



## New York Conference Women's Ministries Two women met for tea...

# Feeding the Hungry

## Shepherding Women Spiritually

While we are certain you have some form of ministerial team at your church, so many times women long for an opportunity to spend quality time delving into spiritual matters outside of a sermon or evangelistic series. And, let's face it, each of us probably has at least one friend outside of the church who has questions that need answering but they aren't likely to join you Sabbath morning.

Below are some creative and non-threatening ways to not only nurture each other but also will encourage everyone to reach out through friendship to women in their lives searching for something more to life or simply hoping that someone is willing to pray with/for them.

### **Book Club**

Many women do not give themselves permission to put down the dishrag, briefcase, or pacifier and just sit and read. We know! Life is busy! A book club is a great way to not only take time to read, but provides a nice opportunity to get together with other women to relax and chat. Many book clubs opt to read one book per month and meet once a month to discuss the book. This can be as simple as meeting at someone's house and sipping tea while chatting, as involved as a dinner with a guest speaker, and anything in between. It is useful to have a few discussion questions prepared to avoid awkward starts and long silences.

### **Women's Bible Study**

There are so many great Bible Study books in print now! It is hard to choose which one to start first!

**Lynee....save these poor people from me! Write something here!**

### **Prayer Ministry**

While prayer can be done anywhere and anytime, sometimes it is helpful to have organized prayer. Many churches have prayer warriors praying during services on Sabbath. Setting up a quiet space for a prayer center with changing activities each week encourages women to discover interesting ways to pray. If you have computer-savvy women you might try an internet prayer group. Some groups meet weekly with specific groups or concerns to pray over (children, husbands, family, service members, leaders, college kids, etc). Keep in mind this is about prayer. Wherever you choose to meet, make sure the environment is conducive to prayer. An often overlooked aspect of prayer ministry is confidentiality. *I will praise you O Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. Ps. 9:1* Keep prayer requests within the prayer group and avoid discussing needs or concerns that come up outside of the group unless you have permission.

*You are in our prayers as you shepherd women spiritually  
Blessings,*

### **Something Creative?**

  
Lynee & Tina



A Ministry for Every Woman