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Josh is the author of three books on religion and sociology. He wrote *Church Refugees: Sociologists reveal why people are DONE with church but not their faith* (Group, 2015) with coauthor Ashleigh Hope, *The Emerging Church: Religion at the Margins* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2012), and *The Air We Breathe: Sociology of Religion* (Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2016) with coauthor George Sanders. His newest book, *Meaning Making: 8 Values That Drive America's Newest Generations*, was published by Springtide in July 2020.

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