

LSCC Women's Book Clubs FAQs & Guidelines

[LSCC Women's Book Clubs](#) are part of Women's Ministry at Lee's Summit Community Church. Learn more online at www.lscckc.org. Questions? Contact Linda Tyrrel at ltyrrel@kc.rr.com.

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Who can take part in book clubs?

Any woman who enjoys reading and would like to meet with girlfriends about the books and share ideas.

How will the book clubs be organized?

Each club will be a group of six women. These six will elect a president to facilitate the meetings and a recording secretary for the year.

How often do we meet and where?

Your group of six gets together once each month wherever they want -- at a coffee shop, home or restaurant. It's a club decision.

What will we read?

Each member in your group of six will take turns choosing two books in the course of a year. Your group may read strictly fiction, nonfiction or a mix of both.

Will we read mainstream titles and bestsellers?

The only requirement is that each book is from a Christian publisher. Philippians 4:8 is our guideline: "Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious -- the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse" (The Message).

What is the format for the monthly meeting?

The member who chooses the book for the month will come to the meeting with three questions to encourage discussion. Members may bring prayer requests, but the meeting's real purpose is to review books and discuss them.

How can I get in a book club?

New readers are always welcome! E-mail [Linda Tyrrel](mailto:Linda.Tyrrel) if you are interested in joining a book club. There may be an immediate space available in an existing club or you may be added to a waiting list.

LSCC Women's Book Club Guidelines

1. If you join a book club, we ask that you make a commitment to attend the meetings on a monthly basis. The success of the book club depends on the people in the group and their willingness to read the selected book and attend the monthly discussion.
2. Please begin all book club meetings with a prayer.
3. The secretary will keep a list of all books read and monitor prayer requests for members. The president will facilitate meetings to make sure discussions focus on the book and conversation remains positive.
4. Rotate the selection of books by first name alphabetical order of your club's members. If it is your turn to select a book, bring a copy to the meeting one month before the group is to read it. This will allow members time to purchase the book. If you recommend a book, you *have* to read it!
5. Read the book. If you honestly tried to read the book (gave it 3-4 hours) and just couldn't get into it, that's OK. You can still attend the meeting.
6. The individual who chose the book for the month will prepare three discussion questions for the meeting.
7. You can find a wide selection of books at local Christian bookstores. Many secular (mainstream) books have valuable messages and redeeming qualities, but please select only books that have a clear Christian message. We want to make sure our selections are a positive representation of the values held by LSCC. If you have any questions, speak to your club's president.
8. Please make your selections with Philippians 4:8 as your guide:
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9. Each book club will agree on a friendship token that will represent your group. It may be a bracelet that all the members wear to monthly meetings, a special bookmark that members use or whatever your club agrees upon. This will be a symbol that represents your club and your dedication to attending meetings.
10. If a member withdraws from your book club, a new member may be enlisted. We recommend that all groups remain at six members if possible.
11. Above all, enjoy your fellowship and have a great time reading!