

## TWITTER @timkellernyc on July 18, 2022



**Timothy Keller** ✓ @timkellernyc · 9h

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Here to answer questions at [#asktk](#). I'll quote tweet the questions.



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The New Bible Commentary 21st Century Edition



**Herman Bavinck Theologian** @HermanBavinckT1 · 9h

#ASKTK Do you have a favorite 1-volume bible commentary?  
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You are never as alone as you think you are. As God said to Elijah, "There are 7000 others who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

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Manicotti from the Manducaitis Restaurant in Queens, NY.



**John Drake Number 6** @NumberDrake · 9h

@timkellernyc what's one of your favourite meals? #ASKTK



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I take Bavinck's position in his Reformed Dogmatics vol2.



**Herman Bavinck Theologian** @HermanBavinckT1 · 9h

#asktk do you have a position on either infralapsarianism or supralapsarianism? If so, who best articulates a rationale for that position? @timkellernyc



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In your earlier years it's having formal and informal cohorts of supportive friends. As time goes on the prayer disciplines become increasingly important. Why? Friend cohorts tend to thin out as you get older. Prayer is always important but as a means against burnout its crucial.



**Stephen Griffin** @SJamesGriffin · 9h

How do you guard against burnout in your vocation and ministry?  
#AskTK

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**Timothy Keller**  @timkellernyc · 9h

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My friend @drantbradley recommends Raising Boys by Biddulph, and its been helping my family right now.



**RTJ0527** @rtj0527 · 9h

#asktk what is your go to book on Christian parenting and fatherhood  
@timkellernyc

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That's easy pray more.



**Matt** @matthampson9 · 9h

Replying to @timkellernyc

What is one thing you would tell young Tim Keller just starting off being a pastor? #asktk

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**Timothy Keller**  @timkellernyc · 9h

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In the last presidential election, no one you've ever heard of.



**Josh Watson** @JoshuaLWatson · 10h

Replying to @timkellernyc

who'd you vote for, Tim?

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Terrible.



**Ashley Barnett** 🍇 @Ashley\_OakFarm · 9h

Replying to @timkellernyc

How's your relationship with broccoli these days? #asktk



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**Timothy Keller** ✓ @timkellernyc · 9h



Les Mis is the best thing I've ever seen on Broadway in the 80s when it first came out.



**Tyler Droski** @t\_droski22 · 9h

Replying to @timkellernyc

What is one of your favorite shows you have seen on broadway? #asktk



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The Walking with God through Pain and Suffering was the hardest to write.



**Valley of Vision** @valleyofvision · 9h

Which of your books was the most difficult to author? If you have one, which one of your books is your favorite? #asktk



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**Timothy Keller** ✓ @timkellernyc · 9h



My wife and I have always loved Superman. We also liked the first recent Wonderwoman movie.



**J. R. R. DeZiel** @The\_Real\_DeZiel · 9h

#asktk Do you have a favorite superhero movie? I ask partly because I think society's fascination with superheroes points to a longing for Christ: We have a deep desire for a good guy with supernatural powers to save us.



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You should always start on your neighborhood at first.



**Phil Bartuska** 🇺🇸 @phil\_bartuska · 11h

Replying to @timkellernyc

#asktk If you were to plant a church in a European city (say Vienna), would you try to reach your neighborhood or reach the city? ie. best long-term strategy ps. I know you can do both, but what would be the focus?



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I try to read ~a book a week. I read an hour every night with my wife, and I read a lot on the weekends to get that done.



**Nicholas McDonald** @NicholasMcD · 11h

Replying to @timkellernyc

As a pastor, how many books did you read every year? What was your book reading habit/routine? #asktk (reposting with tag)



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**Timothy Keller** ✓ @timkellernyc · 10h



Modern is discovered. Post-modern identity is created. They kind of end up in the same stop where you end up in charge, so it's not always necessary to make a distinction.



**Charlie Wallace** @drcwallace · 11h

Replying to @drcwallace and @timkellernyc

I recently heard you teach on the traditional and modern identities. I also heard a sermon from you in 1998 you included a postmodern identity. Do you think that identity is still relevant today or is there a reason you didn't mention it recently? #asktk



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Nothing wrong with writing your vows, but I generally encourage people to use the traditional ones.



**Cristiano** @Cristia91071932 · 10h

Replying to @timkellernyc

I'm getting married soon, was wondering your thoughts on writing our own, biblically based vows. Do you think it's better to stick to something more traditional like the BCP marriage ceremony, or something the church provides? General thoughts on this? #asktk #marriagevows



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You should always be rethinking the cultural mandate because the culture changes.



**Jared Stacy** @jaredstacy · 11h

Replying to @timkellernyc

#asktk Should evangelicals in the West rethink current readings of the 'cultural mandate'? How?

(Thank you for doing this! Best to you!)



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Right now, we have some people who don't believe there is a cultural mandate at all, while other people are triumphalistically using it as a warrant for a kind of theocracy. Both are wrong.



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The Lion, Witch, W.--because it was the door into that world.



