

## QUICK GUIDE – BIG READ: JUST SHOW UP BIBLE READING (60 minutes)

Scripture Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

5 min **Community and Vision** – Lead an activity that helps your group get to know one another. Then tell the group your vision for why you are meeting and what you want to see God do. Consider meeting weekly so you can get through a whole book of the Bible together, all of the New Testament, or even the entire Bible! Consider downloading the [Public Reading of Scripture app](#) to play the audio and keep track of progress.

1 min **Pray** – Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time.

4 min **Context** – What is the overall purpose of the book your passage is from? Who wrote it, to whom, and for what reason? What comes immediately before and after this passage? What parts of this passage might be influenced by history or culture, and what might require explanation? Share with the group, or show a 5-minute intro video about your book from [Fuller Studio](#).

30 min **Listen** – Listen to the text from an audio Bible ([Public Reading of Scripture](#), [StreetlightsBible](#), [YouVersion](#), [Bible Gateway](#)). Remind participants, “If you zone out, don’t worry! Just redirect your attention back to the text.” Listen to an entire book or multiple chapters of a longer book. Consider pairing Old and New Testament texts as you work through sections of the Bible.

5 min **Individual Response** – Give time for silent reflection or creative response (art, journaling, etc.). Encourage participants to sit with Jesus and simply receive what they just heard read aloud.

10 min **Group Discussion** – Discuss as a whole group or break into smaller groups of 2-3 to begin the discussion if you have > 7 people. Invite people to share anything they would like as they respond to the text. Begin by going in a circle so everyone has a chance to share before opening further discussion.

- What would you like to share with the group in response to what you just heard?

Listen for any themes that emerge as people share together, and help the group notice them.

5 min **Pray** – Close in prayer together or in smaller groups of 2-3.