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# Just Show Up Book Club

## No-Homework Book Club

(with Book Recommendations)



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BOOK CLUB



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**Just Show Up (JSU)  
Book Club is  
a book club  
without homework  
where people,  
on the spot,  
read, listen, and discuss  
books together.**

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# Just Show Up Book Club

## General Guidelines

- 1.** In-person, via Zoom, or hybrid.  
2-3 times a week, weekly, bi-weekly.
- 2.** Meet for 45-90 minutes.  
Come with a friend or two.
- 3.** Everyone should have a book (print or digital). Play audiobook or read aloud.  
Long books can be read partially.
- 4.** Read/listen together for 20-45 minutes.
- 5.** Discuss/share for 20-45 minutes.
- 6.** Minimum of 2 people and as many participants as the facility & Zoom allow for.
- 7.** Everyone should have an opportunity to speak/share same amount of time (1 to 3 mins per person; use timer).

\*If possible, serve food.

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## Sharing Guidelines

1. Mention your name and where you are from.
2. Everyone speaks same amount of time (1 to 3 mins per person; use timer) or you can skip.
3. Reference specific page numbers.
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.
6. If you have a question, mention it and discuss privately afterwards.

# Just Show Up Book Club

## Benefits

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

# How Many Books to Read Each Year?

Our Recommendation, through **Just Show Up Book Clubs** and **Private Reading**

	<b>Starter Group</b>	<b>Regular Group</b>	<b>Regular+ Group</b>	<b>Advanced Group</b>
<b>Christian Teaching</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Other Subjects</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Books</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24+</b>

<b>hrs per week</b>	<b>~1 hr</b>	<b>~1.5 hrs</b>	<b>~2.5 hrs</b>	<b>3+ hrs</b>
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Balancing Books on Christian Teaching and Other Subjects

\*Assumes 7-hour length books

# Training Together, Not Trying Alone.

## Luke 6:40 (ESV)

A **disciple** is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is **fully trained** will be like his **teacher**.

## 2 Timothy 2:2b-6 (NKJV)

**Commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**

You therefore must endure hardship as a **good soldier of Jesus Christ**.

No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a **soldier**. And also if anyone competes in **athletics**, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

The **hardworking farmer** must be first to partake of the crops.

# Training Other Faithful Teachers

## **Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)**

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

## **2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NKJV)**

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

## **1 Corinthians 9:25 (NIV)**

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

# 3 Steps for Successful Book Reading

## Belong to a JSU Book Club, Preferably with 1 or 2 Friends



### **Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NKJV)**

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

## Set an Annual 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.

## Track 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.

# Faithful Christian Living

## **Ezra 7:10 (ESV)**

For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.

## **Luke 11:28 (ESV)**

But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

# Comprehensive Christian Learning

## 1 Timothy 4:13 (NIV)

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

- **Listening to Scripture:  
Public & Private**
- **Preaching God's Word**
- **Teaching:  
Reading Books  
(JSU Book Club & Private)  
Bible Study**

# Book Recommendations for JSU Book Clubs

## Christianity

Authors	Books	Audio Length
Abraham Kuyper	Pro Rege (Volume 1)	13h
	Pro Rege (Volume 2)	13h
	Pro Rege (Volume 3)	13h
Blaise Pascal	Pensées	13h
Brother Lawrence	The Practice of the Presence of God	1h
C.S. Lewis	Mere Christianity	7h
	Reflections on the Psalms	4h
	Surprised by Joy	7h
	The Great Divorce	3h
	The Screwtape Letters	4h
Charles Spurgeon	Letters to My Students	4h
	The Soul-Winner	4h
Corrie ten Boom	In My Father's House	6h
	The Hiding Place	8h
	Tramp for the Lord	5h
Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Life Together	4h
	Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible	2h
	The Cost of Discipleship	9h
Elisabeth Elliot	A Chance to Die	11h
	Shadow of the Almighty	11h
	Suffering is Never for Nothing	3h
	Through Gates of Splendor	6h
Eugene Peterson	Eat This Book	7h
	Leap over a Wall	8h
	Run with the Horses	6h
	The Jesus Way	11h
	Working the Angle   Chapter 4 only	1h

