

# 4 Weeks reading guide for The Gifts of Imperfection by Brené Brown

Each week includes reading sections and discussion prompts to deepen engagement.

#### **Week 1: Introduction & Understanding Perfectionism**

**Reading**: Introduction, Courage, Compassion, and Connection & Guideposts 1-3 **Key Topics**: Vulnerability, authenticity, and letting go of perfectionism.

- Discussion Questions:
  - 1. What resonates with you about Brené Brown's perspective on perfectionism?
  - 2. How do courage, compassion, and connection play a role in your life?
  - 3. Reflect on Guideposts 1-3 (Authenticity, Self-Compassion, and Resilient Spirit). Which one do you find most challenging?

### Week 2: Cultivating Self-Compassion & Embracing Vulnerability

Reading: Guideposts 4-6

**Key Topics**: Gratitude, play, and rest as foundations of self-acceptance.

- Discussion Questions:
  - 1. How can practicing gratitude influence self-compassion?
  - 2. What role do play and rest currently play in your life?
  - 3. Which of these Guideposts (Gratitude, Play, Rest) feels most impactful to you, and why?

# **Week 3: Embracing Creativity & Trusting Intuition**

Reading: Guideposts 7-9

**Key Topics**: Creativity, intuition, and building trust in yourself.

- Discussion Questions:
  - 1. How comfortable are you with exploring creativity, even if it means imperfection?
  - 2. When has intuition guided you effectively?
  - 3. Which parts of these guideposts feel most inspiring or intimidating?

# Week 4: Practicing Calm & Cultivating Meaningful Work

Reading: Guideposts 10-12 & Conclusion

**Key Topics**: Cultivating calm, practising meaningful work, and final reflections.

- Discussion Questions:
  - 1. Reflect on the journey of these Guideposts. How have your views on imperfection shifted?
  - 2. What does meaningful work mean to you, and how can you bring it more into your life?
  - 3. How can you continue integrating the concepts from *The Gifts of Imperfection* into your daily life?

### **Enjoy the Journey!**