**Nolan Ryan** ✓ @NolanRyan76 · 11h

Replying to @timkellernyc

#asktk Which is your favorite Narnia book and why?



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I'm enjoying Foyles War right now.



**Eric McClanahan** @lneverglow · 11h

Replying to @timkellernyc

#askTK do you watch TV? If so, what do you like to watch?



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Stay close to the Bible, and get a lot of counsel. It takes a lot of wisdom. If you under contextualize it will look a lot like your culture, and if you over-contextualize it will look like the one you are ministering too. Therefore, it should look distinct from both cultures.



**Eric Pilson** @church\_tw · 10h

Replying to @timkellernyc

How we do know if we are under-contextualizing or over-contextualizing in a missions context? #AskTK



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**Timothy Keller**  @timkellernyc · 10h

Forgive and Repent in front of your children and do it often.



**Jamie Wilder** @somewilderwords · 10h

Replying to @timkellernyc

Best parenting advice? #asktk



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**Timothy Keller**  @timkellernyc · 10h

Yes. I used to listen to Dick Lucas and Martyn Lloyd-Jones in the 1990s.



**Sam Dyer** @Dyer852 · 10h

Replying to @timkellernyc

Do you listen to any other preachers when preparing sermons? If so, who? #asktk



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In the middle of an immunotherapy protocol. I feel great, but it will be months before we know if it is effective.

As for the church, I have not been the pastor of Redeemer since 2017. The daughter churches are all doing well.

My family is a great source of joy and happiness.



**Justin Bower** @j\_with\_the\_pen · 11h

Replying to @timkellernyc

How are you doing? How's the church, the family, ministry?

Praying for you and grateful for you, Dr. Keller.



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God did not reveal it. There are some things God does not reveal because we don't need know them in order to obey him. Deu 29:29



**Eric Roberts** @ericrmusic · 11h

Replying to @timkellernyc

#asktk How did Lucifer become prideful, living in the presence of God, and choose to rebel?



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I have not had a significant theological shift since seminary which is about 50 years ago. I talk about it more here: [wng.org/articles/handl...](https://wng.org/articles/handling-a-hostile-culture-1640586880)



**Jason Inman** @JasonInman · 10h

Replying to @timkellernyc

What has been your most significant theological shift in the last 25 years?



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This is a big question. If that means the hurt has made you bitter, I wrote about this in the *Forgive* book coming out this Fall. If it means a loss of vision for the ministry, you need a long sabbatical to see what you should be doing next.



**Kyle Stiles** @spudhog · 10h

Replying to @timkellernyc

Best advice for deep ministry hurt?



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My youngest son works in urban planning. I believe Christians can bring a unique perspective to every field of labor. Urban planning is an important vocation for the common good.



**Logan Price** @ThatsALoPrice · 11h

Replying to @timkellernyc

I heard you mention recently that your son works in urban planning. Why do you think that's a field Christians and the Church should engage in? And do you think we bring any type of unique perspective to the matter? #asktk



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Read both Romans 13-The State is God's institution, but also the book of Revelation-where the State can become demonic.



**Mr. Winsome™** @thatbrian · 11h

Replying to @timkellernyc

What is the God-given role of the State?



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I've been silent about everything because I have not been online. In addition, I tend not to speak about current events. However, this is an important one.

If you've read "How to Reach the West Again"

[redeemercitytocity.com/reachthewest](https://redeemercitytocity.com/reachthewest) you know I'm pro-life. 1/



**Specter of Zwingli** @specterZwingli · 11h

Replying to @timkellernyc

Why have you been silent about the Dobbs decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and Casey?

<https://redeemercitytocity.com/reachthewest>



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I believe the church must be too. I believe the Dobbs decision was morally and judicially right.

But there's much more to say about the ramifications of Dobbs. Two of the best summaries are the practical next steps outlined well by Lauren Green McAfee: [thegospelcoalition.org/article/roe-st...](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/roe-stand-life/) 2/

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and the cautionary next steps sketched out by Ross Douthat:

[nytimes.com/2022/06/25/opi...](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/25/opinion/roe-abortion-politics.html) 3/3

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One of the better ones.



**Steve Marusich** @stevemarusich · 10h

Tim, is not having a lawn to cut the best thing about NYC? #asktk



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Sure lots of them. The people preaching at the Redeemer churches are doing a great job. @RedeemerLSQ, @RedeemerWS, @RedeemerES, @RedeemerDT, @RedeemerEH. There are lots of others elsewhere too.



**Chase Merrell** @ChaseMerrell · 10h

Replying to @timkellernyc

#askTK any young pastors you think are hitting the mark? If enough Twitter length in reply, why?



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Read CS Lewis' Space Trilogy for some insight here.



**Sarah Hardy Scott** @SarahEHardy · Jul 17

Replying to @timkellernyc

#asktk would love to hear your thoughts on how potential future discovery of life on other planets would fit into the Christian worldview?



**Timothy Keller** ✓ @timkellernyc · 10h

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That's a wrap. I'll try to answer more here and there. Thanks for the thoughtful questions!