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Just Show Up Book Club

No-Homework Book Club

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

Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV & NIV)

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

1 Timothy 4:13 (NIV)



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**Just Show Up (JSU)
Book Club is
a book club with
no homework
where people,
on the spot,
read, listen, and discuss
books together.**

**I planted the seed,
Apollos watered it,
but God has been making it grow.**

1 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV)

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Just Show Up Book Club

Benefits

- 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.

How Many Books to Read Each Year?

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

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.

Balancing Books on
Christian Teaching and Other Subjects

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

1. Belong to a JSU Book Club (Join with a Friend or Two)



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.

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 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 Recommendations for JSU Book Clubs

Christianity

Authors	Books (first publication year)	Audio
Abraham Kuyper	Pro Rege Vol. 1, 2, 3 (1911)	13h ea.
Blaise Pascal	Pensées (1670)	13h
	The Provincial Letters (1656)	13h
C.S. Lewis	Mere Christianity (1952)	7h
	The Great Divorce (1945)	3h
	The Screwtape Letters (1942)	4h
Charles Spurgeon	Letters to My Students (1875)	4h
	The Soul-Winner (1895)	4h
Chuck Colson	God and Government (2007)	16h
	Kingdoms in Conflict (1987)	12h
	Loving God (1983)	9h
Corrie ten Boom	In My Father's House (1976)	6h
	The Hiding Place (1971)	8h
	Tramp for the Lord (1974)	5h
Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Life Together (1939)	4h
	Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible (1940)	2h
	The Cost of Discipleship (1937)	9h
Elisabeth Elliot	Shadow of the Almighty (1958)	11h
	Suffering is Never for Nothing (2019)	3h
	Through Gates of Splendor (1957)	6h
Eric Metaxas	7 Men (2013)	8h
	7 Women (2016)	7h
Eugene Peterson	Eat This Book (2006)	7h
	Run with the Horses (1983)	6h
	The Jesus Way (2007)	11h
	Working the Angles Ch. 4 (1987)	1h

Christianity

Authors	Books (first publication year)	Audio
Francis Schaeffer	25 Basic Bible Studies (1972)	3h
	How Should We Then Live? (1976)	8h
	Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History (1975)	5h
G.K. Chesterton	Orthodoxy (1908)	7h
	The Everlasting Man (1925)	11h
J.I. Packer	Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God (1961)	3h
	Knowing God (1973)	10h
	Weakness Is the Way (2013)	2h
James Montgomery Boice	Daniel (1989)	6h
	Nehemiah (1990)	6h
	Psalms Vol. 1, 2, 3 (1994-1998)	15, 20, 22h
John Bunyan	Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners (1666)	4h
	The Pilgrim’s Progress (1678)	13h
John C. Lennox	Against the Flow (2015)	16h
	Friend of God (2024)	15h
	God, AI and the End of History (2025)	13h
John Calvin	Behold My Servant (1992)	6h
	Crucified and Risen (2020)	6h
	The Institutes of the Christian Religion (1536)	67h
John Stott	Basic Christianity (1958)	5h
	The Cross of Christ (1986)	14h
	Understanding the Bible (1972)	7h
Joni Eareckson Tada	A Place of Healing (2010)	6h
	Finding God in Hidden Places (2010)	3h
	Songs of Suffering (2022)	4h

Christianity

Authors	Books (first publication year)	Audio
N.T. Wright	Simply Good News (2015)	6h
	Surprised by Hope (2007)	11h
	The Case for the Psalms (2013)	4h
Os Guinness	Rising to the Call (2003)	2h
	The Great Quest (2022)	5h
	The Magna Carta of Humanity (2021)	15h
Paul Wright	Behind the Bible’s Greatest Stories (2024)	6h
	Heart of the Holy Land (2015)	5h
St. Augustine	City of God (AD 426)	48h
	Confessions (AD 401)	14h
Thomas à Kempis	Solitude and Silence: The Cloister of the Heart (2007, English edition)	2h
	The Imitation of Christ (c. 1418-1427)	8h
Tim Keller	Counterfeit Gods (2009)	5h
	Prayer (2014)	9h
	The Meaning of Marriage (2011)	8h
	The Prodigal God (2008)	2h

Additional Authors on Christianity:

A.W. Tozer, Brother Lawrence, Dallas Willard, Henri Nouwen, James D. Hunter, James K.A. Smith, Lesslie Newbigin, Oswald Chambers, Randy Frazee

