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Where do I start:

DIFFERENT BOOKS, DIFFERENT GENRES:

Before you decide which books of the Bible to read together, consider which genre might be most helpful. A study Bible will help you determine the genre, but here is a brief overview:

- Historical Narrative: This tells the story of Israel's history (like Genesis or 1-2 Samuel)
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- Wisdom Literature and Poetry: (like Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and even parts of Job)
- Prophetic Books: Divided into Major and Minor, not in importance. Some are longer than others (Isaiah versus Jonah).
- Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- Epistles: New Testament letters written from Apostles to churches. Largely theological and practical.
- Apocalyptic: These books are focused on the future (like Revelation and parts of the prophetic books).

PICKING YOUR READING PLAN:

A good goal for your group would be to study a historical narrative (like Genesis), a prophetic book (major or minor), a gospel, and an epistle.

If you get through those, you can start again with a different book in one of the genres!
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HIGHLIGHT | What stands out?

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- What are key themes?
- What ideas do you see here that you've heard before?
- What questions do you have about the text?
- What did you learn about God in this text?
- What is one truth you want to expand on?

EXPLAIN | What does this mean?

- What does this text mean?
- What are the cross references?
- What is happening in the entire book?
- What is happening in this section?

APPLY | How does this change me?

- What is the takeaway?
- What is the for gospel, for city, for world component to this text?
- Is there a sin in your life that needs to be repented of?

RESPOND | What's my next step?

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