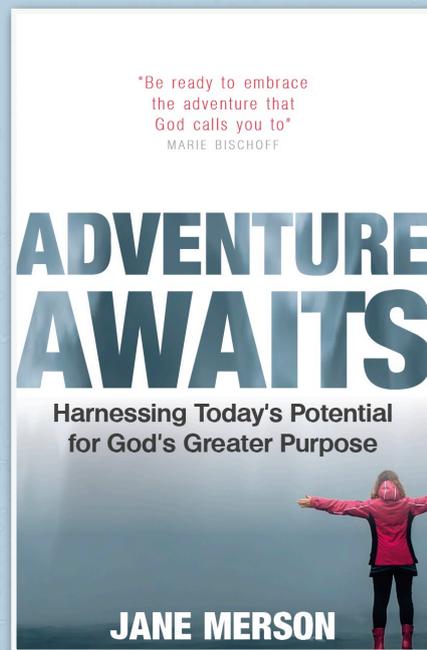


ADVENTURE AWAITS

Book Club



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LEADER'S GUIDE

How to get started

Reading a book alone is great, but reading it alongside others and then having the opportunity to discuss your reflections, insights, and questions can be even more valuable.

Here are some tips to start your very own 'Adventure Awaits' Book Club:

Consider who you might invite

Begin by inviting a friend or two to join you, and encourage them to do the same. It doesn't have to be a big group; gathering a few people into a trusted circle will encourage far more meaningful conversations than simply aiming big. A group of 3-5 people is ideal.

Consider how and when you will meet

Meeting in person is ideal, but not always possible, so pick a day and time that works for everyone, and select a convenient and comfortable location. A relaxed atmosphere will also encourage more open conversations, as opposed to a busy premises with lots of background noise, for example. If meeting in person is not possible, a video call is also a great option.

Consider the expected pace of reading

Firstly, ensure that everyone has a copy of the book before agreeing the first date to meet. Secondly, communicate the pace of reading the book so that everyone can set aside time to read the chapter before coming together to discuss it. One chapter per week, for example, might be a great starting point. Commitment and regular participation from group members will add value to your group, so discuss and agree together the rhythm that works best for everyone.

A typical Book Club meeting

And once you've gathered your group, you can get started! Here is a brief outline of what each Book Club could look like:

Build Community (10-15mins)

Spend the first few minutes getting to know one another and simply asking how their week has been. Let conversation flow naturally, without any particular structure, but be prepared with a prompt or two to get the conversation going, if necessary.

Re-cap the Chapter (5-10mins)

The leader of the discussion should use this time to share a brief outline of the particular chapter to be discussed during the meeting, summarising the themes and highlighting key points to be discussed shortly.

Guide the Discussion (calculate total time allowing approx. 10mins per participant)

The leader guides the discussion using a selection of the questions and prompts provided in this guide. Use this guide as well as your own insights to tailor an applicable and appropriate discussion according to the dynamics of the group.

Prayer time (10-15mins)

Provide an opportunity for the group to pray for one another and for the issues, challenges, and calls to action that were raised during the discussion.

And before you all say goodbye and part ways, don't forget to agree on the details of the next meeting!

Created for Adventure

Let's explore **Chapter 1: Created for Adventure.**

- How do you feel about your life and faith journey being described as an adventure? Have you considered it that way before?
- Read the descriptions of the two 'camps' on page 2. Which camp do you identify most with and why?
- Consider your own faith journey. How could you transition from your current faith journey further into a faith *adventure*?
- A faith adventure requires surrender to God's will. How do you feel about the idea of 'surrender'?
- Do you hold any so-called "crazy" dreams in your heart? How do you feel about them? Have you shared them with others? How did they respond?
- Which dreams of yours have you already dismissed, feeling that they were impossible?
- How has your definition of 'adventure' changed after reading chapter 1?

Leader's own questions and prompts:

Beginning the Adventure

Let's dive deeper into **Chapter 2: Beginning the Adventure.**

- What has your life and faith adventure looked like so far?
- How did God invite you into His adventure?
- How do you best communicate with God? How do you hear His voice?
- Are there times when you have misheard or misunderstood God's voice? What happened?
- What practical habits do you build into your day to make space & opportunity for communion with God?
- Do you ever feel overwhelmed by what God says to you?

Leader's own questions and prompts:

Designed for Adventure

Let's discuss **Chapter 3: Designed for Adventure.**

- Have you discovered your spiritual gifts? How did you discover them? How have you used them?
- If you have been a Christian for a while, have you been surprised to discover new gifts later in your faith journey?
- Who could you ask - someone who knows you well - to help you identify your spiritual gifts?
- Have you encountered group situations when gifting, passions, and/or perspectives have clashed? How did you work through it?
- Can you share an example of a (ministry) partnership when your gifts complemented one another's well?

Leader's own questions and prompts:

Essential Tools for the Journey

Let's consider **Chapter 4: Essential Tools for the Journey.**

- Which ONE tool described in this chapter do you want to focus on implementing more in the coming weeks?
- Can you share a practical way in which you apply a particular tool?
- Which tool do you find most challenging to apply? Why?
- Are there other tools that were not mentioned in this chapter that you consider essential for your faith adventure?

