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# CONNECTION LEADER ROLE

#### Connection Leader's Role

#### Thank you for being a part of the Chapel Women's Leadership Team!

The goal of Chapel Women and our role is to help the women grow in their walk with Christ and to make disciples. These are two scripture verses that describe a Connection Leader.

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." The Connection leader is the Lord's "Word in Action".

A Connection Leader's role is to support the Small Group Leader and create an environment of caring and compassion in the group. All leaders need to work as a team so everyone is on the same page. The Connection role can be one person or a team of people in your group.

#### No. 1 to do is pray for the women in your small group.

#### Attendance

- Take attendance weekly and report online. The first couple of meetings you should pass around a sign-in sheet asking for name, email, phone and birthday (mo./day).
   For those in Zoom, you can request this through an email. It is so important that we make a note of who is absent and follow up with ladies who have missed via email, text or phone. If you need help, ask another lady, or leader of your team help you.
- Distribute and/or email rosters to your group so they can have information to communicate.

Communication (Reaching out to the ladies makes them feel loved and cared for)

- Greet members as they arrive in the room/zoom. By name if possible. (A smile is a gift.)
- Try to remember to ask about something personal they shared or a prayer request.
- Email the group weekly to keep connected. This could be a comment about the previous class, a reminder of hornework, an upcoming event or prayer requests (if group is okay with email, some ladies share email with hubbies) This allows a "reply" if there is something the member has on their mind ... but wouldn't initiate an mail for.
- Keep a connection with cards, ernails or text for birthday, get well, thinking of you, we
  miss you, encouragement after a serious prayer request/praises.
- Send personal emails or forward devotional material when it is appropriate.

 Text, email or phone members occasionally to let them know you are thinking & praying for them.

#### **Prayer and Prayer Requests**

- Allow 10 to 15 minutes for prayer in the beginning or end of the small group.
- To get more personal, write a prayer request on an index card and put in basket.
  Each person who wants to pray out loud takes a card (some ladies might have to take
  two). Another option is for each person to take a prayer request from the basket and
  takes home to pray. If praying at home, mention to the women to follow up with that
  person.
- Praises, Prayer Request and Answered Prayer Sheet is passed around the group weekly and is copied in preschool office to make copies for all the ladies to take home. (This is great to delegate to another lady)

#### **First Few Meetings**

- Introduce yourself as the Connection Leader and your role to support Small Group leaders and to care for and connect the women in your group.
- Prepare icebreakers to get acquainted and allow women to connect.
- Let the women know your needs. I.e. someone to pass around the prayer requests & copy each week, organize sign-ups, help with fellowship, send birthday cards, ecards, email.
- Floor or table tags are easier to see then name tags each lady writes their name on a folded 8 1/2 x 11 in permanent marker and can personalize It with things they love and/or love to do.
- Try to create a lighthearted, fun atmosphere for women to feel comfortable, included and loved.

#### Organize or have others help you organize the FELLOWSHIP day.

- Fellowship is in the same room your small group meets...or in homes when permissible.
- Pass out sign-up sheet for food or go in on a pizza or some other food.
- Ice breaker games i.e. have everyone write something unusual they did or do and write on index card. Place the cards in a basket and try have everyone guess who it is.
- Topics to talk about:
- Spiritual How did you come to know the Lord? What do you do for quiet time?
   Where do you like to spend your quiet time? Have you ever been on a mission trip?
   Do you journal? Seasonal favorite summer or fall tradition or excursion, Best
   Vacation memory, Favorite summer sport, Favorite birthday
- General If you could take a trip where would you go? If you could live anywhere, where would it be? What is on your bucket list?

#### **Accountability**

- Ask members to text or email if they will not be in attendance so you know they are ok. Do they have a need for prayer?
- · Encourage the ladies to connect with one another. Fosters fellowship.
- If a missing woman has connected well with someone in the group in the past, invite that woman to initiate a call or write a note.
- The ladies can help with making a meal for someone that is very sick in the group.
- Help a young overwhelmed mom with babysitting a child while she takes time to do some house cleaning or run some errands and so on...

#### Remember

• To be aware of those ladies that are present at the study, but really are absent mentally and emotionally. Reach out to them at the end of the study and check if there is something you and your leadership team can pray for her that she might not have wanted to share with the whole group, and then send her a note, email. This happens often. Some ladies are really shy to speak up or to share their lives with the whole group, but appreciate and don't mind sharing with just the few ladies that make up the leadership team.

#### Connection Leader's Kit

- attendance sheet
- · prayer request sheets to pass round to all the ladies
- · index cards for prayer requests
- · tissues for the room
- roster with ladies' information, addresses etc.
- blank paper
- inspirational/ encouraging notes, birthday cards, get well cards
- a bowl of candy for your group (mints/ lifesavers)



# CONNECTION LEADER INFORMATION

#### Agenda for Connection Leaders

- 1) **Greet and Meet**: Introduce ourselves: Name, where do you live, and one thing about yourself. Do an Ice Breaker.
- 2) Discuss the information to log onto the Chapel's website and **check attendance**. Steps to LOG ON:
- \* Log onto "www.thechapel.org". Click on "Connect"
- \*Click on "Ministries"
- \*Click on "Women"
- \*Scroll Down, Find, and Click on: "Leader Login"
- \*Scroll Down and Click on "Check-in/Leader Login" (gray button)
- \*Login/Type "Family" as your password.(Case sensitive)
- \*On this page you narrow your search by entering "Women" or your Small Group
- \*Leaders last name on upper right "Search for Group" tab.
- \*Scroll down and find your group's name. Click on the Title of the group (blue letters) and you will see who is in the group
- \*This also takes you to the group information (all the members should be listed)
- \*To take attendance click on "Reports", and then click"Meetings"in the drop down menu
- \*Click on +Add Meeting
- \*You will uncheck those who did NOT attend
- \*Then change meeting date to the day the meeting took place (It's important to change this date).
- \*You can fill in boxes for prayer requests and meeting notes
- \*End by clicking on Save and Send Meeting Information

#### To communicate through email:

- Follow the same steps to into your group
- Click on "Communicate"
- Email Options: "Email through your email" or "Email through Churchteams"

#### To communicate through text:

2 options:

- A) Follow the same steps to log on and to go to your group
  - Click on "Communicate"
  - Click on "Text Options"
  - Click either "Text through your account" or "text through Churchteams"
- B) Get a list of all phone numbers and do a group text on your phone.

3) Look inside the binder for the packet given with <u>Icebreakers and Games</u>. Review some in the packet. Use 1-2 Icebreakers on your first few weeks of getting to know each other. On Fellowship Night: Use some games/icebreakers given in your packet or you can use your own ideas. Woman's Ministry Toolbox is a great website for you to use for your small group.

- 4) Ideas to discuss on how to **pray and praise** with your small group.
- A. Prayer List: Each lady writes their name and prayer request.
- B. <u>Prayer Pail/Box or Praise Pail/Box</u>: Use index cards to write prayers and place them in the pail/box. At the end of group study, each lady selects a card to pray for the person and texts the person through the week to let them know they are being prayed. PRAISE: Have ladies use Popsicle sticks, index cards, or notes to write their praise for the week. At the end of the semester, read all the praises.
- C. <u>Prayer Journal</u>: Use one scripture for the week to reflect. They can also use the journal to write the prayers fo ladies requesting for the week.
- D. <u>Answered Prayers</u>: For each answered prayer place a stone in the jar to remind them of God's faithfulness.
- E. <u>Pick a portion of Scripture</u> to pray for one another during the week (For example, Colossians 1:9, Ephesians 3:14-19). Do this through email for the week.
- F. Pray in small groups (2-4) at the beginning or end of your small group.
- G. <u>Select a prayer person</u> for your group to pray either in the beginning or end of small group.
- H. Prayer Buddies!
- Any other ideas to note:

#### 5) Name Tags: Use a variety of ideas:

- A. Use Construction paper and fold it in half to stand up. Have the ladies write their names and decorate their name tags.
- B. Use small note cards and decorate the notes cards yourself. Use a blackboard sticker to write their names on it with chalk. Then you can reuse them every semester.
- C. Use lanyards, have them create it.
- D. Use name tag stickers.
- E. Any other ideas to note:

- 6) <u>Decorating your group room decor</u>: you can use nay decor for the table. Have it inviting for the ladies. Use things you have at home to decorate your table.
- 7) **Emails to Ladies**: See samples provided on how tho write an email. You should email your group once a week with reminders of events, happenings, prayers, homework, and you can also insert (optional) a devotion, prayer, scripture, or an image with a scripture. Make sure this is done weekly. If ladies request a prayer request, then send it to your group to pray. Google images to share with scriptures.
- 8) **Fellowship Night**: You can opt to so fellowship night in someone's home or at the chapel women's ministry building. Each lady can bring an item of food, drinks, or party supplies needed. During Fellowship Night, you can have one of the ladies do a craft, games, icebreaker, or even just have time to talk to one another. This is a time to get to know the ladies in your group. Need to coordinate with the ladies in your group through email or when you meet with your group.
- 9) <u>Outside Activities with your Group</u>: That is an option with your small group if preferred. List of ideas provided.
- 10) **Events or Service Night**: The information on this will be given ahead of time for your group to prepare. You will email your group concerning these events and/or service night.
- 11) **Greet and Meet**: They will have a welcoming team that will take care of greeting ladies. Also, when you are in your group, have the ladies feel welcomed. Introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed.
- 12) Our Team of Connection Leaders: I will be sending you an email of reminders, events, prayers, encouragements and any other information needed for the week. Any questions, concerns, prayers, ideas we can share or any other important information will be shared among each other. We will have a group email for Connection Leaders as well a FaceBook Page. We will also meet 1-3 times a month to debrief either through Zoom or in person.
- 13) Any Other Important Notes:

#### Small Group Website Instructions

You can use www.thechapel.org website to keep attendance, send emails and access information about the ladies in your group. Please do not add and delete members from the groups.

Here is the list of steps you need to follow to access the Small Group Software:

#### **Take Attendance**

- 1. Log onto "www.thechapel.org".
- 2. Click on "Connect"
- 3. Click on "Ministries"
- 4. Click on "Women"
- 5. Scroll Down, Find, and Click on: "Leader Login"
- 6. Scroll Down and Click on "Check-in/Leader Login" (gray button)
- 7. Login/Type "Family" as your password.(Case sensitive)
- 8. On this page you narrow your search by entering "Women" or your Small Group
- 9. Leaders last name on upper right "Search for Group" tab.
- 10. Scroll down and find your group's name. Click on the Title of the group (blue letters) and you will see who is in the group
- 11. This also takes you to the group Information (all the members should be listed)
- 12. To take attendance click on "Reports", and then click "Meetings" in the drop down menu
- 13. Click on +Add Meeting
- 14. You will uncheck those who did NOT attend
- 15. Then change meeting date to the day the meeting took place (It's important to change this date).
- 16. You can fill in boxes for prayer requests and meeting notes
- 17. End by clicking on Save and Send Meeting Information

#### **Email Group**

- Begin with steps 1 to 11 above.
- Click on "Communicate" and choose" Email", then "Email via your email" (not church teams)
- · Click on "confirm".
- You will be taken to your email page to begin your note.

#### **Group Roster**

Begin with steps 1 to 11 above. Click on "Reports" Click on "Group Roster"

#### Sample letters

#### Good Afternoon Ladies!!

Hope your Tuesday is going well, the weather is incredible today isn't it? Wish I took a vacation day today for sure! :)

Anyway, another amazing meeting last night! You ladies are SO MUCH FUN to be around!! I just truly enjoy listening and talking with each and every one of you! :)

This week's prayer list is attached. Please keep it close at hand and the requests close to your hearts this week:)

Our next meeting is on 11/9/15. We will be meeting at 7pm in the Big Room first (where they serve coffee) and then going into our small group room, ROOM 118. I hope to see you all there:)

At this meeting we will be discussing Chapter 9, Finding Hope in God's Kingdom, Acts 28: 11-31. Please read the scripture and answer the questions in your book for Chapter 9. But like I always say, if you don't get to it, don't let that stop you from coming!

Remember, if you cannot make it to class, please try to let me know by call, text or email: 201-602-9785 EMAIL: spincarolyn@gmail.com THANKS!!

I believe that is all for now. If anyone has any questions, concerns or needs prayer, please feel free to contact me anytime!

#### Sincerely, Your Sister In Christ

#### Good Afternoon Ladies!

On behalf of Women's Life Ministries I would like to officially welcome each of you to Janice and Natalie's Small Group! Iam looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you as we prepare to learn about the life of Paul.

We will meeting officially for the first time on Monday, 9/21/15 at 7pm in the Great Room (the big room where the coffee is served) and there we will be assigned a classroom for our group. Please, please try to be on time if at all possible as the time we have together is limited.

You should be prepared to discuss the questions for Lesson 1: Blinded by the Light (Acts 9:1-31). There are 10 questions and they can be found on pages 10, 11 and 12 in your booklet. If you do not have a booklet yet, please let me know and I can send you the questions.

If you do not get the time to read the Scriptures or answer the questions, please do not let that stop you from coming. If you cannot make it this Monday or ANY Monday, please text me at: 201-602-9785 or email me at both email addresses: cdefranco@hahnagency.com AND spincarolyn@gmail.com .

Finally, an important reminder to all those who are helping out this Monday with set up/chairs/etc. Please make sure you are there no later than 6:35PM. The following is a list of helpers (THANK YOU!) and their responsibilities:

**BONNIE & NATALIE CHAIRS** 

ILIANA & JOYCE GREETERS (front doors, upstairs)

#### **CAROLYN REGISTRATION TABLE**

I am SO excited to meet and to get to know all of you, we are going to have SO MUCH fun learning about Paul and his life.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

"Show me the right path O Lord, point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by Your truth and teach me, for You are the Lord who saves me. All day long I put my hope in You." Psalms 25:4,5

#### Hello everyone!

My name is Lori Sutherland. I will be the sharing person for our small group this semester. For all the ladies returning, no need to worry, Candace is still in our group and has been giving me lots of help already! For the ladies that are new to the group, we are excited to meet you and get to know you!

It was great Monday night getting to have some fun, meet some new people and hear from Erin about Acts chapters 1-8. Next week, we will meet in the Great Room again to start, and then go and be with our small group. Our homework for this week is Lesson 1 from our Paul book. Please try to get the homework done every week so that we can have some great discussion on Monday evenings. If there is a week that is a very busy where you just can't fit it in, please don't let it stop you from coming though.

If you can't make it one week, please try to let us know beforehand. You can email me at Isutherland4@yahoo.com, or text or call me. My cell number is 973-216-2698 and my home number is 973-305-8605.

We are so happy you are all a part of the group and we have been praying for you already. We are looking forward to a great fall together, learning, growing and having fun! Smile

With love.

Lori, Sandy and Kathy

"Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,

they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:28-31

## Welcome To\_

#### Please Sign In Below

ame	Email Address	Phone Number



PRAYERS
PRAISE
SIGN-IN
ETC...

#### Prayer Ideas

Record a list of prayers and then ask ladies in your group who wants to pray for this and who wants to pray for that... etc. Let the ladies volunteer for each prayer request. Then pray.

#### Create a prayer journal

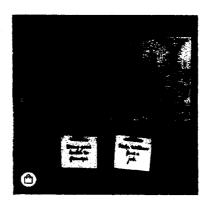
Take a several scriptures based on a theme or topic of studying. You can select two-three scriptures and have ladies read aloud. For instance the topic is strength then select two to three scriptures to read aloud on that topic. Then ask ladies if there is any one in the group that needs prayer on this topic. Record the list of prayers and choose an option with your group on how you would want to pray. Can do with partners, one person pray, or have ladies volunteer to pray.

Create a prayer box for each lady using small note paper and small pen for them to write their prayer requests. They can place it in a prayer box or pail.



Create a prayer board with a clothes line with clips or paste clips on a board, canvas, or wood. Each lady can then place their prayer requests on the clips. When the ladies leave, they can select a prayer clipped on the board and take it home to pray for that woman. Then they are to contact them through the week to remind them that they are praying for them







Prayer Jars/Pails/Boxes: Ladies can use popsicle sticks or note paper/cards to place inside. Then at the end of Bible Study they can select a prayer to pray for the week.









With Zoom, you can easily adapt these ideas as well into your groups or use the prayer lists inside your binder.

#### Prayer Strategies for Spring Semester for Small Groups

#### 1) Prayers through Scripture:

In your small groups, each person comes up with a verse that encourages them to pray or that might encourage someone to pray. Other alternatives:

Have a <u>flip flop calendar book of scriptures</u>, they sell this in most book stores or Christian bookstores, where the date and scripture is displayed.

<u>Leader can select several scriptures and placed them inside a scripture a jar.</u> Each scripture will be written on piece of paper and rolled into a scroll. One individual from the group will select the scripture and read it. Then group can pray. Take turns within your group weekly.

Same as above, but can create <u>scriptures based on specific themes</u> of needs and place them into different jars. For example, a jar for healing, a jar for God' promises, a jar for restoration, a jar for praise, a jar for wisdom, a jar for love of marriage, a jar for family, a jar for provision, a jar for salvation, a jar for trusting, a jar for a joy-filled life, a jar for leaders, a jar for obedience, a jar for faith, a jar for spiritual warfare, a jar for redemption or deliverance. They specifically do not have to be jars, you can use a box and write scriptures and placed them inside the box with tags to distinguish category or themes. Also can use sachets and place them inside as well. A different approach is to let your small group know the categories and have one individual select a scripture based on the theme of category they need prayer for.

<u>Scripture Cards</u>: Based on your book study, leaders select a scripture for the week. Connection Leader can create a scripture using Google and then click on images. Copy and paste image onto document. If they can't find the scripture on images, then use any image, wallpaper, or clip art. Copy and paste the image you want onto document and then write the scripture onto the image selected. These scripture cards can then be read together as a group, use as prayer, and can also be taken home to put in various places in the home. For example, at home you can create a War Room!

<u>Scripture Journal</u>: Select one: a scripture for the week, a personal scripture, or a book study scripture. The group can write them in their journal, read them aloud, pray for the needs based on the scripture. They can also write their own personal scripture prayer for the week and share with the group as they pray together.

<u>Theme Scripture</u>: Take several scriptures based on a theme or topic of study. You can select two-three scriptures to be read aloud. For instance, the topic is strength, then select 2-3 scriptures to be read aloud on that topic. Ask your group if anyone in the group needs prayer on this topic. Then record the list of prayers and choose an option with your group on how you want them to pray: with partners, one person prays, or have people in your group pray.

<u>Lecto Divina</u>: an ancient form of prayer, called "divine reading" . It's a powerful way to pray and listen to God's voice through scriptures.

#### 2) Prayers through Acronyms:

ACTS: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.

PRAY: Praise, Repent, Ask, and Yield.