Leadership/Management

Authors	Books (first publication year)	Audio
Adam Grant	Give and Take (2013)	12h
Charles A. O'Reilly III, Michael L. Tushman	Lead and Disrupt (2016)	9h
Dale Carnegie	How to Win Friends & Influence People (1936)	7h
	How to Stop Worrying & Start Living (1948)	11h
Henry Cloud	Boundaries (1992)	11h
	Necessary Endings (2010)	7h
Horst Schulze	Excellence Wins (2019)	5h
James Clear	Atomic Habits (2018)	6h
Jeff Bezos	Invent and Wander (2020)	9h
Jim Collins	Good to Great (2001)	10h
	Built to Last (1994)	6h
Max De Pree	Leadership is an Art (1987)	2h
	Leadership Jazz (1992)	4h
	Leading without Power (1997)	4h
Patrick Lencioni	The Five Dysfunctions of a Team (2002)	4h
Peter Drucker	Managing the Non-Profit Organization (1990)	3h
	The Effective Executive (1966)	6h
	The Essential Drucker (2001)	11h
	The Five Most Important Questions (1993)	2h
Reid Hoffman, Chris Yeh	Blitzscaling (2018)	9h

Investing

Authors	Books (first publication year)	Audio
Benjamin Graham	The Intelligent Investor (1949)	18h
Greg Brenneman	Right Away and All at Once (2016)	7h
Howard Marks	Mastering the Market Cycle (2018)	10h
	The Most Important Thing (2011)	7h
Michael Mauboussin, Alfred Rappaport	Expectations Investing (2001)	7h
Peter Lynch	One Up on Wall Street (1989)	8h
Philip Fisher	Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits - Part 1 (1958)	7h

History/World Affairs

Authors	Books (first publication year)	Audio
Bruce L. Shelley	Church History in Plain Language (1982)	23h
David McCullough	1776 (2005)	12h
	The Wright Brothers (2015)	10h
	Truman (1992) - can read partially	54h
Graham Allison	Destined for War (2017)	13h
Paul Johnson	Churchill (2009)	5h
	Intellectuals (1988)	18h
Rodney Stark	The Rise of Christianity (1996)	6h
	The Triumph of Christianity (2011)	14h
Ron Chernow	Grant (2017) - can read partially	48h
	Washington (2010) - can read partially	42h
Tom Holland	Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World (2019)	24h
	Persian Fire (2005)	15h

Religion/Judaism

Authors	Books (first publication year)	Audio
Derek Cooper	Christianity and World Religions (2013)	7h
Jonathan Sacks	Covenant and Conversation 5-Volume Series (2009-2019)	12h ea.
	Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times (2020)	14h
	The Dignity of Difference (2002)	5h
	To Heal a Fractured World (2005)	6h
Leon Kass	Founding God’s Nation: Reading Exodus (2021)	16h
	Reading Ruth (2021)	2h
	The Beginning of Wisdom: Reading Genesis (2003)	15h
	The Hungry Soul (1994)	6h
Meir Y. Soloveichik	Providence and Power (2023)	5h
	Sacred Time (2024)	5h
Viktor Frankl	Man’s Search for Meaning (1946)	6h

Literature

Authors	Books (first publication year)	Audio
Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol (1843)	3h
	Great Expectations (1861)	18h
Fyodor Dostoevsky	The Brothers Karamazov (1880)	43h
	The Dream of a Ridiculous Man (1877)	1h
	White Knights (1848)	2h
Herman Melville	Bartleby, the Scrivener (1853)	2h
	Moby Dick (1851)	25h
Homer	The Iliad (c. 750 BC)	20h
	The Odyssey (c. 750 BC)	13h
Jane Austen	Persuasion (1817)	8h
	Pride and Prejudice (1813)	13h

Literature (cont'd)

Authors	Books (first publication year)	Audio
John Milton	Paradise Lost (1667)	9h
Jonathan Swift	Gulliver's Travels (1726)	10h
J.R.R. Tolkien	The Lord of the Rings Series (1954)	22h ea.
	The Hobbit (1937)	11h
Leo Tolstoy	Anna Karenina (1878)	37h
	The Death of Ivan Ilyich (1886)	3h
Mark Twain	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884)	11h
Victor Hugo	Les Misérables (1862)	58h
	The Last Day of a Condemned Man (1829)	4h
William Shakespeare	Hamlet (1603)	3h
	King Lear (1608)	3h
	Midsummer Night's Dream (1600)	2h

Additional Authors on Literature & Philosophy:

Aristotle, Dante, Emily Dickinson, Friedrich Nietzsche, Geoffrey Chaucer, George Eliot, John Keats, Plato, Ralph Waldo Emerson, T.S. Eliot

Books I Have Read and Recommend		Year
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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 friend or two.
- 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.

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Sharing Guidelines

- 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 pages when possible. Focus on sharing what you learned or disagreed with. If you have a question, mention it and discuss privately afterwards.
- 4.** When sharing use "I" not "we" or "you." This helps each person learn and share independently. Facilitator will correct you when mistakes are made.

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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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