education can come alongside of the church and provide resources and prepared practitioners to churches to help it fulfill the work of equipping believers for ministry and training leaders at the local level. Several resources that I believe adequately explore the area of research and is also written by academically trained practitioners, are:

1. **Theological Education Matters: Leadership Education for the Church** by Linda Cannell  
An expert in the field, Cannell discusses the growing trend of churches that are exploring alternative approaches to equipping and developing their leadership and the failure of institutional and conventional theological institutions to properly serve the church.
2. **Designed to Lead: The Church and Leadership Development** by Eric Geiger and Kevin Peck  
Based on the book review, *Designed to Lead* sets out to help ministry leaders and pastors create a culture for leadership development. Written by authors who are both practitioners and academic scholars in the field of leadership, this book was written as a resource for pastors to learn how to intentionally create leaders.

3. *The Fragility of Knowledge: Theological Education in the Church and the University*,  
by Edward Farley  
Farley makes the case that theological education needs to be unified into Christian education for all believers, not just clergy. Farley argues that theological education has become fragmented and no longer identifies with knowledge of God and knowledge of the Scriptures as much as it now does with sociology, psychology, anthropology, etc., and as a result, theology is no longer relevant for lay education.
4. *Building Leaders: Blueprints for Developing Leadership at Every Level of Your Church* by Aubrey Malphurs and Will Mancini  
This book provides pastors and church leaders with with step-by-step instructions that can be applied to any church or parachurch ministry, *Building Leaders* shows readers how to:
  - empower, not just train, leaders
  - overcome obstacles to developing leaders
  - identify emerging leaders
  - use biblical models for training leaders
  - form a leadership training program to fit any size or budget

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