TRUST: Thanksgiving, Remember, Unburden, Surrender, and Trust

#### 3) Prayers: The 5 finger Prayer

<u>Thumb</u>: Pray for those who are closest to you (family and friends).

<u>Pointer</u>: Pray further who point you in the right direction ( pastors, mentors, or teachers).

<u>Middle</u>: Pray for the leadership in your government, business, and church.

Ring: Pray for those who are in need.

Pinky: Pray for yourself.

However, most important pray and praise the Lord!!!

#### 4) Prayer Lists:

Prayers can be listed in many different ways!

<u>Prayer List:</u> Small group can have a list and each individual can write their prayer requests on the sheet of paper. This will be passed around among the group. Once all prayer requests are submitted, the Connection Leader then takes the list and sends the list through email so the group can pray.

<u>Leader Records the prayers</u>: Small group Leader asks the group for prayer requests, she/he writes them down and either the Leader can pray for the group's prayers or the Leader can request for volunteers to pray for each specific person's prayers.

<u>Prayer Journal or Planner:</u> As individual prayer requests are said, each person in the group will have their own personal journal and list their groups' personal prayer requests and their owns. This will help each person in the group to keep a record of the prayers that they will have to pray. Also, you can do one page of prayers and another page of praises.

<u>Prayer Box:</u> Create a Prayer Box for each person in your group using small note paper and small pen for them to write their prayer requests. They can place it in a prayer box or pail. Other alternatives beside using a prayer box is a small gift bag, small sachet, or small mint box.

<u>Prayer Board</u>: Create a Prayer Board with a clothes line with clips or paste clips on a board, canvas, or wood. Each person can then place their prayer request on the clip. When the group is about to leave, each person selects a prayer on the board to take home to pray for that person. Then they are to contact them throughout the week to remind them that they are praying for them. Other alternative is to leave the prayers on the board and next week determined if the prayer still is needed on the board to continue praying or if the prayer was answered. The board can be sectioned into halves. One part of the board can be for prayers and the other part can be for praises.

<u>Prayer Jars/Pails/Bowls/Boxes:</u> Can use popsicle sticks/note/paper/cards to place inside. At the end of Bible Study they can select a prayer to pray for the week.

#### 5) Prayer Printables or Books:

<u>Prayer printables</u> are prewritten prayers that you can print off to have at hand. Pinterest has many different printables.

<u>Prayer Books</u>: there are many books that have prayers. Select a prayer to read. Ask your group if anyone is in need of prayer and pray this prayer aloud using the individuals' names that need prayers. You can use these prayers onto a springboard.

<u>Prayer calendars</u>: Using your schedule or calendar to pray for already topics /themes/categories/subjects that are written beforehand. For instance a day in the calendar may state pray for "strongholds", "peace", or "their future". These printable calendars are in Pinterest. You can also divide the months into categories as well. For instance, this month we are praying for Family and under the topic family, their could be scriptures or topics/issues based on family.

6) <u>Prayer Circles or Groups:</u> Within your group, you can pray for each other in your group or can have a subgroup of 2-4 people to pray for one another.

<u>Sent text messages or emails</u> to pray for one another throughout your study whether it is the entire group, subgroups, or partner buddies.

- 7) <u>Prayer Partners:</u> Have a partner Buddy! Select one person to be your buddy and each of the buddies will take time to pray for one another and also be accountable for each other. Prayer buddies can text or email each other to encourage and pray for one another.
- 8) **Praying on your Knees:** Have the group get in a circle and pray on their knees before our Heavenly Father.
- 9) <u>Prayers through Worship Music:</u> Use worship music and have your group listen to the music. Let them be in silence while hearing the worship music. Then ask what is it in your heart after reflecting to the words of the music that you need to pray for.
- 10) <u>Prayer Walks:</u> With group, subgroups, or partners. Take a walk and stop at areas where you want to pray. Other options is to create a prayer walk based on meaningful activities/assignments assigned in different areas (stations) or go to areas where there is a need.
- 11) Prayers through objects, triggers, or prompts based on lesson/study: Based on the study, reflect on the study first and give your group a few minutes to pause and think about it. Then ask your group what objects, triggers, or prompts had a profound effect that they may need prayer on. Other alternatives is to ask your group, what outside environment whether it is an object they saw, something that triggered them during the day, or something that prompted that they felt they had to pray for.

#### 12) Prayer Challenges:

<u>Question to challenge</u>: What are some ideas to change the context of your prayer time from an attitude of devotion to an attitude of delight. What can you do to encourage your mind to look forward to enjoying your time with God?.Write your ideas on an index card during the week, during prayer time have a discussion. Later alter your mind to a time of obligation to a time of privilege. How do you change the context of prayer from devotion to delight? Select one person a week to share their experiences.

<u>Written Prayer:</u> Select one person a week to write a prayer. The prayer could be based on the subject of study, the needs of the group, based on scripture or personal specific needs. The individual will then read aloud their prayer as everyone prays. Other alternatives is that you can do this as a whole group, subgroups or with prayer buddies.

<u>Book of Psalms</u>: Each Psalm expresses a full range of emotions that any human goes through their lifetime: joy, sorrow, desperation, anger, vengeance, praise, peace, and thankfulness. Psalms expresses the heart of prayer. This can be done as a group or individually. Read through each chapter of Psalms and then pray about the needs of that particular scripture the person/group may have after reading it.

#### 13) Prayers for Purpose:

<u>Create a War Room</u> to pray. Find a space with your partner, subgroups or group to pray against the enemy, strongholds, and to prepare for spiritual battle/warfare. Claim through prayer and declarations.

<u>Fasting through Prayer:</u> Select a date/weekly where your group can fast and pray for specific needs.

Prayers over each other's Home

Prayers for your children's Schools

#### **Small Group Prayer**

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#### Why is prayer important in small groups?

Matthew 18:19-20

<sup>\*19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Acts 12:12

"12 When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying."

Small groups are also important to teach women how to pray and to have a better prayer life. We as leaders are teaching many women how to pray and helping them talk to God.

#### How can we make quality prayer time in our small groups?

- 1. We need to pray to the Lord to show His heart's desire for your group. Proverbs 3:6 says, "In all yours ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight."
- 2. Make a plan and, set short and long-term goals based on your group's prayer experience (newbies, prayer warriors, or mixed). You can change the way you pray, but you need to be consistent in time. Must have scripture leader(s) agree to be consistent. You need to give guidelines, but let the Holy Spirit lead your group versus a circle.
- 3. Put your plan into action. Tell your group the prayer plan and guidelines. Let them know:
- The biblical importance of prayer (Here are some great verses to help you get started: Matthew 6:5-15; Matthew 21:22; Luke 6:27-28; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; and Colossians 4:2.
- Prayer is confidential and needs to remain in the small group.
- The time, when and how long? (Prayer should be at least 15 minutes)
- Everyone doesn't have to pray, but they should pray when they feel led by the Spirit (versus going in a circle).
- If they prayed, they should follow up with the women they prayed for.
- Share prayer requests or praises that are close to them. Ask them not to share requests about distant relatives, friends or circumstances. Prayer should be simple.
- They can email or text you urgent prayer during the week to share with the group.

- If they don't want to share a prayer request with the group, they can share with just you and/or your small group scripture leaders.
- If they have a life crisis, bring them to the prayer closet (You need to know the room Jean Cockett is in) Try to get to the birch room on time so you can see someone with a heavy heart and in need of prayer (might not be in your group).

#### 4. Review

- Are you seeing any spiritual growth in your group?
- Ask the women, especially if they are new, what they think of prayer time.
- Are women praying that have never prayed?
- Are more women asking for personal prayer?

#### How would this plan look like in your groups?

First week that the leaders introduce themselves, go over the guidelines for prayer. If limited on time the first week you might ask if anyone has urgent prayer request. The leaders can open and close prayer, and anyone that feels led can pray. This is a great teaching lesson for the women in your group.

On the Second or third week start your 15 minutes of prayer time and be consistent. Is your group too big? Break up into smaller groups to pray (Just make sure you have at least one woman that will pray out loud in each group. Ask them ahead of time.)

#### Prayer ideas:

Take the opportunity to remind the group what prayer is. Instead of saying, "Any prayer requests?" ask, "Now as we move from studying God's Word to praising him through prayer, what are some things God's Word has revealed to us?"

#### Is there someone besides you praying for the women in your group?

Individual Prayer. This is great to do in the 2nd or 3rd week when your group has settled. Have everyone put their name on an index card or fill in their name on one of the verses below or pick a verse that applies to your study. The women can also write down something they would like God to work on in their lives i.e. fruits of spirit, relationship. Place cards in basket and have each women take another women's card home to pray throughout the study.

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Ephesians 1:16-23 English Standard Version (ESV)	
my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the	remembering her in e Father of glory, may give and of revelation in the
knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enti- may know what is the hope to which he has called you glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the imm power toward us who believe, according to the working worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead a in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authori- dominion, and above every name that is name also in the one to come. And he put all things him as head over all things to the church, while of him who fills all in all."	nu, what are the riches of his measurable greatness of his measurable great might that he and seated him at his right hand ity and power and ed, not only in this age but under his feet and gave

Paul left some great examples of prayers he prayed for those under his care (Ephesians 1:17–19, 3:16–19; Philippians 1:9–11; 1 Thessalonians 1:2–3)

Popcorn (Praise) Prayer: Explain that the Lord loves to hear our prayers long or short. You lead, "Lord we praise and thank you for (one word) "and whoever feels led by the Spirit can say a one word praise or thank you. Silence is okay while praying. You can close by asking a woman ahead of time to close "In Jesus name we pray".

**Time Saver**: Pass around index cards during the study time for women to write prayer or praises. You can start or close in prayer and ask another women ahead of time to open or close the prayer. Allow the women to be led by the Holy Spirit to pray a request versus going in a circle. Break up into smaller groups if the group is to big (number

index cards so group breaks up by no. Make sure each group has one women who will pray out loud (ask ahead!!)

Pray Bible Versus: Print out verses ahead of time that anyone who wants to read can take to read in the 1st person. This is great if you can use versus from your study. Psalm 103, 145 or 150 are great to read in first person for praise. This is great for new women and they don't have to read if feel uncomfortable or can read several versus if they want to.

http://dailvverses.net/prayer

http://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/prayer-bible-verses/

**Verbal Prayer/Praise**: Better for small groups or your group broken up into small groups. Everyone should have the opportunity to ask for a prayer request. As a prayer request is offered, someone who is led by the Spirit offers to pray, and prays right away before the next request is shared.

#### "ACTS"

**Adoration** Worshipping and praising God, exalting Him in your heart and your mind and with your words. (i.e. read a Psalm)

**Confession** Agreeing with God concerning any sins He brings to mind in order to restore fellowship with Him. (Note: Always pray silently during personal confession.), **Thanksgiving**, Giving thanks to God for who He is, what He has done, what He will continue to do in your life and what He is doing in the ministry; a prayer expressing gratitude.

**Supplication** Imploring God by means of a petition or an entreaty.

See <a href="http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/active/conpray.htm">http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/active/conpray.htm</a> for other ways to pray.

#### **Prayer ACTS for Small Group**

Leader starts with adoration, then leaves a minute or 2 of silence for confession. Then the leader starts with Thanksgving to God. Anyone who feels led by the Spirit can pray Thanksgiving or Supplication. It is okay for pauses of silence. Leader ends.

- Adoration means worship. We encourage you to begin your time of prayer by adoring and praising God. Praise Him for who He is and for all that He has done for you. God delights in your praises!
- Confession, (take a moment of silence) the next component, means agreeing with God about the things that you have done wrong. It's a time to express sorrow about what you have said, thought, or done that is not pleasing to Him. Ask God to forgive you for these things, and then believe that He does so freely. When you confess your sins, you receive God's cleansing and this helps to remove any barrier in your communication with Him (read 1 John 1:9).
- Thanksgiving basically means being thankful to God. Thank Him for <u>His love</u>, protection, and provision just to name a few things.
- Supplication is the final component, and this means praying for your needs and for the needs of others, such as friends, family, your pastor, missionaries, government leaders, and persecuted Christians around the world. You may want to pray for such things as God's guidance, wisdom, and opportunities to serve.

#### Verses to Pray Adoration

- You are an always loving me God know matter where I am in life you will never separate me from your love. Romans 8:38
- You are my refuge and strength and are always available God. You are there when Ineed you. Psalm 46:1

#### Confession

- Lord renew my mind and transform me to be Christ like. Romans 12:2
- Lord you are faithful and just, please forgive me of my sins and purify me from all unrighteousness." (I Jn 1:8,9)

#### Thanksgiving

- I love you Lord with all my heart, with all my soul and with all my mind.' Matthew 22:37-40
- Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed me in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ\* (Eph1:3)
- I praise you Lord for your glorious grace and for the free gift of Jesus. For by the blood of Christ I am set free because my sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God, which you gave to me in such large measure!" Ephesians 1:4-8

#### Supplication

- Lord you said if two of us agree about anything we ask for, it will be done for us by our Father in Heaven for when we come in your name Jesus, you are with us. Matthew 18:19-20
- This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according
  to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we
  know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

# Praying on the Armor of God Ephesians 6:10-18

Father.

I know we're in a spiritual battle. Keep me clothed in Your full armor. (Ephesians 6:10-18)

The armor is my lifestyle in Christ—my armor of light! Help me to live a life that exhibits the truth of my salvation: that I'm a child of God, given new life in Christ, and Satan cannot harm me. (Romans 13:12, 14; John 1:12; 2 Coninthisms 5:17; 1 John 5:18)

I take up the belt of truth, acknowledging Christ as my truth—the way, the truth, the life. May I always tell the truth. Don't let me settle for half-truths, exaggerate, or withhold the truth. (Ephesians 6:13-14, john 14:6; 16:8; 10:8; 10:8.

May right living guard my heart like a breastplate of armor, for it affects everything I do. Help me to make godly choices that keep me centered in Your will. (Proverbs 4:23; Ephesians 6:14)

May the truth of the gospel and the peace that it brings give me sure footing, like boots on a soldier's feet. Help me to stand in the confidence that my sins are forgiven, that I belong to You. Keep me ready to share the good news that Christ died for our sins, that we are saved by faith. (Ephesians 6:15, 2:8-9)

I take up Christ as my shield of faith, for He is the reason for my faith. May I live by faith, trusting in the promises of the Bible. Keep my faith strong enough to extinguish the flaming arrows Satan sends my way. (Psalm 94:9; Ephesisns 1:15; 6:16)

Christ is my helmet of salvation, for there's no other name by which I'm saved. Jesus is my Redeemer, who laid down His life for me. May that truth keep me steadfast in my thinking. (Ephesians 6:17; Acts 4:12; Thus 2:13; Psalm 19:14; John 10:11)

Jesus defeated Satan with Scripture. May speaking the Word give me victory as well! May Your Word, spoken in prayer, be the sword in my hands that defeats the powers of darkness. May the Scriptures I pray be Your Word that does not return empty, but accomplishes Your purposes. (Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesisms 617, Jeach EG. 11)

In Jesus' name,

### Jesus Is

As we take our stand in prayer, let us keep in mind where the real the authority and power lies. May we keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hobrews 12:2)!

Satan is a fallen angel (Luke 10:18)—
but Jesus is the creator of all things!
(Colossisns 1:16)

Satan rules a kingdom of darkness (Matthew 12:26; Revelation 2:13)——

but Jesus is King of kings, Lord of lords! (Revelation 19:16) Satan is the prince of this world (John 12:31)—
but Jesus is the Prince of princes! (Daniel 8:25)

Satan is roams the earth like a roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8)—

but Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judahl (Revelation 5:5)

Satan is a deceiver (Reveluion 20:7-8, 10) and the father of lies (John 8:44)---

but Jesus is the way, the truth, the life!

Satan is a tempter (Genesis 3:13, Matthew 4:1-11)—but Jesus brings us through every temptation! (1 Codinthians 10:13)

Satan is our accuser (Revelation 12:10-11)—
but Jesus is the One in whom there is no
condemnation! (Romans 8:1)

Satan is a thief, out to steal, kill and destroy John 10:10a)—

but Jesus is the giver of abundant lifel (John 10:10b)

Saran is the destroyer (Reveluon 9:11——Abaddow and Apollyon mean "Destroyer")—
hut Iesuu is the One who holds everything

but Jesus is the One who holds everything together! (Colossians 1:17)

Prayer P@wer



# Ephesians: Handbook for Spiritual Warfare

The Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians has been called our handbook for spiritual warfare because it gives clear instruction about standing against Satan.

Paul said we are to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. We are to put on the full armor of God and stand our ground against the devil's schemes. But before we pray on the armor of God, let's consider that Paul didn't begin his letter to the Ephesians with the armor—that's how he concludes

The first three chapters of Ephesians focus on our position in Christ, on who we are in Christ. This is essential for us to understand if we are to stand against Satan and his evil spirits.

Then Paul makes clear the life we are to live in Chris. in chapters 4-6:9. Note his strong language:

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling....
Make every effort...

I insist...that you must no longer live as

Gentiles do....

You must put off...get rid of...have nothing to do with...

There must not be even a hint of....

Be careful how you live...

Once we understand who we are and how we are to live in Christ, Paul gives us our assignment: we're to clothe ourselves in the full armor of God, stand our ground and pray. The battleground is prayer.

If we are to successfully stand our ground against Satan, we must pay careful attention to everything Paul said leading up to the armor of God Otherwise, we may have chinks in our armor, no matter how fervently we pray.

# Who Am I in Christ? Ephesians 1-3

Positive affirmations of the truth of our position in Christ. Excellent verses to speak aloud and to use as prayers of praise and thanksgiving to our gracious Godl

## In Christ...

I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing.

I was chosen before the creation of the world.

I am holy and blameless in God's sight.

I have been adopted as God's child.

I have been redeemed by His blood.

I have been forgiven by His grace.

I have been chosen according to His purpose and

I have been predestined to be His own.

I have been marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit.

I have been guaranteed an inheritance.

I have been made alive with Christ.

I have been saved by grace.

I have been affirmed as God's workmanship, His masterpiece.

I have been assured that God has prepared good works for me to do.

I have been granted access to the Father by the Holy Sairt

I have been joined with others in the body of Christ to become a dwelling for the Holy Spirit.

I have been given assignment to make known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms the manifold wisdom of God.

I have been given freedom to approach God with confidence through faith in Christ.

# How am I then to live? Ephesians 4:1-28

What lifestyle prepares us for taking up the full armor of God to stand our ground against Satan?

Paul describes it in Ephesians 4-6:9. Let's go through the points he makes as a way to examine conscience and confess any sins God brings to mind.

Father, am I walking worthy of my calling?...

Does my character, do my relationships reflect—a willingness to humble myself?
gentleness?
longsuffering, patience?
bearing with, putting up with others in love?
endeavoring to keep unity with others?
living with others in peace? in unity of faith?
growing with others in rny knowledge of Christ?