Leader's own questions and prompts:

Facing Opposition

Let's explore **Chapter 5: Facing Opposition**.

- Can you identify a time when fear stopped you from saying yes to a great opportunity?
- How do you manage fear and anxiety day-to-day? What defence strategies do you have in place? What new strategies could you implement?
- Is there a particular Bible verse that encourages you when you feel fearful?
- How can we each practically put on the Armour of God?
- How do you identify and combat the lies of the enemy?

Leader's own questions and prompts:

Embracing Challenge & Change

Let's dive deeper into **Chapter 6: Embracing Challenge and Change.**

- How do you normally respond when things don't go the way you expected or planned?
- Can you share a situation that you have encountered when you could have responded in fear, but you chose to respond in hope instead? What happened? How did that affect your experience in the challenging situation?
- Can you share a testimony of when God revealed His presence so clearly in the midst of a challenging situation?
- How do you handle change? What helps you navigate change well?
- Can you relate to Jane's experience (pg80-81) when she felt that God was late? How do you react when you feel that God is late?
- Can you share an example of when God brought about change around you to bring about change within you?
- How much opportunity do you give the Holy Spirit to guide you through a 'normal' day?

Leader's own questions and prompts:

The Waiting Game

Let's consider **Chapter 7: The Waiting Game.**

- What promises of God have you seen fulfilled? What was the timeline between promise & fulfilment? What promises are you still waiting on? Do you find it difficult to hope for them?
- Have you lived a season with a short-term mentality? How did it feel? How did that season end? Did your perspective change before or after your circumstances did?
- Have you ever felt like you misunderstood God? Have you ever "concluded" a situation prematurely?
- How do you cope with 'the meantime'? Where is your focus? Are you more inclined to 'do', rather than to simply 'be', while you wait? How do you encourage yourself in times of waiting?
- Why do you think God asks us to wait so often in life?

Leader's own questions and prompts:

Anticipating Adventure

Let's discuss **Chapter 8: Anticipating Adventure.**

- What dreams or desires has God whispered into your heart? Have you seen them become a reality yet? If not, do you still believe they will be fulfilled? Why (not)?
- Has God ever asked you to do something that you didn't want to do? How did you react to his request? Do you have any regrets?
- Are you guilty of taking 'tangible' plans and decisions into your own hands? (pg. 119) How could you invite God further into the day-to-day decisions in life?
- How has God used 'closed doors' to guide you? How does your reflection on a 'closed door' today differ from your response at the time?
- We discussed waiting in the last chapter. How has this chapter encouraged you to wait well? What steps can you take to wait well for the promises of God?
- Like David, have you ever been faced with choosing the *easy way* or the *right way*? (pg. 129) What did you do? Would you now choose to do things differently?

Leader's own questions and prompts:

Packing Light

Let's explore **Chapter 9: Packing Light**.

- Which part of the Prodigal Son parable do you relate to most? (See Luke 15:11-32; pg. 134) Why?
- What patterns of sin remain hidden in your heart? Ask God to show you which piece of baggage He wants to deal with today and give Him permission to begin that work in your heart. Ask God to show you a trusted friend in whom you can confide in and bring the sin into the light. Invite the group members to pray for you as you journey to freedom from this sin.
- What practical steps can you take in your daily life to help resist and remove that which tempts you to sin? Share your ideas with the group. Find an accountability partner to help you implement these practical steps.
- What lies have you been believing that you need God to replace with His truth? Invite Him to speak truth into your heart now.

Leader's own questions and prompts:

When Adventure Becomes a Habit

Let's dive deeper into **Chapter 10: When Adventure Becomes a Habit.**

- Are there areas of your life that you seek to control that need to be surrendered to God? Take a moment to do that now.
- What testimonies and experiences of God's faithfulness in your life can you recall that will encourage you to keep trusting Him with your future?
- Is there an example that you can share with the group when you stepped out of your comfort zone and had a positive experience? What happened? What did you learn?
- Is there an inspired risk (pg. 145) that God has been asking you to take but you have not yet done so? What will it take for you to step out?
- Has following God ever caused strife in a relationship with a friend or family member? What happened? How did that make you feel? Do you have any regrets?

Leader's own questions and prompts:

The Greatest Adventure

Let's consider **Chapter 11: The Greatest Adventure.**

- What do you consider to be your ultimate goal or purpose in life? Does your daily life reflect a journey toward that goal? What does the Bible say about our ultimate goal or purpose in life?
- Are there circumstances or inconveniences in your life that might hold a greater purpose than what we can see right now? Ask God to reveal His perspective.
- What practical steps could you take to gain a greater perspective *throughout* a challenging circumstance, rather than always waiting to view it in hindsight?
- What dreams or ideas have you dismissed because they seemed impossible? Do you have a different perspective now? Could you revisit them and approach them differently?
- What is your biggest takeaway from 'Adventure Awaits'? How will it impact the way you live from now on?

Leader's own questions and prompts:

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