



New York Conference Women's Ministries

Two women met for tea...

Feeding the Hungry

No Cooking Required!

Feeding women spiritually is a primary goal of women's ministries. We take seriously the admonition to 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation' Mark 16:15.

Of course, preaching the gospel looks different for different people! Many times first conversations about God arise when a woman is facing difficulties or life-changing events such as death, divorce, or loss of a job. These times are perfect to share how your journey is guided by trust in God and what that looks like.

While we often think of teaching people 'outside of the church', it is important to remember that just because someone is sitting in the pew next you doesn't mean they are having their spiritual hunger fed effectively. Many women attend church week after week, hoping to be filled, praying that something of meaning will touch their hearts, and despairing when it just doesn't happen.

Friendship Ministry takes the sermon away from the structure and rhetoric of the pulpit and applies it to real life. How is the Lord working in your life? How do you reflect the love God has for you to others? How are you living your faith?

We don't need to be pastors, scholars, or even adults to share our God-led journey with others. Whole sermons have been 'preached' through the simple acts of listening, giving, smiling, showing compassion, loving, being a true and trustworthy friend.

Feed yourself first. Take time to get to know your Abba-Father in a personal way each day. Look for the blessings He is pouring out on you. Your walk with Abba will be reflected in your face, your approach to problems, your outlook on life, and your obvious care for others.

The Bible says 'If I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to me' John 12:32. Your life, your walk, your faith has the power to lift Jesus up so that the people around you see Him and desire to know what it is that you have.

Don't be afraid to reach out to women with the gospel. You aren't afraid to tell a girlfriend about a great sale, a handy tip, or some piece of advice you know will help her. God's love is in that category too! If it means so much to you, why would you ever be afraid to share it with others?

Starting a Women's Bible study group is an excellent way to share and learn together. Here are a few tips to consider when starting up a group:

1. **Keep it simple.** A quick way to burnout is to turn every opportunity into an over-organized event. Focus on developing real friendships, providing a comfortable place for women to study, and supporting each other.
2. **Keep it focused.** Find out what issues, concerns, and questions women want to explore then select a topic. There are many exciting Bible study books available, and you may want to consider utilizing them to make your job easier. See below for a few suggestions.
3. **Keep it time limited.** This is two-fold. First, select a start and end time and be faithful in starting and ending on

Internet

- Cbd.com
- Adventsource.com
- <http://www.womenoffaith.com/biblestudy/>
- <http://www.proverbs31.org/communities/online-bible-studies/>

Books

- Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark
- Splash the Living Water
- Living a Life of Balance
- One Thousand Gifts
- What Happens When Women Say Yes to God
- Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl
- Enemies of the Heart: Breaking free from the four emotions that control you.
- Twelve Women of the Bible

*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation' Mark 16:15.
You are in our prayers as you feed hungry women.
Blessings,*


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A Ministry for Every Woman