Is there in my life any——
lack of purity, even in thought?
failure to care about right and wrong?
giving in to immorality on any level?

Am I constantly putting off my old nature and any sinful habits, my former conduct?

Am I letting You renew my mind?

Am I consciously putting on my new nature, seeking righteousness and holiness?

Do I ever lie? exaggerate? shade the truth? fail to correct wrong impressions?

Have I gone to bed angry without apologizing and making things right?

Have I given the devil a foothold by failing to deal with all the sin in my life? Am I hanging on to any sins without confessing them, without repenting—turning away from them in God's strength?

Have I stolen anything? —

even small things, like office supplies?

someone's reputation, through gossip?

anyone's time, with thoughtless interruptions?

Am I sharing with others in need?

# How am I then to live? Ephesians 4:28-6:9

Do I ever say things that are unwholesome?

Am I an encourager, always building others up? Or is my spirit critical and judgmental?

Do I grieve the Holy Spirit with sins?

Am I bitter about anything?

Do I lose my temper? Have anger or show rage?

Do I slander others with my talk?

Am I kind? Compassionate?

Do I forgive others as God has forgiven me?

Am I living a life characterized by love?

Have I been immoral? Impure in thought or action?

Am I greedy? Materialistic?

Do I engage in obscene language or foolish talk? Off color jokes?

Am I living as a child of the light, giving no place to deeds of darkness?

Do I live wisely, making the most of every opportunity for Christ?

Do I seek understand the Lord's will when faced with choices and decisions?

Am I daily filled with the Spirit?

Do I sing psalms, hymns, spiritual songs with others? Make music in my heart?

Do I always give thanks for everything?

Do I submit to others?

If married—

Do I love my wife as my own body?

Do I respect my husband?

Are my children obedient?

Am I bringing them up in the training and instruction of the Lord?

Do I honor my parents?

Do I serve my employers or those in ministry wholeheartedly doing God's will from my heart?

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IN YOUR CHURCH OR SMALL GROUP

### Prayers for Your Women

WEEK 1

#### MONDAY

#### TUESDAY

#### WEDNESDAY

Lord will direct their steps

Be compassionate and humble

Be known for their faith in Christ

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps. Proverbs 16:9 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

1 Peter 3:8

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints. Colossians 1:3-4

#### THURSDAY

#### FRIDAY

#### SATURDAY

Forgive one another

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 Be committed to grow in godliness

Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness. 1 Timothy 4:7

Joyfully submit to church leaders in authority

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls... Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 15:17.

#### SUNDAY

#### I AM PRAYING FOR

Be devoted to prayer

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2

### Prayers for Your Women

WEEK 3

#### MONDAY

#### TUESDAY

#### WEDNESDAY

Be slow to anger

Live according to the Spirit

Use their words to build others

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. James 3:19 ...walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:4b

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

#### THURSDAY

#### FRIDAY

#### SATURDAY

Bear fruit and grow in the knowledge of God

So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God Colossians 1:10 Seek to live in unity with fellow believers

That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:21

Will not drift away

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

Hebrews 2:1

#### SUNDAY

#### I AM PRAYING FOR

Make disciples

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you... Matthew 28:19-20

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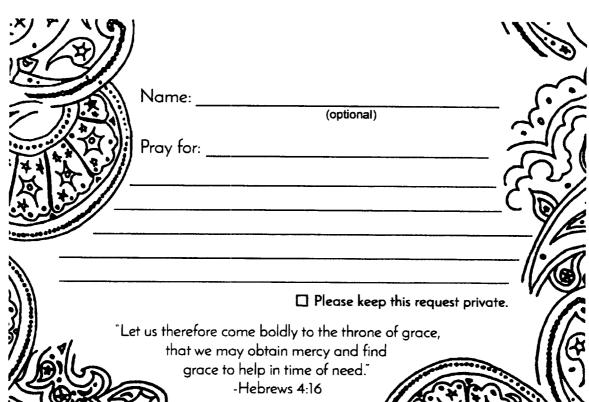
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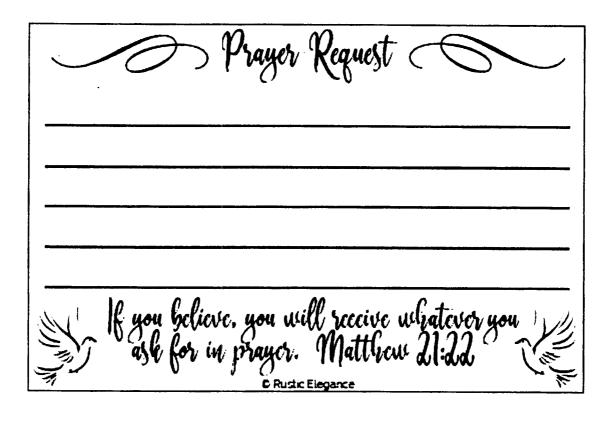
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	u shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you eak forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12



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If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. Matthew 21:22



# ICE BREAKERS

# Ice Breakers/Games/Fellowship Ideas

Create a natural beauty party: create bath salts, foot/hand scrubs, lotions

Chopped Challenge Party (Version of Chopped Challenge from Food Network)

**Group Game Nights** 

**Fondue Sharing Night** 

**Dress Classy Film Night** 

Create an Arrhythmic Cheer using feet and hands to create in partners.

Rap a Book: In a group, use a rap instrumental music. Have Dr. Seuss's books or other children's books to rap. Select two individuals and have them compete in the rap.

**Table Topics**: Conversation Starters (Look for questions in the binder). <u>Can be done with Zoom!</u>

Charades: Can do with Zoom as well.

**Boogle:** Can be done with Zoom. Each person gets a piece of paper and writes a letter on the paper. Shows it to everyone on the screen. Then each person has to come up with as many words using the letters each person selected. The person that comes up with the most words win. Can do this too in person.

Box of Lies: Select several boxes with items 5-10 boxes. The person looks inside the box and describes the item/object in the box to describe to the rest of the people in the group. The person with the box has an option to tell the truth or lie about the object in the box. The rest of the people in the group has to say whether the person is lying or telling the truth. Can take turns with others by selecting one person at a time to pick a box number. Another way of playing this, is to have the group get a sheet of paper and number their paper from 1-10. The one person can describe each object and everyone has to guess whether they are telling the truth or lying. Then each person has to write next to the box number on their sheet whether for example box # is truth or lie. Once everyone or one at a time the box has been described, then go back to each box and revealed the answer whether the person said it was a truth or lie. With Zoom, each person can have their own box and place an object inside the box. Each person then describes what is in each of their box. That person can choose to lie or tell the truth and everyone has to guess if they are lying or telling the truth.

The Alphabet Game: Select a Category, for instance famous people, animals, movie titles, music songs, etc. The first person answers the category, For instance lets use famous people. First person says, Nelson Mandela then the second person has to say a famous person with the last letter of the first famous person's last name. In this case it's "A", so then the second person saids, a famous person with the letter "A", Ariana Grande, the third person then has to say a famous person with the letter "E", and so forth. If the person can't respond then you have to start all over again. You can do over the same category or select another category. It has to go around till the last person answers the category correctly. You can do this through Zoom as well.

Coin Game: Need a bowl with lots of coins. Have each person get one coin. They need to look at the year of the coin and share a special memory of that year with the rest of the group. If in Zoom, have a person select a coin at home and look at the year and share a memory of that year.

One Common Thing: a list with each person's name in the group. Everyone will move around and they will have to share what common thing they have in common and write it on the list of the person's name. However you cannot have the same common thing twice. You are only allowed to share that one common thing once.

Raise Your Hand: For ZOOM! In this spin off of our Take A Stand activity, the facilitator of this icebreaker will have a list of statements based on people's experiences, values, or opinions that can either apply to participants or not (e.g., whether you're a fast driver, fan of hockey, etc.). If the statement applies to the participant, he or she will utilize the Raise Hand button of Zoom to raise their hands. Alternatively, you can get participants to simply raise their hands, or even take a stand, if you're on Gallery View on Zoom. This is a great activity to not only break the ice, but to get your team to know a little bit more about one another. Plus, it doesn't hurt that it highlights the Raise Hand feature of Zoom if your team recently started to use the application.

Everything from A-Z Icebreaker: FOR ZOOM! The larger team will be broken up into multiple smaller teams via the Breakout Rooms feature on Zoom. Once they are in their breakout rooms, participants will have 5 minutes to find items in the room that they are calling in (or, shall we say, Zoom-ing in) from that starts with each letter of the alphabet. They will need one item for each letter, and each item can be used once only. For example, they can use Apple for A, and Book for B. Each team will also select one recorder to write down what each item they have found for each letter. Once their time is up, the facilitator will bring the team back to one call, and the recorders from each team will share what they came up with.

Something in Common: This could be used in small group or it can also be done as a simple Zoom icebreaker. Take advantage of Zoom's Breakout Rooms option. Let Zoom automatically assign the larger team into groups of 2, and give them 5 minutes to find 5 UNIQUE things that they have in common. Within those 5 minutes, participants also need to choose the most unique thing that they have in common with their partner, which they will share with the larger group once they go back to their larger meeting.

Guess Who?: This can be done in small group or through Zoom! Start by getting participants to think of a unique and interesting fun fact about themselves. Then, using the Chat option on Zoom, have each person send the fun fact (or favorite song, hobby, etc.) only to the facilitator (and not to Everyone). Alternatively, the facilitator can have participants email the fun fact to the them. Once the fun facts have been collected, the facilitator will read each of the fun facts to the group, and as each fun fact is read, the larger team will try to decide who the fun fact belongs to

(this might be a good time to use the Polling or Annotations options on Zoom). The objective for the team will be to try to connect the fact to the right participants as many times as possible.

**Most Recent Photo:** Can be done with small group or through Zoom! Finally, in this activity, have participants pull up the Photos app on their phone and look at the most recent photo they took. Have each participant share their photo, and briefly tell the story behind the photo. This is a great way to get participants to share how they've been spending their time over this social distancing period!

You can do what?: Zoom or Small Group: If you want to get beyond the small talk, ask each participant to send you a message (email) sharing a crazy skill or fact about themselves that no-one knows about. When the meeting starts, read each fact and let everyone guess who they think the fact belongs to. This is a simple way to get people talking, and to quickly learn surprising things about people you thought you knew.

**The Social Question**: Ask each participant an ice breaker question. These can help to stimulate lively conversations and even debate. Most importantly, they'll enable people to get to know each other better, and encourage communication and team bonding.

What was your first job?	What's your favorite season and why?
What's your favorite food/drink?	If there was a movie made about your life, who would play you?
What's your biggest guilty pleasure?	What do your surroundings look like?
What's your favorite place to go on vacation?	What's your favorite movie or book?
What's your favorite smell?	What music do you like?
If you were an ice cream, what flavor would you be?	When I dance I look like [fill in the blank].
Do you have any pets?	What have you achieved this week that you feel proud of?
What was the last movie you watched that made you cry?	What's the story behind your name?
What's your favorite sport to play/ watch?	Take a picture from your window and have people guess where you are.

Did you have any imaginary friends What's the weather like where you are?

What's your favorite color? Show something that's on your desk and

tell a story about it?

What's your biggest "pet peeve"? What new thing have you learned this

week?

The Time Machine: Ask the following question, to one participant at a time: "If you were able to travel through time, either forward or backward...:

Where would you go?

when you were young?

- If backward, to which time period? Why?
- · If there was a person you could go back in time and meet, who would it be, and why?
- Would you just want to visit and come back, or would you stay?"

**Picnic Basket:** Can be done with Zoom or small groups! If you were ever a camp counselor or went to summer camp as a kid, you may be familiar with "Picnic Basket." This game is an awesome way to get to know everybody's names in your group, and some of their favorite foods. To play with your happy hour crew, take turns saying what item you'd bring to a picnic, with the first letter of the food being the same as your name.

#### 70 ISOLATION ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS:

- 1. What are you reading?
- 2. Share a link to a podcast episode you recommend.
- 3. What will you be fixing for supper tonight?
- 4. What's one item you wish you had stocked up on at the store?
- 5. Share a stuck-at-home survival tip.
- 6. What verse or scripture passage is God using to give you comfort right now?
- 7. How have you seen God at work this week?
- 8. What's one thing you're doing to combat cabin fever?
- 9. What's the status of your fridge and pantry?
- 10. What TV shows have you been binge-watching?
- 11. What's your best work-at-home tip?
- 12. What's your best newbie home-schooling tip?
- 13. Share a creative pantry meal or snack idea.

14. What's your go-to survival snack? 15. What has surprised you most about your quarantine experience? 16. What's one thing you can't wait to experience once the exposure risk has passed? 17. What will you not take for granted when we get back to regular life? 18. What is something you were able to enjoy that you didn't think you would? 19. What are some creative ways you're passing the time? 20. What's one meal you look forward to sending into official retirement? 21. What new hobbies are you exploring? 22. What's something new you've discovered about a family member or friend?
23. What's been one of the hardest things about forced isolation?
24. What's something you appreciate now that you didn't before?
25. I'm thankful I've spent more time \_\_\_\_\_. I hope I never forget \_\_\_\_\_ 27. I look forward to 28. I'm really tired of 29. How has this experience strengthened your faith? 30. How are you serving others from a distance? 31. How are you encouraging others from a distance? 32. What's something new you've experienced? 33. What's your favorite board game? 34. How have you been sleeping? 35. What's keeping you up at night? 36. What's something new you've tried recently? 37. What home projects are you tackling?
38. How are you documenting your experience? 39. How has your prayer life changed? 40. What do you miss most about attending church?41. Which church activity or event do you miss the most? 42. How are you staying connected to friends and family? 43. Share a tip for overcoming anxious thoughts. 44. Share a tip for dealing with depression. 45. Share a tip for encouraging family harmony. 46. Share your best distance learning (online school) tip. 47. Share a tip for exercising at home. 48. What's something you've learned to DIY during the quarantine? 49. How has your faith grown during the quarantine? 50. Describe your day using emojis. 51. Share a free online resource you love right now. 52. What worship song gives you comfort right now? 53. My day is better when 54. Share an idea for blessing or connection with your neighbors. 55. Share a scripture verse that gives you peace. 56. What are you thankful for? 57. What's one of your favorite family-friendly movies? 58. Share a link to an easy craft idea. 59. Share a link to a helpful stuck-at-home resource you've found. 60. Share a link to a podcast episode or blog post that has been an encouragement to you 61. What creative solutions or substitutions have you discovered? 62. What did you learn from the online sermon today? 63. What do you find challenging about watching church services online? 64. What home projects are you tackling right now?

65. What projects are you tackling around your home?

66. Share a photo of your home office.

- 67. What have you found to be the hardest time of day while you're stuck at home?
- 68. Give us a reason to laugh today. Share a funny link or meme.
- 69. What is something new you've tried this week?
- 70. What's something fun you're doing to keep everyone's spirits up?

**Games you can play virtually:** You can use the white board through Zoom. Zoom has that feature:

- Boggle (set up a camera over the letters)
- Scattergories
- Balderdash
- Blank Slate
- Pictionary
- Catchphrase
- Hangman
- Pictionary
- DRACT

You can use a word generator to create/play your games. Here is the link to do so: <a href="https://www.thegamegal.com/word-generator/">https://www.thegamegal.com/word-generator/</a>

**BINGO:** You can create your own Bingo, email it to the ladies. Ladies can then take a picture of it on their phone and use the edit marking on their phone to cross out as they play or print out the Bingo card to play. The Binder has some Bingo Cards. Also there are virtual Bingo links that you can use to do for your group to play. Here are the links:

https://www.activityconnection.com/bingo-press/ https://www.dltk-kids.com/cards/bingo/bingo1.asp https://www.rusnakcreative.com/gameshow/bingo

Social Distancing Random Acts of Kindness: Here is the link to to get the Bingo Card for this game: <a href="https://womensministrytoolbox.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Social-Distancing-Random-Acts-of-Kindness-Worksheet.pdf">https://womensministrytoolbox.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Social-Distancing-Random-Acts-of-Kindness-Worksheet.pdf</a> (If you want a copy of this please let me know and I can email it to you or give you a copy.

You can do this game for the whole semester of Bible Study and the first one to complete it wins a prize. Encourage the ladies to participate in doing something for others, family or people at church. Matthew 5:6

Other Games: To create My Trivia or Pop Maker Games, here is the links: <a href="https://myquiz.org/">https://myquiz.org/</a>
<a href="https://triviamaker.com/">https://triviamaker.com/</a>

\*\*\*NOTE ALL THESE GAMES YOU CAN DO WITH THE "SCREEN SHARE" OPTION OR BUTTON!

# 20 Virtual Ladies Night Ideas

#### 1. PAINTING PARTY

If possible, recruit a woman in your church to give a **drawing or painting lesson**. You can find some tutorials on Pinterest and YouTube. Just make sure you give credit to the source.

#### 2. BIBLE JOURNALING LESSON

Not sure if anyone in your church does Bible journaling? Ask! Invite them to give a mini-class online. You'll find some additional ideas and resources in How to Host a Bible Journaling Event, go to the link provided: <a href="https://womensministrytoolbox.com/host-bible-journaling-event/">https://womensministrytoolbox.com/host-bible-journaling-event/</a>

#### 3. COOKING CLASS

Is there a woman in your church that would be willing to reveal the secrets to a beloved recipe? Or maybe one of your women can give a lesson on canning, baking bread, or making a pie crust.

#### 4. TEACH A SKILL

Many of the workshops you might lead at church can be adapted online. Survey your women – ask for volunteers but also ask for recommendations – some of your women may not come forward on their own, but their friends will be quick to brag on their skills. Flower arranging, meal planning, and DIY cleaners are just a few ideas to get you started.

#### 5. GAME NIGHT

Many board games can be adapted to play via video. Use Zoom's whiteboard feature to play Pictionary. Check out How to Host a Virtual Game Night for additional ideas and tips.

#### 6. KARAOKE

Enlist someone from the worship team or a gifted woman to play **piano or guitar** for your group while you **sing worship songs** (provide the words via slides or a handout). YouTube is filled with karaoke videos that you could stream and ask everyone to sing along.

#### 7. LIP SYNC CHALLENGE

If you're not sure a group sing-along would work for your group, go the lip-sync route instead. Ask for volunteers before your meeting and let the audience vote for the winners.

#### 8. DROP-IN (AKA OPEN HOUSE)

Open up your Zoom link for women to **drop-in as they are able**. No agenda. Just casual conversation. Send out an email with the time and the link, maybe two or three hours long. You'll need to **change the settings so guests can join before the host**. I would suggest asking at least one team member to be present for an hour at a time, so no one is there alone.

#### 9. LADIES LUNCH

Invite women to sit down for lunch together in front of their cameras. Consider asking a woman in your church to share a devotional teaching or personal testimony.