# Christianity

Authors	Books	Audio Length
Francis Schaeffer	25 Basic Bible Studies	3h
	How Should We Then Live?	8h
	Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History	5h
G.K. Chesterton	Orthodoxy	7h
J.I. Packer	Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God	3h
	Knowing God	10h
	Weakness Is the Way	2h
James D. Hunter	To Change the World	13h
James K.A. Smith	Awaiting the King	10h
John Bunyan	The Pilgrim's Progress	13h
John C. Lennox	2084 and the AI Revolution	17h
	A Good Return	7h
	Against the Flow	16h
	Friend of God	15h
	God, AI and the End of History	13h
	Joseph	8h
John Calvin	The Institutes of the Christian Religion	67h
John Stott	Basic Christianity	5h
	The Cross of Christ	14h
	The Radical Disciple	3h
	Understanding the Bible	7h
	Why I am a Christian	3h
Joni Eareckson Tada	A Place of Healing	6h
	Finding God in Hidden Places	3h
	Heaven	10h
	Songs of Suffering	4h
Lesslie Newbigin	The Gospel in a Pluralist Society	7h

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N.T. Wright	Simply Good News	6h
	Surprised by Hope	11h
	The Case for the Psalms	4h
Os Guinness	Last Call for Liberty	15h
	Rising to the Call	2h
	Signals of Transcendence	5h
	The Great Quest	5h
	The Magna Carta of Humanity	15h
Oswald Chambers	My Utmost for His Highest	15h
Paul Wright	Behind the Bible's Greatest Stories	6h
	Heart of the Holy Land	5h
St. Augustine	Confessions	14h
Thomas à Kempis	The Imitation of Christ	8h
Tim Keller	Counterfeit Gods	5h
	Encounters with Jesus	6h
	Jesus the King	8h
	Prayer	9h
	The Meaning of Marriage	8h
	The Prodigal God	2h
Viktor Frankl	Man's Search for Meaning	6h

## Leadership/Management

Authors	Books	Audio Length
Charles A. O'Reilly III, Michael L. Tushman	Lead and Disrupt	9h
Henry Cloud	Boundaries	11h
	Necessary Endings	7h
Horst Schulze	Excellence Wins	5h
Jeff Bezos	Invent and Wander	9h
Max De Pree	Leadership is an Art	2h
	Leadership Jazz	4h
	Leading without Power	4h
Peter Drucker	Adventures of a Bystander	8h
	Managing for Results	6h
	Managing Oneself	1h
	Managing the Non-Profit Organization	3h
	Post-Capitalist Society	6h
	The Effective Executive	6h
	The Essential Drucker	11h
The Five Most Important Questions	2h	
Reid Hoffman, Chris Yeh	Blitzscaling	9h

## Investing

Authors	Books	Audio Length
Benjamin Graham	The Intelligent Investor	18h
Greg Brenneman	Right Away and All at Once	7h
Howard Marks	Mastering the Market Cycle	10h
	The Most Important Thing	7h
Michael Mauboussin, Alfred Rappaport	Expectations Investing	7h
Peter Lynch	One Up on Wall Street	8h
Philip Fisher	Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits (Part 1)	7h

## History/World Affairs

Authors	Books	Audio Length
Bruce L. Shelley	Church History in Plain Language	23h
David McCullough	1776	12h
	The Wright Brothers	10h
	Truman (can read partially)	54h
Graham Allison	Destined for War	13h
Paul Johnson	Churchill	5h
	Intellectuals	18h
Rodney Stark	The Rise of Christianity	6h
	The Triumph of Christianity	14h
Ron Chernow	Grant (can read partially)	48h
	Washington (can read partially)	42h

## Religion/Judaism

Authors	Books	Audio Length
Jonathan Sacks	Covenant and Conversation 5 Volume	5h
	Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times	14h
	The Dignity of Difference	5h
	To Heal a Fractured World	6h
Leon Kass	Founding God's Nation: Reading Exodus	16h
	Reading Ruth	2h
	The Beginning of Wisdom: Reading Genesis	15h
	The Hungry Soul	6h
Meir Y. Soloveichik	Providence and Power	5h
	Sacred Time	5h

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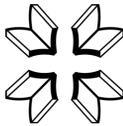
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**But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.**

**Matthew 13:23 (NKJV)**



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