

How to Start and Run Just Show Up (JSU) Book Club

I. General Guidelines

1. Do in-person, Zoom, or hybrid. 1-3 times a week or bi-weekly.
2. Meet for 30-90 minutes in general. If possible, serve food.
3. Everyone should have a book (print or digital). Play audiobook or read live. Books can be read partially.
4. Read/listen together for 15-60 minutes.
5. Discuss/share for 15-60 minutes.
6. Have minimum of 2 people. Encourage people to join with a few friends.
7. When possible, everyone should have an opportunity to speak/share same amount of time (1-3 mins per person; use timer alarm).
8. Do not use phone or multitask to focus on learning and respect one another.

II. Sharing Guidelines (Go over in Every Meeting)

1. Mention your name and where you are from.
2. Everyone speaks same amount of time (1-3 mins per person; use timer alarm) or you can skip.
3. Reference specific page numbers when appropriate.
4. Focus on sharing what you learned or disagreed with.
5. When sharing, use "I" not "we" or "you." This helps each person learn and share independently. Facilitator will correct you when mistakes are made. (Using "we" is okay when referring to a small group such as your family.)
6. If you have a question, mention it and discuss privately afterwards.

III. Benefits of Just Show Up Book Club

- Finishing books by just showing up.
- No homework! Pre-reading is totally optional.
- Learning from authors & participants.
- Can read books of all subjects: Theology, History, Investing, Management, Hobbies, Science, etc.
- Doable in many settings such as family, office, church, schools, etc.
- Reading together increases private reading.
- Reading & listening simultaneously helps focus on the content.
- Enhances understanding & knowledge.

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Name: _____

Just Show Up (JSU) Book Club

- JSU Book Club is a book club with no homework where people, on the spot, read, listen and discuss books together.
- By reading together through JSU Book Club, everyone can successfully read books.
- JSU Book Club originated from the Public Reading of Scripture.

How Many Books to Read Each Year?

Choose Your Own Goal from the Recommendations Below

Christian Teaching	Other Subjects	Total Books	Hours Per Week
2 - 4 ☐	1 - 2 ☐	3 - 6 ☐	30m - 1h
4 - 8 ☐	2 - 4 ☐	6 - 12 ☐	1h - 2h
8 - 12 ☐	4 - 6 ☐	12 - 18 ☐	2h - 3h
12 - 20 ☐	6 - 10 ☐	18 - 30 ☐	3h - 5h

*Assuming 8-hour length books and including private reading.

My JSU Book Club Groups

Day	Sun ☐	Mon ☐	Tue ☐	Wed ☐	Thu ☐	Fri ☐	Sat ☐
Time							

Comprehensive Judeo-Christian Learning

Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV & NIV)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

1 Timothy 4:13 (NIV)

Until I come, devote yourself to the **public reading of Scripture**,
to **preaching** and to **teaching**.

- **Public Reading of Scripture:** Listening to Scripture Together
- **Preaching:** Hearing Biblical Preaching
- **Teaching:** Reading Books (JSU Book Club & Private) & Studying the Bible



BOOK CLUB



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Free Audio Drama Bible App

3 Steps for Successful Book Reading



1. Belong to a JSU Book Club (Join with a Few Friends)

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NKJV)

Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.



2. Set an Annual Book Reading Goal

1 Corinthians 9:26 (NIV)

Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.



3. Track Books You Have Read and Share It

1 Timothy 4:15 (ESV)

Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Books I Have Read and Plan to Read

2026 ☐ 2027 ☐ 2028 ☐

1.	☐	11.	☐
2.	☐	12.	☐
3.	☐	13.	☐
4.	☐	14.	☐
5.	☐	15.	☐
6.	☐	16.	☐
7.	☐	17.	☐
8.	☐	18.	☐
9.	☐	19.	☐
10.	☐	20.	☐

Book Recommendations for JSU Book Clubs

2026 ☐ 2027 ☐ 2028 ☐

Christianity	Audio Len.	Christianity	
Abraham Kuyper ☐ Pro Rege (Vol. 1, 2, 3)	13h ea.	Os Guinness ☐ Rising to the Call	2h
C.S. Lewis ☐ Mere Christianity ☐ The Screwtape Letters	7h 4h	Tim Keller ☐ Counterfeit Gods ☐ The Prodigal God	5h 2h
Corrie ten Boom ☐ The Hiding Place ☐ Tramp for the Lord	8h 5h	Leadership/Management	
Dietrich Bonhoeffer ☐ Psalms ☐ Life Together ☐ The Cost of Discipleship	2,4h 9h	Horst Schulze ☐ Excellence Wins	5h
Elisabeth Elliot ☐ Through Gates of Splendor	7h	Max De Pree ☐ Leadership is an Art ☐ Leadership Jazz	2h 4h
Eric Metaxas ☐ 7 Men ☐ 7 Women	8,7h	Peter Drucker ☐ The Essential Drucker ☐ The 5 Most Important Qs	11h 2h
Eugene Peterson ☐ Eat This Book ☐ Working the Angles Ch.4	7h 1h	Investing	
Francis Schaeffer ☐ Joshua ☐ How Should We...	7,8h	Greg Brenneman ☐ Right Away & All at Once	7h
James Montgomery Boice ☐ Daniel ☐ Nehemiah	6h ea.	Michael Mauboussin, Alfred Rappaport ☐ Expectations Investing	7h
J.I. Packer ☐ Knowing God	10h	Philip Fisher ☐ Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits (Part 1)	3h
John Stott ☐ The Cross of Christ ☐ Understanding the Bible	14h 7h	History/World Affairs	
Joni Eareckson Tada ☐ A Place of Healing	7h	David McCullough ☐ 1776 ☐ The Wright Brothers	12h 10h
N.T. Wright ☐ Surprised by Hope	11h	Paul Johnson ☐ Churchill ☐ Intellectuals	5h 18h

*Reading other books by the above authors is recommended.
*Additional Authors – Christianity: A.W. Tozer, Brother Lawrence, Dallas Willard, Henri Nouwen, James D. Hunter, James K.A. Smith, Lesslie Newbigin, Oswald Chambers Leadership/Mgmt: Henry Cloud, Jim Collins Investing: Benjamin Graham, Howard Marks History/World Affairs: Rodney Stark, Ron Chernow, Tom Holland Literature/Philosophy: Dostoevsky, Friedrich Nietzsche, Homer, Tolkien, Tolstoy, Shakespeare, Victor Hugo