#### 10. CRAFT PARTY

Search Pinterest for easy crafts that women could complete at home. If you have the resources and local governments permit, you could provide the craft supplies and bag them for pick-up from the church.

#### 11. ASK ANY QUESTION

Invite women to submit questions in advance via email, text, or Google form (if you want them to be able to remain anonymous) to the hostess who will then pose the questions to the group or a preselected panel of women.

#### 12. READER'S THEATER

Gather your group and ask for volunteers to read the script out loud. I found several free Christian Reader's Theater Scripts online. Check out Fools for Christ, Ellen McHenry's Reader's Theater Bible Skits, and Church of God. For some fun stories that aren't Christian, check out Reader's Theater Editions and these Reader Theater Scripts.

Fools for Christ also has some choral readings, allowing the entire group to participate. Be mindful of copyright laws – please don't print and distribute scripts without permission.

#### 13. HOST A SHOW & TELL

Ask women to show and tell about a favorite thing, piece of family history, favorite book, etc. Encourage them to hold up the item or a photo of the item for everyone to see. You could even use the categories from my game Night at the Museum to direct your sharing.

#### 14. GROUP MAD LIBS

Invite your women to share a noun, verb, adjective, etc. to fill in a Mad Lib worksheet. One of your leaders will need to complete the sheet with the suggestions and then read the silly story the group has created. Be sure you explain the difference between an adjective and adverb (if they are needed for your story). Check out these Easter-themed Mad Libs, Mad Libs for Kids, and this big list of Mad Lib stories (don't miss the word part definitions at the top).

#### 15. COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Invite women to grab a cup of coffee or tea and circle up for some conversation. You can use some of the Isolation Icebreaker Questions here or these three conversation starters: What are you grateful for this week? Where did you see God at work? What was challenging this week? Or ask women to bring their favorite mug and share a favorite scripture.

#### **16. SCAVENGER HUNTS**

Send your women in a race around their homes to return first with the item on the list OR let the group vote on the item that best meets the requirements. Here's a list to get you started: a

kitchen utensil, something furry, something that begins with the letter "b," something you use every day, something that smells good, something round, something taller than 12 inches, something bumpy, something you can eat, something you don't want to get wet, something heavier than a shoe, something smaller than a dollar bill.

#### 17. HOST A TALK SHOW

Set up some time to interview women in your church. You may want to survey your women and ask them who they'd like to see interviewed. Once the selection has been made, invite your women to submit questions in advance. Please give your guest the questions before your interview time so they can think through their answers and can let you know if there are any questions they prefer not to answer. Don't limit yourself to the women in your group; consider interviewing church staff members or missionaries your church supports.

#### 18. VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB MEETING

Select a book and set a date and time to meet. If your local library allows online check-out of ebooks and your title is available, be sure to include instructions for your women to access it. Check out my post How to Host a Summer Book Club for additional suggestions.

#### 19. EXERCISE TOGETHER

Do you have a personal trainer in your church? Ask them to lead a 20 or 30-minute exercise class for your women via video. If that's not an option, search YouTube for an easy, free exercise class that you can stream online and do together. While streaming a DVD you own might be tempting, doing so would be considered re-broadcasting and would violate copyright licenses.

#### 20. ICEBREAKER GAMES AND QUESTIONS

Many of the icebreaker games included could be adapted and used via video. Consider the Christian If Icebreaker Questions, Roll & Poll, DRACT (text or private message their word), A Few of My Favorite Things, Spring and Easter Table Talk Cards, What's on UR phone?, and Great Introduction Icebreaker Questions.

\*If the technology of putting together virtual ladies night outs overwhelms or frustrates you, ask for help! Many of your women would be happy to lend a hand. Recruiting a helper can help smooth your online event too.

\*Keep your ministry momentum moving forward; don't give up meeting together! These virtual ladies night out activities can be adapted to meeting together as a group in person.

\*Most Ideas taken from Women's Ministry Toolbox website:

https://womensministrytoolbox.com/

#### Fellowship Ideas and Ice Breaker Questions

Best/Worst□□Have each person share their best and worst moments from□the previous week. Try to steer the group away from school items. This icebreaker is an easy one to use at first and gives you good feedback concerning their life at the moment. Some veteran groups do this several times a year ... the answers become more honest as you go.

**Sharing Time**: Bring in a special gift that you have received, photo, hobby, or love and why it is special to you.

Most Unique ☐ Go around the room and have each person share something that makes them different from anyone in the group, like, "I've never left the state I was born in' or, "I am one of ten kids.

Two Truths and a Lie ☐ Have each person make three statements about themselves: two true statements and one lie. For example, "I've never broken a bone. I have five sisters. I was born in Yugoslavia" The group tries to guess which statement is the lie.

**Personal Scavenger Hunt**□Take five minutes and find the following⊡items in your wallet or purse: Something that ..

you've had a long time. you're proud of reveals a lot about you. reminds you of a fun time Concerns or worries you.

Have each person share the first item. Go around again on the second item, and again until you have gone through each one. Don't feel like you have to use the whole list because it will take too long.

OR ...

Go around the room and have each lady say their name, then have them pull out the most important item to them out of their purse and explain what it is and tell why it is important to them to have in their purse or why they would never leave home without it.

Variation: Have each lady say their name, then have them pull out the most unusual item in their purse and explain what it is and why it is in their purse.

#### Get To Know You Questions□

What do you do for fun?

What would be your ideal vacation?

What is the most memorable activity you did with your family as a child?

What quality do you appreciate most in a friend?

What is one characteristic you received from you parents that you want to keep, and one you wish you could change?

What is a good thing happening in your life right now? What makes it good?

If you knew you couldn't' fail and money was no object, what would you like to do in the next five years?

What would you like said at your funeral?

When, if ever, did God become more than a word to you, and how did it happen?

These questions can be spread out over time where everyone answers one and then use another question another week or you can put them in a hat and people answer⊡the one they pick.

Did You Know? ☐ This is great for a group that doesn't know each other ☐ well. Find interesting facts about individual group members before the group meets. Try to discover information that sets

each person apart from the others, such as "I have a tugboat named after me" or, "I once wrecked the same quarter panel of my car four times" or, "I have a twin." 

Then make a sheet with one fact from each person and a blank beside this fact. Give everyone in the group a sheet and five to seven minutes to find who goes in each blank. When they find the right person they must also learn one other fact about that person. At the end, introduce everyone in the group in the order on the list.

#### **M&Ms** Game

Pass a bag of M&M's around and tell everyone to take a few. Then, before they eat them ask them to share something for every M&M. For example, something about their family for every red one, something about their plans for the future for every green one, something you do well – orange, something about yesterday – blue, something you can't live without, something about your childhood – brown. Others – something you learned last week, something you watch or listen to.

#### "Most Embarrassing Moment"

Make sure all the ladies had nametags on. Each gets an index card & had to write down a description of their most embarrassing moment. All of the cards were put into a private box. Then, the game leader read them one by one. There were 20 women present, so we each had a piece of paper numbered from 1-20 to write down who we thought the most embarrassing moment belonged to. At the end, the game leader re-read bits of the embarrassing moments & the person to whom the moment belonged had to stand up. The one with the most correct won.

#### Beachball

Write questions on a beach ball
Best Summer Memory?
Worst Summer Memory?
What I like to do for fun?
Most important people/person in your life?
What is your favorite color?
What's the weirdest thing you've eaten?
What's your favorite movie or book?
http://icebreakerideas.com/icebreaker-games-questions-women/

Begin by tossing the ball to a random person in the group. The woman who catches it has to answer the question underneath her right thumb. Once she answers, she passes the ball to someone else. Continue passing the ball around until each woman has a chance to answer at least one question.

#### Ice Breaker Questions

- What do you like to do for fun in your spare time?
- What would be your ideal vacation?
- What is the most memorable activity you did with your family as a child?
- What quality do you appreciate most in a friend?
- What is one characteristic you received from you parents that you want to keep, and one you wish you could change?
- What is a good thing happening in your life right now? What makes it good?
- If you knew you couldn't' fail and money was no object, what would you like to do in the next five years?
- When, if ever, did God become more than a word to you, and how did it happen?
- What is your worst moment in cooking and what happened?
- What is your dream job?
- If you could be any type of plant, which one would you be and why?

- What is your favorite color?
- What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?
- If you had a time machine that would work only once, what point in the future of in history would you visit?
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- If your house was burning down, what three objects would you save and why?
- If you could talk to any one person now living, who would it be and why?
- If you HAD to give up one of your senses (hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, tasting)
   which would it be and why?
- Do you have a pet? If not, what sort of pet would you like?
- Name a gift you will never forget?
- If you could talk to any one person now living, who would it be and why?
- · Name one thing you really like about yourself.
- If you could talk to any one person now living, who would it be and why?
- If you were an animal, what would you be and why? Who's your favorite cartoon character, and why?
- Does your name have a special meaning and or were you named after someone special
- What is the hardest thing you have ever done?
- If you are at a friend's or relative's house for dinner and you find a dead insect in your salad, what would you do?
- What was the best thing that happened to you this past week?
- If you had this week over again what would you do differently?
- What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about God?
- What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?
- If you could ask Christ to change one problem in the world today, what would you like him to change?
- What book, movie or video have you seen/read recently you would recommend? Why?

#### **Chat and Craft**

Try to keep the craft under \$10. Show everyone the craft you are planning during your fellowship time. Pinterest has great ideas, i.e. door wreathes, decorations. The craft can be made for yourself or give it to someone else to brighten their day. For chat. You can have questions on small sheets of paper that people can pull from a basket and answer.

Links to Women's Ministry Ice Breakers

http://www.juliabettencourt.com/icebreakers.html

http://www.juliabettencourt.com/icebreakers/games1.html - Give yourself a point

http://womensministrytoolbox.com/icebreakers-games/

http://icebreakerideas.com/icebreaker-games-questions-women/

#### Snowball Fight (see below)

Have everyone women fill out the questions below. Then when everyone is done crumple up and start a snowball fight.

#### **ICEBREAKERS:**

**Dice Game** -- Simple & Quick - all you need is to print the sheet with the info and a dice. With a big group, everyone will roll a different number & get to share a question/answer about themselves. You can also tweak the questions and make your own.

Life Experience Bingo - Another easy one - you can have members roam room to try to find someone in the room who has done a certain square then write their names in that block; or I simply put the block square info in a bowl and pulled out of the bowl at a time..... members check off things they have done, until someone has "bingo" and then they share what squares they had checked off to get bingo. You can do 5 across, then 4 corners, etc.... Be creative! Also can tweak the squares as you'd like.

Day in the Life - Have everyone fill out their sheet (give a few mins) then everyone shares..... Gives everyone a sneak peak at a day in their life!

**Gratitude Jar** -- I had different color popsicle sticks in a small jar..... pass it around and everyone picks one popsicle stick. Then, look at the sheet for the coordinating color and answer the question accordingly, based on what color you have. Theme here was gratitude - you can tweak it, as well.

Another one was "Would You Rather?" where I gave two choices and everyone just raised your hand for their response...... Keep it simple. For example: Would you rather go to the beach, or hike a mountain.....? Would you rather go to a movie, or read a book?? Would you rather Chocolate or vanilla? Would you rather stay up late or get up early???? This was a great way for people in the group to see who had similar interests, etc.... We got a lot of conversation off of these too.

# getting to Know You Dice Game

One person rolls the dice, what ever number they get is the question they will answer.



What is something that is interesting to you?



What is something you would like to learn more about?



What is a talent you would like to share with others?

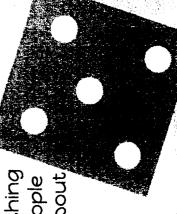


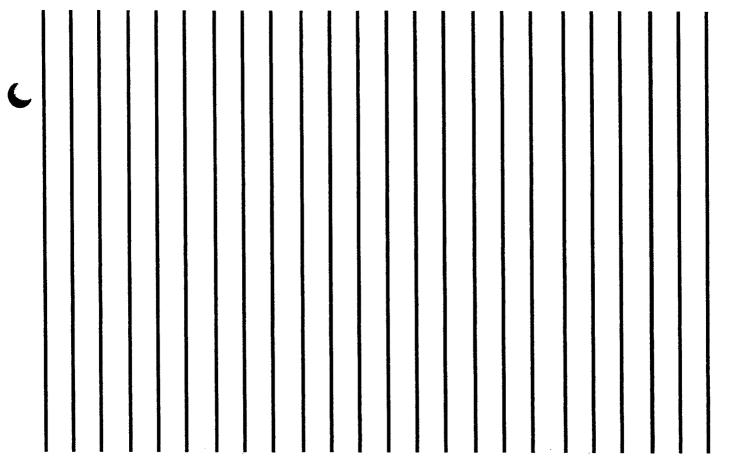
What is your favorite thing to eat? What is your favorite Color?



What is something that most people don't know about







#### ICE BREAKER IDEAS:

-A Day in the Life Sheet -- link included here to print and read more about how to use it: <a href="http://womensministrytoolbox.com/icebreaker-day-in-the-life/">http://womensministrytoolbox.com/icebreaker-day-in-the-life/</a>

-Grateful Question Jar — can use mason jar or a bowl with strips of paper. These are personal questions that reflect things to be grateful for. You can tweak and add more, if needed for your group. What is your favorite part about home or the Chapel, and why?

What abilities do you have that you are grateful for?

What is one of your favorite things to do, and why are you grateful for it?

What are you thankful for in nature?

What is your favorite season, and why?

What is one thing a friend did for you recently that you were thankful for?

What is something you love doing with your friends/family??

What are two things you are grateful for today?

How does it make you feel to do something good for someone else? How do you feel when someone helps you?

Who did you thank today?

#### PRAYER IDEAS:

-Index Cards are always a great idea - make it more "real" and visible all the time to remind you to pray for that person. Have them include their name, phone number and/or email address on the card when writing prayer requests so it is easy to reach out to them throughout the day/week to check in, encourage them by letting them know you are praying, and follow up.

-Praise Jars - always great to see the answered prayers & power of prayer. Have a mason jar or something on middle of table in room, along with pens & paper (even popsicle sticks) and encourage women to record answered prayers (share personally in group if they wish, and then put in jar). Keep all semester as a visual reminder of God's faithfulness! At the end of semester, can also type up all the answered prayers and put together for each women to take home with them.

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- TELL ABOUT A PLACE YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.

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#### (3) WHO HERE???

Materials Needed: List of questions (one per box, for leader)

**Directions:** Group leader reads the questions and asks members to stand up in response to the questions. Stand up/sit down, move on to the next questions...... Members will see who in the group has things in common. Feel free to tweak questions to your group!

QUESTIONS: Say, "Who here...."

-Runs?? -Slept more than 6 hours last night??

-Has a calendar on their fridge or wall? -Doesn't like coffee?

-Eats cereal for breakfast? -Did a load of laundry today?

-Has a pet? -Works part-time?

-Has children in high school? -Made their bed this morning?

-Has a coupon in their wallet or pocketbook?

-Read a book in the last week? -Works full time?

-Knows how to play an instrument? -Was on a sports team in High School?

-Is caring for an elderly parent?

-Has been to a movie in the last month?

-Prefers salty over sweets?

-Knows all the words to America the Beautiful?

-Went to the beach this past summer? -Is a grandma or grandpa?

-Likes to play board games? -Knows how to ice skate?

#### (4) WHAT'S ON YOUR PHONE??

Materials needed: Cell phone and sheet with points for each member.

**Directions:** Search your phone for the items on this list. Record your points on your sheet. The person with most points wins! (Small prize??)

#### 1 point

Selfie, Video, Contact with letter beginning with the letter "W", Facebook App, Instragram App

#### 5 points

Over 100 songs, A year old text message, Ring tone to a song, Background is a picture

#### 10 points

Battery is more than 50%, made a phone call sometime today, zero unread emails, at least one alarm set, at least 10 notes recorded.

#### 20 points

Don't have an iphone, At least 1,000 pictures, Pink phone case, Pinterest app, One children's app

#### (5) Would You Rather - Bible Edition

Materials Needed: Handout with questions for leader, one per box

**Directions:** Leader asks question, "Would you rather...." and they can raise hands for their answers. Move along to the next questions. Feel free to add/tweak as needed!

- -Would you rather have seen the Red Sea being parted, or Jesus walking on water?
- -Have your diet be manna and quail or locusts & honey?
- -Spend one hour in Heaven or one week with Jesus on earth?
- -Deny Jesus 3 times or betray Him for 30 pieces of silver?
- -Live on the ark with all the stinky animals or be stuck in the belly of a large fish?
- -Have dinner with Moses or Paul?
- -Have the super strength of Samson or the wisdom of Solomon?
- -Have to fight the giant Goliath or fight in a war against the Phillistines?
- -Be forced to marry a monarch and live in a palace for the rest of your life or wander in the desert for 40 years?
- -Live through a famine or live through the 7 plagues of Egypt?
- -Be baptized by John the Baptist -- or hear Paul speak to a crowd about Jesus?
- -Hide spies in your home or hide a baby from Pharoah?

#### (6) Skittles Questions & Prayers

Materials Needed: Bag of Skittles for each box.

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GREEN: Name something you love about your family, and what is one thing you pray for them?

YELLOW: Who was your favorite teacher? What is one of your prayers from school-years (if you remember?)?

ORANGE: What do you like best about Small Group? What is your personal prayer for Common Ground?

PURPLE: What is your favorite thing in nature God has made? Where do you like to connect/pray??

RED: Who do you know that needs help?? What is your prayer for them?

#### (7) Travel Conversations

Materials Needed: Name Tags

**Directions:** Greet guests upon arrival and give them a name tag. Request they write their name and the farthest place they have travelled. Give each person a minute to share briefly about their trip! Need to keep it SHORT – set timer for 1 minute!

#### (8) Good, Bad, & God

Materials needed: None.

**Directions:** Everyone shares something good that's happened this week, something bad, and something God did or spoke/taught them this week. Will need to remind everyone to be brief!

#### (9) Find the member:

Materials Needed: Handout per person

**Directions:** everyone mingles and finds someone who matches the descriptions.... Write their names down next to it. Add/tweak as needed.

- -Speaks a second language
- -Can play a musical instrument
- -Has been married for 10+ years
- -Wears contact lenses
- -Is the oldest child
- -Has been on a mission trip
- -Is NEW to the Chapel
- -Loves to cook
- -is an early riser

- -Has more than 3 children
- -Is the same age as you
- -Doesn't have a facebook account
- -Drives the same color car as you
- -Is an only child
- -Has been at the Chapel for 5+ years
- -Grew up in NJ
- -Is a night owl
- -Takes a train or bus to work daily

## Who Is It?

\*This is great for once your group just starts to know each other:

People write down something about themselves they think no one knows. The leader reads the slips of paper and others guess whom the person is. It is amazing to see the things some people reveal about themselves.

