



Lenten Book Club

As you look to form your book club here are some things to think about:

- Decide who you'll invite and the size of the group.
- Will you meet in person or online?
- Schedule when you'll meet and how often: day/time/how many weeks in between.
- Think about how much you will read each time (e.g. 50 pages every two weeks?)
- Decide when to start and set up the schedule/expectations, including a clear message about attending even if someone did not finish the pages assigned.

Reality check: You may not get through this book during the Lenten season. Scheduling a book club every 2 weeks will create a good start (50 pages each time x 7 Book Club meetings gets you through the book.) It is important to talk about continuing until the end and setting up those expectations within your group.

Questions to guide the conversation each time you meet (you may not use all of these, feel free to add your own ideas):

1. Were there a few things that really caught your attention?
2. Was something helpful in processing your own pain and suffering?
3. Was there anything that was confusing, hard to read, or perhaps just made you think of a question?
4. Was there a favorite quote or passage from the reading?
5. Is there something you could take and apply to your life this week? (This would be a great focus for prayer at the end.)
6. Finally, you could choose to build in some gentle accountability by asking, "How did your application go since we last met?"