## Two Truths and a Lie

Have participants say three things about themselves. Two should be true and one should be a lie. Have participants guess which response was a lie and give their reasoning.

#### THREE THINGS

\*This is great for large groups

Have participants break up into small groups of 2 or 3 and find 3 things in common with one another...Let's see how unique they can get!

#### **M&M'S QUESTIONS**

Write down a bunch of questions and assign a COLOR to each question (There are 6 colors in a bag of M&M's so 6 questions) \*\*If your room has a dry erase board, write the colors and questions on that. IF not, perhaps make a list and make copies ahead of time to distribute.

Put M&M's in a bowl and each person selects one

Each person then selects the color one of each color and take turns around the room answering the questions. GREAT way to hear other!

# The Manne Feeling Game

For every say one thing that makes you happy.

For every say one thing that makes you sad.

For every say one thing that makes you angry.

For every say one thing that makes you excited.

For every say one poor choice you made today and what you could have done different.

For every say good choice you made today.

#### **BINGO**

Print & give out each woman a Bingo Sheet

Call out from a bowl as if you were choosing bingo numbers,.
Each person would then place an X on corrosponding box. FIRST
ONE TO GET BINGO WINS A PRIZE!

Play several rounds if allowed just like Bingo: Straight up & down line, across, an X Pattern, 4 Corners, etc.

# Life Experiences Bingo

Cross out any squares containing life experiences that are true of you. First one to get five in a row wins. In the event of a tie, prize will go to the person with the highest total of crossed-out squares.

I know how to play a musical instrument.	I've jumped out of an airplane before.	I've milked a cow with my own two hands.	I can quote five or more consecutive Bible verses.	l can speak a foreign language.
l've visited another continent.	I can name all the books of the Bible in order.	I like to write (or read) poetry.	My picture has been printed in a newspaper.	I've gotten a ticket for speeding or for parking illegally.
I know how to ride a bike.	l've shaken hands with someone famous.	God loves me enough to send his Son to die for me.	l've hit a homerun in baseball before.	l enjoy opera music.
I've introduced somebody by the wrong name before.	l don't like chocolate.	I've owned my own business.	l've taught Sunday School.	I've fainted or thrown up in public.
I can rub my stomach and pat my head at the same time.	I know how to play Bridge or Chess.	l've struck out in baseball before.	l've baked homemade bread before.	I've participated in a mission trip.

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# POINTS (great to even give a small prize out with this one, VERY GOOD for first night!)

- 1) It's time for our Fall Semester ... You are in for a treat! Give yourself 10 points if you prayed in advance for this meet.
- 2) We are going to dig into God's Word and boy that is sweet! Add 20 points if you read your Bible every day this past week.
- 3) Did you bring your Bible with you? Hold it up right now. It's the center of our Fellowship, so 20 points we'll allow.
- 4) If you invited a friend to our gathering, you'll receive 15 points more. And for each friend that actually came, add 25 to your score.
- 5) Is this the first time you have attended with us? "Well, how do you do?" "Welcome!" You may add 30 points because we want you to!
- 6) Were any of you late? You should take away 30 because you had to scurry. But you came and you are here so add that back in a hurry.
- 7) There are ladies all around you, so many have come. You can add 20 points if you introduced yourself to someone.
- 8) Add 5 points if you think that you are going to have fun, But if you don't think so, then you will get none.
- 9) Did you pack up your worries and bring them with you today? If so, that's 15 points you will have to take way.
- 10) If you helped prepare for this Fellowship, it matters not how. Give yourself 10 points and then take a bow.
- 11) Let's get down to business; our schedule is packed pretty full. Add 50 points if you are ready for God to bless your soul!



In need of a quick icebreaker to get your group warmed up?

**Supplies**: 2 candies or mints per person; mints (or other wrapped hard candies – avoid those that melt) in a bag(s) or bowl(s) for each group; printed list of questions **Participants needed:** Group of at least 6; multiple groups seated at separate tables will also work.

**Directions:** Have group (or groups) sit or stand in a circle within easy reach. Ask each participant to take 2 mints (you could increase this to 3 or 4, but they all need to take the same number). Tell them that you will be asking questions. If their answer to the question is "yes", they need to pass one piece of candy to the person on their **right**. The person with the greatest numbers of candies wins (bragging rights or a small prize). Let them eat their sweets when finished.

#### Questions:

- 1. Have you ever gone more than three days without taking a shower?
- 2. Do you make your bed every morning?
- 3. Do you usually return your library books on time?
- 4. Have you ever gotten sick after riding an amusement ride?
- 5. Have you ever worn something once and then taken it back?
- 6. Do you hide your own "treats"?
- 7. Do you get your nails done professionally?

- 8. Have you ever taken a mission trip?
- 9. Do you fold your underwear?
- 10. Do you cook only using recipes?
- 11. Do you have to have your coffee in the morning?
- 12. Are you up by 6 AM?
- 13. Do you ever tell phone solicitors you are not home?
- 14. Have you ever smuggled snacks or drinks into a movie theater?
- 15. Do you always put on make-up before leaving the house?
- 16. Have you ever re-gifted a present you received?
- 17. Do you shave your legs in the winter?
- 18. Do you squeeze your toothpaste in the middle?
- 19. Have you ever double-dipped at a party?
- 20. Do you think we should stop now and enjoy a piece of candy/mint?

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Note: Leaders are reporting Hershey Kisses and other wrapped chocolates do not melt when playing the game.

#### Questions:

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- 2. Do you make your bed every morning?
- 3. Do you usually return your library books on time?
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Icebreaker: Top 10 List

Group size: 4-6 people per group

Time needed: 15 minutes for the Top 5 version, 20 - 25 minutes for the Top 10 version

Supplies: one worksheet and pencil/pen per group

#### Instructions:

Before your event, decide which topic will be the focus of their top 10 or top 5 lists. Choose intentionally. Perhaps you want it to coincide with your topic for the night or you want groups to bond over their favorite coffee shops. Maybe you want to create a list of places where your women could serve.

Create groups of 4-6 people, ideally forming new groups for the game. An easy way to do this is to have 2-3 people from each table move one table over. This breaks up those dreaded cliques a bit.

Give each group a worksheet for recording their list and let them know how much time they have to complete the task. Encourage them to vote if they reach an impasse. Ask them to select one person from their group to share their list with everyone once their time is up.

If groups didn't have a chance to finish, ask them to share what they did get done. (It's about bonding, not about finishing the task.)

Notes: I encourage you not to get overly spiritual. Remember, not everyone in the room has the same background as you do. Assume you have women in the room who have very little, or no, Bible knowledge and/or church experience. (You can read about why I don't do Bible games here.) We don't want to embarrass anyone either so heed the Holy Spirit as you select your topic. Also keep in mind that not everyone in the room is likely married or has children (unless you're using this for a mom's group and even some of them may be separated or divorced). We also don't want these lists to become a guilt-trip. Focus on the positive things we can bond over.

#### Top 10 List ideas:

- 1. Best desserts
- 2. Ice cream flavors
- 3. Candy Bars
- 4. Movies of all time
- 5. Vacation Destinations
- 6. Dream Vacation Ideas
- 7. Chores We Love to Hate
- 8. Holidays
- 9. Fiction Books
- 10. Non-fiction Books
- 11. Songs We Love
- 12. Best Disney Movies
- 13. Board Games to Play
- 14. Best Chick-Flicks
- 15. Favorite Children's Books (from your childhood)
- 16. Easy Dinner Ideas
- 17. Favorite Blogs/Websites/Podcasts
- 18. Favorite Kitchen Tools
- 19. Time-saving Tips
- 20. Most Fulfilling Hobbies
- 21. Places to Grab Lunch in Your Town
- 22. Places to Go on a Date in Your Town
- 23. Places to Go Shopping for \_\_\_\_\_\_ in Your Town
- 24. Tourist Destinations in Our State (or within an hour's drive)
- 25. Local Places to Grab a Cup of Coffee or Tea
- 26. Ideas for Loving Our Neighbors
- 27. Ways to Encourage Other Women
- 28. Reading Your Bible Regularly
- 29. Making God a Priority in Your Life
- 30. Ideas for Ladies Nights Out for our Women's Ministry
- 31. Community Service Project Ideas
- 32. Things We Want to Learn
- 33. Excuses We Use to Procrastinate
- 34. Pieces of Advice We'd Give to Our Younger Selves
- 35. Words of Wisdom to Would Share with a Younger Woman

Icebreaker: Night at the Museum

Group size: 4-8 people per group, preferably seated at tables

Time needed: 20-30 minutes, depending on the size of the whole group

Supplies: one worksheet and pencil/pen per group, handheld microphone (unless the room is small)

#### Instructions:

Say to the group: Tonight, we're going to skip the awkward introductions and play a game that's going to allow you to discover unique and interesting information about everyone at your table. I've found that the things people collect and the items people treasure can tell you a lot about a person. For example, [insert a personal story about a unique or rare item that you or a friend owns and why it is special].

In just a moment, I'll be asking each of you to share about a rare or unique treasure you own that might be museum-worthy – whether that's the Smithsonian or Ripley's Believe it Or Not Museum – in our game called Night at the Museum.

Each table will receive one worksheet to complete. You'll find a list of categories to cover such as books, furniture, jewelry, collections, and family heirlooms. Your table does not have to fill in all of the blanks, BUT each person at the table must share one treasure with the group.

Once you're done sharing, select a spokesperson to share two of the treasures with the entire group.

You'll have about 8 minutes to complete your worksheet."

After 8 or so minutes (walk through the room - encourage them and check on them) once all of the groups are done, get their attention.

Ask the spokesperson to say their name and the names of the people whose items they are sharing (it will help build connections). Unless you're in a small room, you'll want to use a handheld microphone so everyone can hear what is shared.

Be sure to comment appropriately as the information is shared. (Confession: There was at least one thing shared that was creepy, and I said so! It was!)

#### Notes:

I was surprised by how competitive the game became! There were two things that several people in our group of about 100 ladies had in common – old Bibles and Christmas cacti. One woman had a Christmas cactus that was 75 years old! I had no idea this was a "thing!" Once the thread was discovered, I allowed groups to share more than there two things as they wanted to chime in and acknowledge how old the Bible or cactus in their group was too.

# Night at the Museum

What do you own that belongs in a museum because it is especially unique or obscure? Your group's task is to uncover who holds rare treasures in the categories listed below.

Note: Each group member MUST have at least one claim to fame.

Be prepared to share two highlights from your list with the group.

Category	Name	Brief Description
Music	Susan Jones	George Jones 8 Track Tape
Book		
Christmas Ornament		
Collection		
Family Heirloom		
Footwear		
Furniture		
Jewelry		
Kitchen Tool		
Plant		
Souvenir		
T-shirt		
Vehicle		

#### Either/Or Icebreaker Game

**Group size:** 4 or more

Time needed: 5-10 Minutes, depending on which version

**Supplies need:** Copy of the questions

Instructions: Please note suggested group sizes. Large groups can be divided into multiple small groups.

#### Version 1- Match Game (Any Size Group):

Divide your group into pairs. Give each participant one of the Match Game Either/Or Cards. There are 8 different cards – you'll want to make sure each member of the pair does not have the same card before starting. Instruct pairs to take turns reading their card to each other. Reader #1 continues down the list as long as their answers match. When the pair has different answers, Reader #2 begins reading through their list. Play continues alternating back and forth until the questions on both cards have been completed.

#### Version 2 – Round Robin (Small Groups 8-10):

Print and cut apart the Either/Or Questions and place them inside of a bag. Have the group sit in a circle. Pass the bag around the circle. Have each person draw a question and share their answer.

#### Version 3 – What would I say? (Small Groups 8 - 10)

Print, cut, and place the Either/Or Questions inside of a bag or bowl. Have each person draw a question and read it aloud. Have the group vote to decide which answer they think they'll choose and then have them reveal their answer to the group.

#### Version 4 - Why? (Groups 8 - 20)

Choose one Either/Or Question for the entire group to answer. Take turns having each group member share their answer as well as a reason why. NOTE: This could easily take more than 10 minutes if you have a chatty group – either keep it moving or plan accordingly.

#### Version 5 – Pick a Side (Any Size Group)

Place a long strip of painters tape along the floor (with space for your group to stand on each side). While group is still seated, explain that you're going to play a game that forces them to "Pick a Side". Their personal preference will determine which side of the line they'll stand on. For example, if they prefer tea they'll stand on the right side of the line and if they prefer coffee they'll stand on the left side of the line. Instruct the group to get up and stand on the line. Read through the choices one at a time, encouraging the group to quickly "Pick a Side" after both options are given. Remind them that they need to pick one — no standing in the middle! Choose no more than 20 Either/Or Questions from the list and stop while the group is still having fun.

#### Notes:

The Bible-themed Either/Or Questions: I only recommend you use the Bible-related questions with groups of committed believers such as your women's ministry team. You never want to embarrass a young believer or someone who has no church background. Even so you may need to help your group out — ex. Which one is Mary and which one is Martha? While applicable for any of the versions of play, asking "Why?" could generate some interesting insight and discussion.

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## **Master Lists**

**Activities** 

Book or Movie Bowling or Putt-Putt Cooking or Cleaning Dinner or Movie Dishes or Toilets Drive or Ride

Football or Basketball Laundry or Vacuuming Puzzles or Board Games

Run or Walk

Sewing or Scrapbooking

Shopping Online or At the Mail

Shower or Bath Sing or Dance

Biblical

Abraham or Moses
Faithfulness or Love
Fasting or Confession
Forgiveness or Obedience
Genesis or Revelation
Hymns or Contemporary
Mary or Martha
Mercy Me or Chris Tomlin
Old Testament or New Testament
Patience or Kindness
Peace or Joy

The Passion of Christ or The Ten

Commandments

Prayer or Worship

Psalms or Proverbs

Clothing

2 piece or 1 piece Barefoot or shoes Boots or Sandals Bracelet or Necklace Classic or Trendy Flats or High Heels Jacket or Sweater Neutrals or Brights Skirt or Shorts

Yoga Pants or Jeans

Entertainment

Batman or Superman Christian or Country (Music) Cinderella or Wonder Woman Comedy or Romance Facebook or Twitter Karaoke or Ballet Mystery or History Reality TV or Game Show Rock Concert or Opera

Food

Apple or Pecan (pie)
Breakfast or Dinner
Chocolate or Vanilla
Fruits or Vegetables
Hamburger or Hotdog
Italian or Chinese (food)
Popcorn or Candy
Potato Chips or Fries
Pumpkin or Peppermint
Soft or Crunchy (Cookies)
Soup or Sandwich
Spicy or Mild
Store-bought or Homemade
Sweet or Salty
Takeout or Eat In

Tea or Coffee

Lifestyle

Android or iPhone
Antique or Brand-new
Cable or Streaming
Calling or Texting
Cat or Dog

Cell phone or Landline

Cold or Hot

Credit Card or Cash Fall or Spring

Hang with Friends or Stay Home

Noise or Silence Pen or Pencil Rain or Snow Sitting or Standing Staples or Paperclips Summer or Winter Sunrise or Sunset

Travel

Alaska or Hawaii
Beach or Mountains
Camping or Hotel
Car Windows Up or Down
City or Countryside
Disney World or Universal
Family Reunion or Work
Conference
New York City or San Francisco
Ocean or Swimming Pool
Restaurant Chain or Local Dive
Riding or Flying
Staycation or Vacation
Zoo or Museum

## Either/Or Questions

Book or Movie	Android or iPhone	
Bowling or Putt-Putt	Antique or Brand-new	
Cooking or Cleaning	Cable or Streaming	
Dinner or Movie	Calling or Texting	
Dishes or Toilets	Cat or Dog	
Drive or Ride	Cell phone or Landline	
Football or Basketball	Cold or Hot	
Laundry or Vacuuming	Credit Card or Cash	
Puzzles or Board Games	Fall or Spring	
Run or Walk	Hang with Friends or Stay Home	
Sewing or Scrapbooking	Noise or Silence	
Shopping Online or At the Mall	Pen or Pencil	
Shower or Bath	Rain or Snow	
Sing or Dance	Sitting or Standing	
Staples or Paperclips	Chocolate or Vanilla	

Summer or Winter	Fruits or Vegetables
Sunrise or Sunset	Hamburger or Hotdog
Batman or Superman	Italian or Chinese (food)
Christian or Country (Music)	Popcorn or Candy
Cinderella or Wonder Woman	Potato Chips or Fries
Comedy or Romance	Pumpkin or Peppermint
Facebook or Twitter	Soft or Crunchy (Cookies)
Reality TV or Game Show	Soup or Sandwich
Rock Concert or Opera	Spicy or Mild
Batman or Superman	Store-bought or Homemade
Christian or Country (Music)	Sweet or Salty
Apple or Pecan (pie)	Takeout or Eat In
Breakfast or Dinner	Tea or Coffee
Alaska or Hawaii	Zoo or Museum
Beach or Mountains	2 piece or 1 piece
Camping or Hotel	Barefoot or shoes

Car Windows Up or Down	Boots or Sandals
City or Countryside	Bracelet or Necklace
Disney World or Universal	Classic or Trendy
Family Reunion or Work Conference	Flats or High heels
New York City or San Francisco	Jacket or Sweater
Ocean or Swimming Pool	Neutrals or Brights
Restaurant Chain or Local Dive	Skirt or Shorts
Riding or Flying	Yoga Pants or Jeans
Staycation or Vacation	Mystery or History
Karaoke or Ballet	

## Bible-Themed Either/Or Questions

Abraham or Moses	Mercy Me or Chris Tomlin
Faithfulness or Love	Old Testament or New Testament
Fasting or Confession	Patience or Kindness
Forgiveness or Obedience	Peace or Joy
Genesis or Revelation	Prayer or Worship
Hymns or Contemporary	Psalms or Proverbs
Mary or Martha	The Passion of Christ or The Ten Commandments

## Card A

Either/Or Match Game

Answers match? Keep reading! If they don't, switch lists.

Book or Movie
Bowling or Putt-Putt
Barefoot or Shoes
Batman or Superman
Christian or Country (Music)
Apple or Pecan (Pie)
Breakfast or Dinner
Android or iPhone
Antique or Brand-new
Alaska or Hawaii

## Card B

Either/Or Match Game

Answers match? Keep reading! If they don't, switch lists.

Cooking or Cleaning
Dinner or Movie
Boots or Sandals
Bracelet or Necklace
Cinderella or Wonder Woman
Chocolate or Vanilla
Fruits or Vegetables
Cable or Streaming
Calling or Texting
Car Windows Up or Down

## Card C

Either/Or Match Game

Answers match? Keep reading!

If they don't, switch lists.

Drive or Ride
Football or Basketball
Classic or Trendy
Flats or High Heels
Comedy or Romance
Hamburger or Hotdog
Cold or Hot
Credit Card or Cash
City or Countryside
Disney World or Universal

## Card D

Either/Or Match Game

Answers match? Keep reading!

If they don't, switch lists.

Laundry or Vacuuming
Neutrals or Brights
Facebook or Twitter
Popcorn or Candy
Potato Chips or Fries
Fall or Spring
Hang with Friends or Stay Home
Noise or Silence
Family Reunion or Work Conference
New York City or San Francisco

## Card E

Either/Or Match Game

Answers match? Keep reading! If they don't, switch lists.

Run or Walk
Sewing or Scrapbooking
Skirt or Shorts
Reality TV or Game Show
Pumpkin or Peppermint
Soft or Crunchy (Cookies)
Pen or Pencil
Rain or Snow
Sitting or Standing
Ocean or Swimming Pool

## Card F

Either/Or Match Game

Answers match? Keep reading! If they don't, switch lists.

2 Piece or 1 Piece
Beach or Mountains
Cat or Dog
Camping or Hotel
Italian or Chinese (Food)
Cell Phone or Landline
Puzzles or Board Games
Jacket or Sweater
Restaurant Chain or Local Dive
Soup or Sandwich

## Card G

Either/Or Match Game

Answers match? Keep reading! If they don't, switch lists.

Shopping Online or At the Mall
Skirt or Shorts
Rock Concert or Opera
Spicy or Mild
Store-bought or Homemade
Staples or Paperclips
Summer or Winter
Sitting or Standing
Riding or Flying
Shower or Bath

## Card H

Either/Or Match Game

Answers match? Keep reading! If they don't, switch lists.

Yoga Pants or Jeans
Sweet or Salty
Take Out or Eat In
Tea or Coffee
Sunrise or Sunset
Staycation or Vacation
Zoo or Museum
Peace or Joy
Mystery or History
Karaoke or Ballet

# A Few of My Favorite Things

My favorite color\_

My favorite salty snack\_

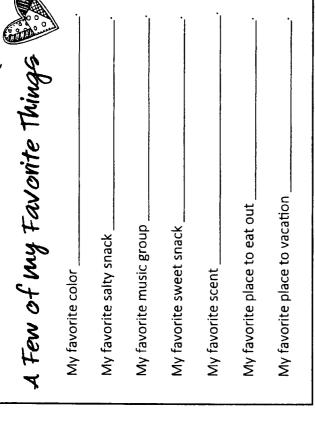
My favorite music group

My favorite sweet snack

My favorite scent\_

My favorite place to eat out

My favorite place to vacation



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## **High School Memories Bingo**

Group size: 20 or more

Time needed: 10 minutes (1 row); 20 minutes (whole card) see notes below

Supplies need:

One copy of the bingo card for each person One pen or pencil per person Small prize for winner

### Instructions:

- 1. Distribute cards and pens to everyone in attendance.
- 2. Say: Tonight we're going to take a walk down memory lane all the way back to your glorious (or not so glorious) high school years. Who remembers what their school mascot was? Who loved English? Who married their high school sweetheart? You're going to find out the answers to those questions and more as we play our game tonight.
  - Your task for the next several minutes is to search the room for women who match the situations listed on your bingo card. When you find a match, ask them to put their signature in that box. Search carefully though, as you can only have each woman sign ONE box. And search quickly as the first one to fill the entire card wins a prize. Let us know your card is full by shouting "Bingo!" Grab your pens and you may start NOW!
- 3. Optional wrap-up ideas Read through the items and activities listed on each square and have the women stand if it describes them OR see who can remember and sing their high school fight song.

### Notes:

- If your group is smaller (40 20 women) have them collect 2 signatures per person.
- For a shorter game (and less mingling) have them just fill one straight row down, across, or diagonal.
- Consider giving a cute notebook with a scripture verse on it or another "school-themed" prize to the winner.

# High School Memories



В	I	n	6	0
Played an Instrument	Purchased their Lunch in the Cafeteria	Rode the Bus to School	Favorite Subject Was Math	Sang in the Chorus
Played on the Basketball or Sower Team	went to Their Senior Prom	Had to Wear a PE Uniform	went to a Christian School	Served as Club Officer
Member of the Newspaper or Yearbook Staff	Married Their High School Sweetheart	Graduated in Another State	Attended all the Home Football Games	Favorite Subject Was English
Performed in a Play or Musical	Member of the Cheer or Dance Squad	Graduation was Held Outdoors	Took a Home Economics or Shop Class	walked to School
Remembers the School Fight Song	Attended More Than One High School	School Mascot was <u>not</u> an Animal	Brought a Sack Lunch Everyday	Took a Foreign Language Other Than Spanish

I'm always amazed at what seemingly random questions will reveal about a person. Who knew Linda always wanted to travel to Thailand!? Who would have guessed that Miss Bettie as a secret longing for a red convertible!? Discover something new about the women in your church.

Just print the question cards out (link below) and you'll be ready to go!

Game: IF

Group size: 4 - 8 people per group

Time needed: 15 minutes

**Supplies: Printable IF Game Cards** 

Instructions: Print and cut the game cards. Place the cards in a stack in the center of the circle/table. Going around the circle, have each person draw one card and answer it. Play is completed when everyone has drawn one card and answered once.

Notes: Consider putting one card at each person's chair/space before your meeting/group/event begins. Most will appreciate having some time to think about their response (though you run the risk of missing out on spontaneous answers). Print the cards on colored paper or cardstock so the questions can't be seen. You may want to laminate the cards for repeated use. If time permits have everyone draw additional cards.

If you could re-live any day in your life, what would you choose?	If you could live in any period of history, when would it be?		
If you won \$10,000, what would you spend it on?	If you could have any talent/gift, what would you choose?		
If you could watch your favorite movie right now, what would it be?	If you could spend an entire day any way you wanted to, what would you do?		
If you could talk to anyone in the world (living or dead), who would it be?	If you could opt out of any chore/job for the rest of your life, what would it be?		
If you could trade places with any person (living or dead), who would you be?	If you could have anything you want for dinner tonight, what would it be?		

If you could guest star on any TV show, what show would you choose?		If Jesus joined you for breakfast, what would you talk about?
	If you could have any job in the world, what would you choose?	If money were no object, what one thing would you want to buy?
	If you could create a new national holiday, what would it be?	If you could add an 11 <sup>th</sup> Commandment, what would it be?
	If you could spend the day with anyone from the Bible, who would you chose?	If you could take a mission trip anywhere in the world, where would you chose to go?
	If you could have any one prayer answered, what would it be?	If all your fears were removed, what is something you'd like to do?

Icebreaker: Marooned

Group size: 8+; divided into groups of 4-6.

Time needed: 15 minutes

Supplies: Piece of paper and pen for each group

**Instructions:** 

Decide in advance how you to want to divide your ladies into groups. (See Creative Uses for Name Tags for ideas.) I've found it's best to give the directions first and then let them gather into groups as it's hard to get their attention back.

Say "Ladies, imagine that you and your group members have been marooned on an island. Your group needs to decide AND agree upon 5 items that you would have brought with if you knew there was a chance that you might be stranded. You'll have 5 minutes to decide what your team's 5 items will be. Please record them on the paper provided. At the end of the 5 minutes we'll share our answers."

Notes: Feel free to increase the number of items to 6 or 7 if time allows. Most groups will use one spot for their Bible – you could request their list be in addition to a Bible. Make it clear that they must all agree on an item before it goes on the list – debating is part of the fun!

Our group had a lot of fun with this one! It was interesting to hear them debating about whether or not to bring a cellphone – one commented that they probably wouldn't get a signal and another pointed out that a cord to recharge it would be useless.

The most memorable response so far: a cabana boy! LOL

Roll and Poll is a great icebreaker game for small and large groups! It's never the same game twice!

Three different versions of Roll and Poll offer a choice of fun or spiritual questions.

Participants answer questions like:

- If you could rid the world of one thing, what would it be?
- hat aspect of your daily routine do you look forward to the most?
- If you could add a new room to your house, what would it be?
- What is your favorite Bible verse?

You'll find a complete list of questions of each of the three different versions at the bottom of the post.

ICEBREAKER: ROLL & POLL

Group size: Groups of 4-8 Time needed: 10 minutes

Supplies: One dice and one playing card per group. Three versions are available for you to print out for free. Choose from Roll and poll version1, Roll and poll version 2, and roll and poll bible version. (Click on links to open PDF files.)

Instructions: Gather a couple of volunteers to distribute one playing card and one dice per group/table. Say: Tonight we've got a quick and fun icebreaker to play. Each woman will need to take a turn rolling the dice and answering the corresponding question. You'll have 10 minutes to for your group to complete the game.

## Notes:

If time, have everyone roll two twice. Packs of regular (and sometimes giant foam) dice can usually be found at the Dollar Store.

Laminate the cards for repeated use – it's a different game every time. Pick the version that best suits your audience. I do not recommend you use the Bible version in any group that may have guests and/or new Christians. (You may want to read my post on Why I Don't Do Bible Games.) Instead use the Bible version for your leadership team meetings.

Questions in version 1 include: If you could rid the world of one thing, what would it be? What is something you have that is of sentimental value? If you had one extra hour of free time a day, how would you use it? What one thing (modern convenience) could you not live without? If you could add a new room to your house, what would it be? If you could have any view in the world visible from your bed, what would it be?

Questions in version 2 include: What is the weirdest food you have ever eaten? What was the last song on your playlist (or what CD is in your CD player)? If you joined the circus, what act would you most want to perform? What aspect of your daily routine do you look forward to the most? What is your favorite

day of the year? What do you keep in your wallet besides money, cards, and photos?

Questions in the Bible version include: What is your favorite Bible verse? What person from the Bible would you most like to meet and why? If you could insert yourself into any story of the Bible, what would you choose? What is one book of the Bible you would like to learn more about? Which person from the Bible do you most admire and why? What is your favorite book of the Bible?



# Roll & Poll

Answer the question that corresponds with the number you roll.

If you could rid the world of one thing, what would it be?	What is something you have that is of sentimental value?	What one thing (modern convenience) could you not live without?	If you had one extra hour of free time a day, how would you use it?	If you could add a new room to your house, what would it be?	If you could have any view in the world visible from your bed, what would it be?
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3	What one thing (modern convenience) could you not live without?
þ	If you had one extra hour of free time a day, how would you use it?
}	If you could add a new room to your house, what would it be?
9	If you could have any view in the world visible from your bed, what would it be?
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## SHARE - A Bingo-Style Icebreaker

Group size: 15 or more

Time needed: 10 minutes (1 row); 20 minutes (whole card)

Supplies need:

One copy of the bingo card for each person One pen or pencil per person Small prize for winner (if desired)

## Instructions:

1. Distribute cards and pens to everyone in attendance.

2. Say: Today (tonight) we're going to share some interesting facts about ourselves with each other. Your task for the next several minutes is to search the room for women who match the descriptions listed on your bingo card. When you find a match, ask them to put their signature in that box. Search carefully though, as you can only have each woman sign ONE box. And search quickly as the first one to fill the entire card wins a prize. Let us know your card is full by shouting "SHARE!" Grab your pens and you may start NOW!

## Notes:

If your group is smaller (30 - 15 women) have them collect 2 signatures per person.

For a shorter game (and less mingling) have them just fill one straight row – down, across, or diagonal.

After the game consider reading through the descriptions on each square and have the women stand (or raise their hand - if mobility is an issue for anyone in your group) if it describes them.

At the end keep the sharing going by asking specific questions to the group: Who has eaten something exotic? What was it? Who likes to play cards? What card games do you play?

Use this game as an intro for someone in your group to share a testimony of what God is doing in their life. I.E. "Now that we've had the opportunity to share with one another, I want to invite Stacey to come forward to share about God has been doing in her life this past year."

May God bless your women as they share with one another!

S	H	A	Ro	E
Prefers Tea Over Coffee	Has Ridden on a Train	Knows how to Knit or Crochet	Traveled out of the Country in the Last Year	Always Paints Her Toenails
Love to Give Gifts	Has Eaten Something Exotic	Always Arrives Early	Loves to Explore Cemeteries	Was in the School Marching Band or Orchestra
Can Sew on a Button	Sings in the Shower	Enjoys Scary Movies	Has a Pet that's Not a Dog or Cat	Collects Something Unique
Has Participated in a 5K/Race	Clips Coupons	Has Moved More than 5 Times	Can Cook Without a Recipe	Has a Hidden (or not well- known) Talent
Enjoys Playing Cards	Favorite Holiday is Not Christmas	Prefers the Mountains over the Beach	Has Taken Dancing Lessons	Prefers Vanilla Ice Cream

Take Flight Icebreaker

Group size: 10 or more (but probably not more than 60)

Time needed: 20 minutes

Supplies: Blank piece of paper and pen/pencil for each person OR use the

Take Flight Icebreaker worksheet below

Instructions: Distribute a piece of paper and writing utensil to each person.

Ask them to write:

1. Their first and last name at the top of the paper.

2. One thing they like and one thing they dislike. "I like \_\_\_\_." "I dislike \_\_\_." Or print out this one: Take Flight Icebreaker worksheet

Once everyone has finished writing have them take their paper and fold it into a paper airplane. (*Ignore any grumblings.*) Once everyone is ready, let them know they'll have 30 seconds to fly the airplanes around the room. They do not need to follow their airplane, but just pick up any plane that has landed nearby and let it take flight. Launching and re-launching airplanes until time runs out.

At the end of the 30 seconds (or more) have each person pick up the closest airplane and return to their seat. One at a time, have each person stand up, unfold, and read what was written on the plane they are holding. As each person's name is called have them stand as their response is read. The person whose plane was read then reads the plane they picked up and so on until everyone's plane has been read.

Notes: This is a great icebreaker to use to get your group up and moving (though even those with limited mobility can participate). Resist the urge to comment on every sheet that is read. Chances are your group will comment anyway – that is part of the fun! (How can you not like chocolate?!) This is a great icebreaker to pull out spur of the moment since you need so few supplies. If using this with Youth, consider giving them time to decorate their airplanes (5 minutes with some markers).

Name:

I like \_\_\_\_\_\_.

I dislike \_\_\_\_\_.

Game: What's on ur phone?

Group size: 6+

Time needed: 10-20 minutes

Supplies: One "What's on ur phone?" sheet per person or per team; pencils/pens; one personal smart phone per person or team (see notes).

Instructions: Print out copies of "What's on ur phone?"

What's on ur phone? (Click to open free PDF file)

Tell your group that you'll be going "high tech' with today's game. Each person/team will have to quickly search their smart phone for a wide variety of photos. Apps, texts, and more. For each item that fits the category listed you'll get one point. The person/team with the most points will be crowned the winner(s). Distribute the worksheet face-down. Give the group the time limit (somewhere between 5-10 minutes depending on your schedule). On "go" give everyone 5-10 minutes to record their points.

Winner: When time is up have everyone tally up their points and give the winner(s) a small prize or let them choose something from your Door Prize Basket.

Notes: Before playing you'll need to figure out if everyone in your group has a smart phone. If not, then you'll need to play this game in teams. For smaller groups you could play in teams of 2. For larger groups, have them work together in groups of 4 or less.

You want them to rush – some will be savvy and will look over the worksheet realizing that the time given will not be enough time to complete it all. You can clue them in that they may want to look over the sheet and be strategic about which items they search for first.

This is a great game to play when you want to engage multiple generations. Many of your older women may not have a smart phone and will want to partner with the younger and more tech-savvy women in the room.

# What's on ur phone?

Give yourself 1 point for each item found on your phone.

Contacts	Texts (Sent or Received)
Starts With the Letter "0"	Bible Verse
Every School	Grocery List
Each Doctor Listed	Directions
Restaurant	Gibberish
<u>Photos</u>	<u>Apps</u>
Meal You Ate	Games
Wedding	Social Media
Selfie	Weather
Rainbow	Bible
Flower	Shopping
Animal That is Not a Dog/Cat	Music
Songs (On Your Phone's Playlist)	Other
	<u>Other</u>
From a Musical	Alarm Set
From the 80's	Screenshot of a Recipe
Classical	
Starts with the Letter "L"	

BONUS: What is the most random thing on your phone? (The group will vote and one person will receive 25 bonus points.)

Game: Vehicle Scavenger Hunt

**Group Size**: 9+ (divide into groups of 3-5)

Time Needed: 15-20 minutes

**Supplies:** One copy of the Vehicle Scavenger Hunt per team; pen/ pencil for each team; timer; optional-clipboards for writing on; optional – prizes.

## Instructions:

Divide the women into groups of 3-5. Once divided explain that they are going to be going on a scavenger hunt. They must choose one team member's vehicle to search for the items on the list.

Encourage them to choose the one group member whose vehicle will yield the most treasures!

Say: Once all teams have received their list (placed upside down, no peeking) and I say "GO!" you may flip your paper and hurry out to the parking lot. The team with the most points will be declared the winners. You will have 10 minutes to search, however this is also a race — 1st team to return back earns 30 points, 2nd team earns 20 points and 3rd team earns 10 points.

Have each team add up their points upon returning and congratulate the first, second, and third place teams.

## **VEHICLE SCAVENGER HUNT**



Choose the one group member whose vehicle will yield the most treasures!

On "GO" your team will head outside to that vehicle to begin tallying the treasures. The team with the most points will be declared the winners.

Note: This is also a race  $-1^{st}$  team to return back earns 30 points,  $2^{nd}$  team earns 20 points and 3rd team earns 10 points. Happy Hunting!

		Team #
25 Points per item:		
Travel Mug	Bible Study Lesson/Book	Bible
Band Aid	Church Bulletin	Jumper Cables
20 Points per item:		
Water bottle	Sun Shade Screen	Granola/Energy Bar
Cooler	Sucker	Coupon
15 Points per item:		
Glasses	Pack of Chewing Gum	Mints
Kleenex Box	Fork/Spoon	Catsup Packet
10 Points per item:		
Receipt	Christian CD	Тоу
Library Books	Reusable Grocery Bag	Pen
Total Points:	_	

Winner: Has the most points.

Game: Would She Rather

To play this icebreaker game, you'll need to print out a worksheet for every group or team member. See attached forms.

First, they'll answer the questions about themselves; then, they'll need to answer the questions for each group or team member. (You could write the names of each member on the sheet before making copies.)

If you're feeling especially competitive, you could award one point for every correct answer with bragging rights or a small prize for the group member that was able to make the most accurate number of guesses.

Go around the table or circle and ask each woman to share their answers. Your group may discover new things about each other that will lead to more in-depth conversations later.

I've created two different versions, one is general, with just-forfun type questions. The second focuses on spiritual questions.

Would she rather? General Questions

- 1. Cook or Clean
- 2. Drink Coffee or Tea
- 3. Chocolate or Vanilla
- 4. Beach or Mountain Vacation

- 5. Breakfast for Dinner or Dinner for Breakfast
- 6. Go to the Mall or Shop Online
- 7. Go for a Run or Take a Bike Ride
- 8. Stay up Late or Go to Bed Early
- 9. Make a List or Wing It
- 10. Watch a Comedy or Mystery

## Would she rather? Spiritual Questions

- 1. Lead a Bible Study or Lead a Prayer
- 2. Hear Jesus' Sermon or See Jesus' Miracles
- 3. Read the Bible in a Year or Memorize 30 Bible Verses
- 4. Study the Bible by Topic or By Book
- 5. Mary or Martha
- 6. Old Testament or New Testament
- 7. Contemporary or Traditional Worship Songs
- 8. Serve Your Neighbor or Serve on the Mission Field
- 9. Easter or Christmas
- 10. Share Your Testimony or Invite a Friend to Church

Those spiritual questions could be intimidating to women who are new to the faith, so please save that worksheet for a group of more seasoned believers. We don't want anyone to feel like they are failing in their spiritual walk!

You may also want to remind them which one is Martha (worker bee) and which is Mary (sitting at Jesus' feet), in case they confuse the two as I did for years.

Some of your women are going to struggle to select just one answer, encourage them to do it anyway. Remind them that there are no wrong answers. We are just curious which they prefer if they had to choose one.

Remember, the purpose of icebreaker games is to grow relationships. We're inviting women to make connections by sharing information about themselves.



# Would she rather?



How well do you know your group members and how well do they know you?

Would	rather?
Circle one.	
Cook	Clean
Coffee	Tea
Coffee	Vanilla
Beach Vacation	Mountain Vacation
Breakfast for Dinner	Dinner for Breakfast
Go to the Mall	Shop Online
Go for a Run	Take a Bike Ride
Stay Up Late	Go to Bed Early
Make a List	Wing It
Watch a Comedy	Watch a Mystery

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# Would she rather?



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Would	rather?
Circle one.	
Lead a Bible Study	Lead a Prayer
Hear Jesus' Sermons	See Jesus' Miracles
Read the Bible in a Year	Memorize 30 Bible Verses
Study a Book of the Bible	Study by Topic
Mary	Martha
Old Testament	New Testament
Contemporary Songs	Traditional Worship Songs
Serve Your Neighbor	Serve on the Mission Field
Christmas	Easter
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response. Either way, give them time to think by answering the question yourself first and then ask for a volunteer to go next.

Options on how to use these questions: Can write questions on strips of papers and placed them inside a bag and have them pick a question. Can also use a large Spin the Wheel spinner! Ikea sells a "Spin the Wheel". Another option is a soccer ball and write questions on it or rocks/stones/wooden hearts or objects with questions on it. You can explore many ideas on how to use the questions in a creative way. Many endless ideas on how to use the questions.

## 31 Great Icebreaker Questions for Introductions

- 1. If money were no object, what would you do with your life?
- 2. What's one of your pet peeves?
- 3. If you could host a talk show, who would be your first guest?
- 4. What are you most passionate about?
- 5. What is your favorite thing to spend money on?
- 6. What is your favorite color and how does that color make you feel?
- 7. Which household chore do you dread the most?
- 8. What's your favorite time of day and why?
- 9. What's one of your favorite movies and which character in the movie is most like you?
- 10. What are three of your favorite foods?
- 11. What is your favorite outdoor activity?
- 12. If finances and time were not an object, what hobby would you adopt and why?
- 13. What is a favorite memory you have from high school?
- 14. What was your favorite class in school and why?
- 15. Share one thing that you love to do that you get to do nearly every day.
- 16. What is one important skill every person should master?
- 17. What is your favorite local restaurant and the meal you most enjoy eating when there?

- 18. If you could live in any sitcom, which one would it be?
- 19. How would you spend 1 million dollars?
- 20. Name two things you consider yourself to be very good at.
- 21. What's the best dessert you've ever had?
- 22. What are your three favorite smells?
- 23. If you were in the Miss America talent competition, what would your talent be?
- 24. If you had one extra hour of free time a day, how would you use it?
- 25. When was the last time you did something for the first time? What was it?
- 26. If you could be anywhere, doing anything right now, where would you be and what would you be doing?
- 27. If you joined the circus, what act would you most want to perform?
- 28. What aspect of your daily routine do you look forward to the most?
- 29. What is your favorite day of the year?
- 30. What is something you have that is of sentimental value?
- 31. What one thing (modern convenience) could you not live without?

As your group shares seemingly random information with each other, you'll be amazed at the conversations it spurs and the connection points that are uncovered.

<u>"Meet Your Match"</u> gently draws women out of their regular circle of friends by encouraging them to uncover matching experiences and interests with others in the room.

Think – instant conversation starters!

Game: Meet Your Match

Group size: 10+; great for really large groups.

Time needed: 15-20 minutes

Supplies: One "Meet Your Match" game board per person; pen/pencil

per person.

**Instructions:** Explain to the group that the **goal of this game** is to **uncover matching interests and experiences** with others in the room.

Say, "On go, your task will be to seek out matches for each category listed on your game board. Your match must sign your game card and write the matching answer. For example, if you both enjoy strawberry ice cream, have them sign and write strawberry in that box. You may have several matches with just one person; however you may only collect 2 signatures before you must move on and find a new match. Fill as many squares on your board as you can before time is called." When you feel most people have finished call the game to an end. If time allows you could ask a few people to share one of their matches.

Winner: There is no "winner" or prizes handed out for this game.

Notes: Ideally, everyone is a winner because they've made a new connection. There is no set time limit or stopping when the first one is finished because you want everyone to connect as much as possible. Encourage them to make as many unique matches as possible. You could even ask if anyone has 8 unique matches. If time allows, have a few people share one of their matches and ask others with the same answer to stand up too – revealing more common connections with those in the room.

**Supplies:** 4Cs free printable; pens/pencils; game option 1 will require additional scraps of paper to write down guesses.

**Instructions:** Distribute 4 C's cards to each person. Give them a few minutes to fill it out their 4 C's (favorite color, favorite cuisine, country they want to visit, and closet dream).

Play one of three ways:

- 1. The cards are shuffled and redistributed. Each person then reads aloud the card they picked up to the group. Each person guesses in writing who wrote it. The "winner" is the one who guesses the most correct responses.
- 2. Cards are placed in a bag and the group guesses the owner as each card is read aloud.
- 3. Have each person read their answers aloud to the group. More of a sharing time than a game.

**Notes:** Versions 1 and 2 work best when the group members are somewhat acquainted with each other. Version 3 is best for groups in which many have not met or have had very little interaction with one another. The word "cuisine" often throws a few people in the group. You'll want to give them some examples — Mexican, Italian, Japanese, Thai, American food, etc.

This Four Corners Icebreaker is one of my favorite icebreaker games to play.

It gets people moving, mixing, and mingling!
It's also an easy game to play on the spur of the moment.

Icebreaker: Four Corners

**Group size:** 6 or more (especially fun with large groups)

Time needed: 10-15 minutes or so

**Supplies:** Four signs for your 4 corners (labeled 1, 2, 3, 4); tape to hang signs; list of categories; a microphone or very loud voice. *You will need enough room for the group to move around.* 

Instructions: Hang the signs in each corner. Be sure the numbers are LARGE and easy to see. Say: Tonight we're going to discover just how much you have in common with the other women in our group. I'll read a list of items and you'll need to move to the corner which best describes you. Though you may not move every time, you must pick a corner – no standing in the middle. First up, let's see what your favorite beverage is: corner 1 – soda, 2 – water, 3 – tea, 4 – coffee. 1 – soda, 2 – water, 3 – tea, 4 – coffee (you'll need to repeat them at least once). Choose another list and go thru as many as you wish or as time allows.

## **Categories List:**

Favorite beverage: soda, water, tea, coffee

Preferred sweet treats: cake, pie, candy, cookies

Music preference: country, rock n' roll, Christian, "oldies"

Which type of movie do you prefer: comedy, romance, drama, action If you were going to watch a sport: football, baseball, basketball, soccer

Your choice if pampered: manicure, pedicure, haircut, massage If we were having ice cream: chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, cookies and cream

What's your favorite cuisine: Mexican, Italian, Chinese, American Dreaded household chore: ironing, bathrooms, dishes, laundry If you were to get flowers: roses, daisies, tulips, wildflowers

Favorite season: summer, fall, winter, spring

Favorite holiday: Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, your birthday

Favorite color: red, pink, blue, green

Dream vacation: Hawaii, Europe, Australia, Caribbean

If you could be a superhero: Wonderwoman, Spiderman, Batman,

Superman

If you had the day to yourself: sleep, watch chick-flicks, shop, read. Would like to try: skydiving, surf boarding, bungee jumping, zip lining.

Favorite fastfood: Chick-fil-A, Zaxbys, Wendys, McDonalds

**Notes:** I purposefully did not list any "churchy" categories, expecting that in most situations you will have unchurched/new Christians that would feel uncomfortable. However, with your Women's Ministry Team, etc. you may want to throw in things like favorite hymn (Amazing Grace, Just As I Am, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, How Great Thou Art) or favorite woman in the Bible (Mary, Martha, Ruth, Rahab).

## **Printable Isolation Icebreaker Questions**

If you'd like to share this list with others, please send them the link to the original post – www.womensministrytoolbox.com/isolation-icebreaker-questions. Thank you!

These isolation icebreakers can:

- Help fill the time as you wait for everyone to arrive in your online meeting room.
- Give you a sense of how your people are doing.
- Prompt your group to share experiences and resources that encourage connection, reflection, and support.

There's no need to create fancy icebreaker graphics; just ask the question.

## 70 Isolation Icebreaker Questions

- 1. What are you reading?
- 2. Share a link to a podcast episode you recommend.
- 3. What will you be fixing for supper tonight?
- 4. What's one item you wish you had stocked up on at the store?
- 5. Share a stuck-at-home survival tip.
- 6. What verse or scripture passage is God using to give you comfort right now?
- 7. How have you seen God at work this week?
- 8. What's one thing you're doing to combat cabin fever?
- 9. What's the status of your fridge and pantry?
- 10. What TV shows have you been binge-watching?
- 11. What's your best work-at-home tip?
- 12. What's your best newbie home-schooling tip?
- 13. Share a creative pantry meal or snack idea.
- 14. What's your go-to survival snack?
- 15. What has surprised you most about your quarantine experience?
- 16. What's one thing you can't wait to experience once the exposure risk has passed?
- 17. What will you not take for granted when we get back to regular life?
- 18. What is something you were able to enjoy that you didn't think you would?
- 19. What are some creative ways you're passing the time?
- 20. What's one meal you look forward to sending into official retirement?
- 21. What new hobbies are you exploring?
- 22. What's something new you've discovered about a family member or friend?
- 23. What's been one of the hardest things about forced isolation?
- 24. What's something you appreciate now that you didn't before?
- 25. I'm thankful I've spent more time \_\_\_\_\_\_.26. I hope I never forget \_\_\_\_\_.
- 27. I look forward to \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 28. I'm really tired of
- 29. How has this experience strengthened your faith?
- 30. How are you serving others from a distance?
- 31. How are you encouraging others from a distance?

- 32. What's something new you've experienced?
- 33. What's your favorite board game?
- 34. How have you been sleeping?
- 35. What's keeping you up at night?
- 36. What's something new you've tried recently?
- 37. What home projects are you tackling?
- 38. How are you documenting your experience?
- 39. How has your prayer life changed?
- 40. What do you miss most about attending church?
- 41. Which church activity or event do you miss the most?
- 42. How are you staying connected to friends and family?
- 43. Share a tip for overcoming anxious thoughts.
- 44. Share a tip for dealing with depression.
- 45. Share a tip for encouraging family harmony.
- 46. Share your best distance learning (online school) tip.
- 47. Share a tip for exercising at home.
- 48. What's something you've learned to DIY during the quarantine?
- 49. How has your faith grown during the quarantine?
- 50. Describe your day using emojis.
- 51. Share a free online resource you love right now.
- 52. What worship song gives you comfort right now?
- 53. My day is better when \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 54. Share an idea for blessing or connection with your neighbors.
- 55. Share a scripture verse that gives you peace.
- 56. What are you thankful for?
- 57. What's one of your favorite family-friendly movies?
- 58. Share a link to an easy craft idea.
- 59. Share a link to a helpful stuck-at-home resource you've found.
- 60. Share a link to a podcast episode or blog post that has been an encouragement to you recently.
- 61. What creative solutions or substitutions have you discovered?
- 62. What did you learn from the online sermon today?
- 63. What do you find challenging about watching church services online?
- 64. What home projects are you tackling right now?
- 65. What projects are you tackling around your home?
- 66. Share a photo of your home office.
- 67. What have you found to be the hardest time of day while you're stuck at home?
- 68. Give us a reason to laugh today. Share a funny link or meme.
- 69. What is something new you've tried this week?
- 70. What's something fun you're doing to keep everyone's spirits up?

# **Pandemic Pivots Icebreaker Game**

Group size: 6 or more

Time needed: 10-15 minutes

Supplies: Printed copy of the questions

## Instructions:

Say to your group, "We would all agree that we've had some interesting experiences this past year. As our country was forced to lock-down, we all learned to pivot. Tonight we're going to highlight some of those shared experiences. If you can answer yes to my question, please stand (or raise your hand). Take a quick look around the room to see who else had a similar experience."

# **Notes:**

You'll want to read through the list slowly enough that they can see who else is standing, but also at a pace that they don't get too bored. If you read too quickly, your participants may not appreciate the thigh workout!

If you have women who have limited mobility, ask them to raise their hand high instead.

You could also have women tally up their points – one point for every yes and crown a winner. But it's much for fun and provides more points of connection when you can visually see the results for each question.

# Questions:

Select 12-15 questions below to use with your group. You want the game to end while they are still having fun.

Stand up if you....

- 1. Attended a meeting via Zoom
- 2. Cut your own hair
- 3. Ordered groceries online
- 4. Ran out of toilet paper
- 5. Sewed your own mask
- 6. Got camera-ready from the waist up (yoga pants on the bottom, nice shirt, make-up, and hair fixed)
- 7. Dyed your own hair
- 8. Oversaw virtual schooling
- 9. Picked up groceries for a neighbor
- 10. Had fast food delivered to your home
- 11. Applied just eye make-up to venture out in public
- 12. Played a game with friends or family virtually (online)
- 13. Attended online worship services
- 14. Bought toilet paper in bulk
- 15. Walked your dog more frequently

- 16. Shared a covid meme on social media
- 17. Binge watched a new TV show
- 18. Got to know your neighbors better
- 19. Threw together a meal using what you could find in your pantry
- 20. Got Zoom fatigue (tired of virtual meetings)
- 21. Completed a 100 or more piece puzzle
- 22. Baked a loaf of bread from scratch
- 23. Mailed a handwritten note or letter
- 24. Went two weeks or more without filling up your car with gas
- 25. Wore your pajamas at least once all day long
- 26. Exercised at home or regularly walked in your neighborhood

# **Summer Reflections**

Group size: 8 or more

Time needed: Approx. 15 minutes (larger groups will likely need more time)

**Supplies:** One copy of Summer Reflections icebreaker game (click to download free PDF) per person; 1 pen/pencil per person; clock/timer.

# Instructions:

1.Distribute one handout (face down if possible) to each person in the room.

2.Say: Ladies, summer may be over, but we can still reflect on the memories made and the fun shared. We're going to spend a few minutes discovering what each of you did this past summer. When I say "Go!" you'll need to move around the room looking for women who fit the descriptions on your sheet. You may only have each woman sign your sheet \_\_\_\_\_\_ time(s).

- For groups of 8-15 allow for no more than 3 signatures of the same person per sheet.
- For groups of 15-40 allow for no more than 2 signatures of the same person per sheet.
- For groups of 40+ only allow no more than 1 signature of the same person per sheet.

Game ends at a designated time (i.e. 10 minutes) OR when the first person has completely (and correctly) filled their paper.

# **Sample Questions:**

Find someone in the room who:

- Made homemade ice cream
- Rode a roller coaster
- Got sunburned

Winner: The first person to correctly collect all needed signatures OR the person with the most signatures when time is called.

**Notes:** This game is great for bonding group members that may not know each other very well. Seemingly random information can offer points of connection. Make sure your group has name tags on. Expect your group to get loud. Limiting the number of signatures a person can put on another's paper forces them to interact with more people. If you have time consider reading the list out loud having every women stand (or have everybody raise their hand if mobility is an issue for your group) if they did that activity over the summer.



# Summer Reflections

Directions: Find someone in the room who can say they:

1.	Traveled out of the country	
2.	Made homemade ice cream	
3.	Went to the beach	
4.	Took their kids to the pool	
5.	Ate fresh corn on the cob	
6.	Grew tomatoes	
7.	Rode a roller coaster	
8.	Camped	
	Grilled hot dogs	
	Ate a popsicle	
	Vacationed with extended family	
	Got sunburned	
	Spent time in the mountains	
	Went on a mission trip	
	Attended a swim meet	
	Went to an outdoor concert	
	Attended a wedding	
	Read a book just for fun	
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# **Summer: Would You Rather Questions**

Here are 7 ideas for using these questions:

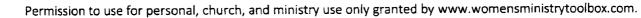
- 1. Place one question at everyone's seat. Have the group/table go around and share their answer.
- 2. Place the cards inside a sand pail (or bag) and have each person take a question out and answer it as it passes by.
- 3. Divide the room in half (painters tape works great) and have everyone answer by standing on the side of the line/room that represents their answer.
- 4. Take a vote! Have the group guess which answer they think the person will choose before having them reveal their answer.
- 5. Write the questions on a set of Jenga blocks. As each person takes a turn they have to answer the question. (Just write the choices.)
- 6. Ask participants to share "why". Best for smaller groups and/or tables.
- 7. Write the questions all over the surface of a beach ball. Participants choose between the two questions their hands land on when they catch the ball.

The choice is yours - have fun with it!

I've created two worksheets for you so you can use the questions as you wish.

Page 1 lists all the questions should you wish to read them aloud.

Page 2 lists the same questions with space in between so you can print and cut them.



# Summer: Would You Rather Questions



- 1. Would you rather have a jellyfish sting or a bee sting?
- 2. Would you rather stuff your face with homemade ice cream or s'mores?
- 3. Would you rather lather on the 15 SPF or 50 SPF?
- 4. Would you rather vacation in the mountains or at the beach?
- 5. Would you rather swim in the ocean or swim in a pool?
- 6. Would you rather grill hot dogs or grill hamburgers?
- 7. Would you rather shoot off the fireworks or watch the fireworks?
- 8. Would you rather wear flip flops or sandals?
- 9. Would you rather go on a picnic or to an outdoor concert?
- 10. Would you rather wade through the water or trudge through the sand?
- 11. Would you rather enjoy a fresh tomato or a fresh, ripe peach?
- 12. Would you rather shop at the Farmers market or at a craft fair?
- 13. Would you rather enjoy fresh watermelon or fresh sweet corn?
- 14. Would you rather cool off with a popsicles or ice cream cone?
- 15. Would you rather have a water balloons fight or play Marco Polo in the pool?
- 16. Would you rather take 5 kids to the pool or to the amusement park?
- 17. Would you rather ride the rollercoasters or the kiddie rides?
- 18. Would you rather serve as a chaperone for the Youth summer camp or lead 30 first graders around Vacation Bible school?
- 19. Would you rather endure a bad sunburn or 18 mosquito bites?
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- 1. Scatter them around the tables at your event eating areas, around the buffet, dessert table, beverage station, or any place people will be gathering. Laminating the cards will keep them from becoming stained or soaked and unreadable.
- 2. Set them upright in a table number holder, binder clip, or in a miniature frame.
- 3. Place one at each place setting.
- 4. Put them in a sand pail (or other creative container) and have each guest draw one to answer.
- 5. Choose 1 or more of the questions and have everyone in the group take turns sharing their answer.
- 6. Partner-up your attendees and have them share their answer to the question with one another. Especially great for those questions that lend themselves to a longer answer.
- 7. Print them out on sticker paper and attach one to each program or handout for your women to answer.
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- 9. Place them in your purse and break them out during a dinner out.
- 10. Put them on a keyring and ask the questions while you wait in line for an amusement ride, on the bus to Youth Camp, or in route to your women's ministry retreat.

If you could travel anywhere this summer, where would you go?

What is your favorite summer-time treat to eat?



Do you prefer the beach or the mountains? Why?



What's your favorite flavor of ice cream?



Share a summertime memory.



When you were a child, what was your favorite summertime activity?



I wish I could spend the summer



Flip-flops or sandals?



What's your favorite thing to cook on the grill?



Do you prefer to sit in the shade or lay in the sun?



Name an amusement ride you thoroughly enjoy.



It wouldn't be summer without



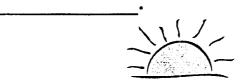
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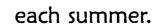
What's your favorite summertime activity?



The thing I most dislike about summer is



I always look forward to





What summer blockbuster movie can't you wait to see (have you seen)?



Each summer I look forward to wearing



What summer trip will you never forget?



Share a camp (camping) memory.



Summer Icebreaker: Who here?

Group size: 8 or more

Time needed: 10-15 minutes

Supplies: List of questions, microphone

# Instructions:

Say: I'd love to know how you're spending your summer! We're going to play a quick game that will allow us to find out who has been enjoying some specific summer activities and summer foods. If you can answer "yes" to the question I read you'll need to stand up. If your answer to the question is "no" then stay seated. You can remain standing between questions if you'd like.

Read at least 15 of the questions below, giving everyone a chance to respond. Pause between questions to give participants a chance to see "who here" answered yes. Part of the fun (and purpose) is to discover new things about each other!

## Notes:

Those who have mobility issues can raise their hands.

If your group is primarily young and can move easily, you could use this activity to burn off extra energy by having them sit back down after each question is read.

Be sure to read through the questions and delete those that may not pertain to your audience. But at the same time, don't assume there are things on the list that no one in your group has done - you may just be surprised!

# **Questions:**

# Who here.....

- 1. Always paints their toenails in the summer?
- 2. Lives in flip flops and/or sandals?
- 3. Has been stung by a jellyfish?
- 4. Has or will travel to the beach?
- 5. Has made homemade ice cream?
- 6. Is growing a garden?
- 7. Has been on a picnic?
- 8. Served/will serve in Vacation Bible school?
- 9. Has gotten sunburned this year?
- 10. Frequents yard sales?
- 11. Has been involved in a water balloon fight?
- 12. Grills frequently?
- 13. Has seen \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert current summer blockbuster movie)?
- 14. Loves to eat watermelon?
- 15. Has attended a summer concert?
- 16. Has been/will go to an amusement park?
- 17. Has gone on a hike?
- 18. Has been kayaking or canoeing?
- 19. Read a book just for fun?
- 20. Has gone to a baseball game?
- 21. Loves to eat corn on the cob?
- 22. Has grabbed lunch or dinner from a food truck?
- 23. Has played tennis?
- 24. Knows how to swim?
- 25. Has played miniature golf?
- 26. Has purchased a treat from an ice cream truck?



# HOLIDAY GAMES

What happens when you take charades and cross it with Pictionary? You get a brand new game – one I've named "Dract".

I intially tested the icebreaker game "Dract" out on our unsuspecting group of middle and high schoolers that we were teaching when we lived in Kentucky. The game kept us on our toes as we never knew if they were going to act or draw out the clue.

I've provided a set of cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There's also a blank set so you can make your own.

Icebreaker Game Dract (Draw + Act)

Dract is a hybrid of Charades and Pictionary. Playing cards direct players to either act or draw the clue for their team.

Group Size: 6 -24 people

Time Needed: about 20 minutes

Supplies: Chalkboard and chalk, dry erase board and marker, or pad of paper and pen; playing cards printed and cut; bag to place playing cards inside;

timer or stopwatch (most smart phones have a stopwatch app).

Attached are the print cards (PDF):

DRACT thanksgiving DRACT Christmas

DRACT blank template

Instructions: Divide into 2 teams. Alternating teams, one player from each team will take a turn drawing a card. They will either act or draw their clue (per the instructions on each card) for their team to guess. The guessing team gets 30 seconds to guess the correct answer. If the team is not able to answer correctly, the other team gets 15 seconds to provide one guess. Teams receive one point for each correct answer. Once all the slips have been played, the team with the highest score wins.

Notes: Consider printing the cards on cardstock as they will hold up better and prevent team members from seeing thru the paper.

	ACT Carving the turkey	ACT Eating	<b>ACT</b> Nap
	ACT Watching football (or tv)	ACT Playing football	ACT
,	ACT Turkey	ACT Pilgrim	ACT Family
	ACT Parade	ACT Full/Stuffed	ACT Cooking
	ACT Sailing on Mayflower	ACT Breaking wishbone	<b>ACT</b> Baste

C	<b>DRAW</b> Turkey	<b>DRAW</b> Mashed Potatoes	<b>DRAW</b> Pumpkin Pie
	<b>DRAW</b> Cornucopia	<b>DRAW</b> Pilgrims	<b>DRAW</b> Stuffing
C	<b>DRAW</b> Pumpkin	<b>DRAW</b> Drumstick	<b>DRAW</b> Wishbone
	<b>DRAW</b> Mayflower	<b>DRAW</b> Cranberry sauce	DRAW  Green beans
	<b>DRAW</b> Sweet Potatoes	<b>DRAW</b> Corn	<b>DRAW</b> Parade

	ACT Eating cookies	ACT  Drinking Cocoa	ACT Singing/Caroling
	ACT Wrapping a present	ACT Opening a present	ACT  Decorating Cookies
C	ACT Sledding	<b>ACT</b> Worshipping Jesus	ACT Lighting a candle
	ACT  Making a snowman	ACT Ice Skating	ACT Snowball fight
	ACT  Reading the Christmas story	ACT Sending Christmas cards	ACT  Decorating a tree

•	<b>DRAW</b> Stocking	<b>DRAW</b> Manger	<b>DRAW</b> Three Wise Men
	<b>DRAW</b> Baby Jesus	<b>DRAW</b> Present	<b>DRAW</b> Fireplace
•	<b>DRAW</b> Christmas Tree	<b>DRAW</b> Jingle Bells	<b>DRAW</b> Cookies
	DRAW Egg Nog	<b>DRAW</b> Lights	<b>DRAW</b> Mistletoe
	<b>DRAW</b> Christmas Eve	<b>DRAW</b> Candles	<b>DRAW</b> Shepherds

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# How to use Table Talk Cards:

- 1. Make your introductions interesting! As everyone introduces themselves to the group, ask them to share their answer to one of the questions. Common answers provide points of connection for group members.
- 2. Scatter them around the tables at your event eating areas, around the buffet, dessert table, beverage station, or any place people will be gathering. Laminating the cards will keep them from becoming stained or soaked and unreadable.
- 3. Set them upright in a table number holder, binder clip, or in a miniature frame.
- 4. Place one at each place setting.
- 5. Put them in a plastic pumpkin (or other creative container) and have each person draw oneto answer.
- 6. Choose 1 or more of the questions and have everyone in the group take turns sharing their answer.
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  10. Place them in your purse and break them out during a dinner out with your family, Sunday school class, or mom's night out.

What qualifies as the "perfect pumpkin? What fall food do you most look forward to?

Rake the leaves or jump in the leaves?

Share a favorite fall memory.

Pumpkin pie or apple pie?

What's your favorite fall activity?

It wouldn't be fall without \_\_\_\_\_.

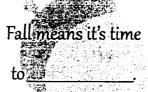
What's your favorite fall smell?

The things most dislike about fall is \_\_\_\_\_.

If you could attend any football game of your choosing, which team(s) would you want to watch? What is your favorite pumpkin-flavored treat?



Tell us about your favorite Halloween candy or treat.



My favorite childhood Halloween costume was \_\_\_\_\_

Share a memory from a trip to a pumpking farm or apple orchard.

Which fall TV show are you looking forward to?

Share a special back-to-school memory?

Who was your favorite teacher and why? What was your favorite subject in school?

# **ICEBREAKER GAME CHRISTMAS CONNECTION**

Group size: 8 or more

Time needed: Approx. 15 minutes (larger groups will likely need more time) Supplies: One copy of Christmas Connection (click to download free PDF) per person; 1 pen/pencil per person; clock/timer.

Instructions: Distribute one handout (face down if possible) to each person in the room. On "go" instruct them to collect one signature per line.

- For groups of 8-15 allow for no more than 3 signatures from the same person on each sheet.
- For groups of 15-40 allow for no more than 2 signatures from the same person on each sheet.
- For groups of 40+ only allow no more than 1 signature from the same person on each sheet.

The game ends at a designated time (i.e. 10 minutes) OR when the first person has completely (and correctly) filled their paper.

Connection points include: Favorite Christmas Carol is "O Holy Night"; Have re-gifted a Christmas present; Plans to attend a Christmas Eve Candlelight service; Has a live Christmas tree.

Winner: The first person to correctly collect all needed signatures OR the person with the most signatures when the time is called.

Notes: This game is great for bonding group members that may not know each other very well. Make sure your group has name tags on. Expect your group to get loud. Limiting the number of signatures a person can put on another's paper forces them to interact with more people.



# **CHRISTMAS CONNECTION**

Directions: Connect and collect one signature per line from those in the room who can say they:

1.	Have celebrated Christmas in another country	
2.	Have already sent Christmas cards this year	
3.	Favorite Christmas movie is "Elf"	
4.	Put up Christmas lights outside	
5.	Know what they are getting for Christmas this year	
6.	Have a live Christmas tree	
7.	Watch the Charlie Brown Christmas every year	
8.	Have been to Bethlehem	
9.	Still get their own stocking filled each year	
	Love hot chocolate with marshmallows	
	Returned a gift they received last Christmas	
	Have all of their Christmas shopping finished	
	Started their Christmas baking already this year	
	Don't like egg nog	
	Haven't done any Christmas shopping yet this year	
	Plans to attend a Christmas Eve candlelight service	
	Will be traveling out of state for Christmas this year	
	Favorite Christmas carol is "O Holy Night"	
	Are reading a Christmas/Advent devotional	
20.	. Have re-gifted a Christmas present	

# **Left Right Nativity Story**

**Group size:** 5 or more - can be done in one large circle or multiple smaller circles (if group is larger than 30 people)

Time needed: 20 minutes

Supplies: One gift for each person; one copy of the story below

Instructions: Have everyone grab their gift and form a circle(s) either standing or sitting down. Say: I've got a special Christmas story to read to you tonight (today). You'll need to pay extra close attention so you'll know when you need to take action. When I read the word RIGHT, you're going to pass your gift to the RIGHT. When I read the word LEFT, you're going to pass your gift to the LEFT. When the story is over whichever gift you are holding is yours.

**Notes:** You will need to read the story VERY slowly and loudly (use a microphone if needed). It helps if you emphasize "left" and "right" as you read. If the gift ends where it began ad lib an extra line: i.e.. "and that's all that's left of our story!". Have a few extra gifts on hand in case someone has forgotten to bring theirs so that no one gets left out. You could also use this story to distribute several door prizes - just scatter them around the circle before you start.

Please note this story is based up Luke 1-2 (HCSB) with many liberties taken. My intent was to stick to the scripture as it was written as much as possible.

# Left Right Nativity Story (Luke 1-2)

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God RIGHT into a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin named Mary who was engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David.

Appearing before Mary with his hands placed on firmly his LEFT and RIGHT hip, the angel declared "Rejoice, favored woman! The Lord is with you."

Mary, deeply troubled by this statement, uneasily tapped her LEFT foot, wondering what kind of greeting this could be.

The angel sensing Mary's trouble he told her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. After I have LEFT, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Mary looked RIGHT into the angel's eyes and asked, "How can this be?"

The angel replied RIGHT back to her: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.

"I am the Lord's slave," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel LEFT her.

Not long after the angel LEFT Mary got to work packing for her trip to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who by the Lord's grace had become pregnant in her old age.

RIGHT when Mary greeted Elizabeth the baby lept inside her and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Laying her LEFT hand upon Mary's belly, Elizabeth exclaimed with a loud cry: "You are the most blessed of women, and your child will be blessed! How could this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For you see, when the sound of your greeting LEFT your mouth and reached my ears, the baby lept for joy inside me! She who has RIGHTfully believed is blessed because what was spoken to her by the Lord will be fulfilled!"

Mary stayed with Elizabeth RIGHT about three months; then she LEFT and returned to her home.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. So everyone LEFT what they were doing and went to be registered, each to his own town.

Joseph and Mary LEFT the town of Nazareth in Galilee, and headed to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be registered. While they were LEFT waiting in Bethlehem

the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a feeding trough—because there was no room LEFT for them at the lodging place.

In the same region, shepherds were staying RIGHT out in the fields and keeping watch to the LEFT and RIGHT at night over their flock. Assuming they had been LEFT all alone in the fields, the shepherds were terrified when an angel of the Lord stood RIGHT before them. But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying RIGHT in a feeding trough."

Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host on the LEFT and RIGHT of the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!

When the angels had LEFT them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go RIGHT now to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

They hurried RIGHT off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying just LEFT of them in the feeding trough. After seeing them, they LEFT and reported the message they were told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary was treasuring up all these things RIGHT into her heart and meditating on them. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard, just as they had been told.

Just as the shepherds LEFT and shared the good news of the Savior's birth, so it is our job to share the good news with those God has placed RIGHT in our path.

Note: Should the owner of the gift wind up with their own gift add one more line "And that is all that's LEFT of our story!"



# CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SCAVENGER HU

Instructions: You task is to locate the following Christmas décor items. Street names and house numbers must be noted for each item found.

	Street Name & House Number		Street Name & House Number
□ Angel		□ Nativity Scene	
<ul><li>□ Blue Lights</li></ul>		☐ Oversized Ornaments	
□ Candy Cane(s)		☐ Presents	
□ Cross		☐ Rope Lights	
☐ Deer (2 or more)		☐ Shepherd(s)	
☐ House With All white/clear lights		□ Snowflakes	
☐ House With Music		□ Wise Men	
Flaying  Inflatable Snow Globe		<ul><li>□ Words "Merry Christmas"</li></ul>	
☐ Manager		□ Word "Noel"	

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# Christmas Table Talk Cards

These cards will help to further **build relationships and connections** within your group(s) as they share stories and reminisce about favorite Christmas activities.

10 creative ideas as to how you might want to use them!

# How to use Table Talk Cards:

- 1. Make your introductions interesting! As everyone introduces themselves to the group, ask them to share their answer to one of the questions. Common answers provide points of connection for group members.
- 2. Scatter them around the tables at your event eating areas, around the buffet, dessert table, beverage station, or any place people will be gathering. Laminating the cards will keep them from becoming stained or soaked and unreadable.
- 3. Set them upright in a table number holder, binder clip, or in a miniature frame.
- 4. Place one at each place setting.
- **5.** Put them in a Christmas stocking (or another creative container) and have each person **draw one** to answer.
- **6. Choose 1** or more of the questions and have everyone in the group take turns sharing their answer.
- 7. Partner-up your attendees and have them share their answer to the question with one another. Especially great for those questions that lend themselves to a longer answer.
- **8.** Print them out on sticker paper and **attach one to each program** or handout for your women to answer.
- **9.** Have attendees **anonymously write in their answer**. Gather the responses, read them aloud, and have the group guess who wrote each answer. You could make multiple copies of the same question or you could give each group member a different question. Best for smaller groups that know each other well. This would be really fun to do as a Women's Ministry Team!

10. Place them in your purse and break them out during a Christmas dinner out with your family, Sunday school class, or another group.

ASK EVERYONE AT YOUR TABLE TO STAND AND SING "JINGLE BELLS" WITH YOU



SHARE ABOUT A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED



RUB YOUR BELLY AND SAY "HO HO HO!" UNTIL THE NEXT PERSON UNWRAP THE NEXT LAYER OF PAPER



SHARE A FAMILY CHRISTMAS TRADITION



PRANCE LIKE A REINDEER AROUND YOUR TABLE TWO TIMES



SING A LINE FROM YOUR FAVORTITE CHRISTMAS CAROL



TELL THE NAME OF YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS GOODIE



NAME A REASON YOU LOVE CHRISTMAS



YELL "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!" LOUD ENOUGH FOR ALL TO HEAR



AFTER YOU TAKE A BOW YOU MAY OPEN AND KEEP THE GIFT



# Pass the Package Christmas Game

Group size: 6- 20 (divide into multiple groups if needed)

Time needed: About 20 minutes

**Supplies**: Christmas music; sound system; gift(s) pre-wrapped with multiple layers and inside multiple boxes — one per group or table; activity cards for each layer of wrapping paper (see free printable cards below); trash can.

# Instructions:

- 1. **Before the event** gather your gift(s), boxes, and wrapping paper 1 per table or group depending on the size. Wrap the gift. Tape the printable card that lets them know they can open the gift on top of that layer of wrapping paper. Now take your wrapped gift and place it in a slightly larger box and gift wrap that box. Place an activity card on the outside of the wrapping paper (IE. Sing a line from a Christmas carol). Add another layer of wrapping paper, topped with another activity card. Add another box when you can. You should have layers of wrapping paper with an activity card on the top of each. I recommend at least 6 layers of paper, but no more than 10. There should *not* be an activity card on the outside layer. Repeat with additional gifts if needed.
- 2. At the event, assemble women into groups as needed. Distribute 1 wrapped gift per circle/group/table. Let them know that as the music starts they need to pass the gift around the table/circle and when the music stops to remove *one* layer of wrapping paper. Start the music, pausing for unwrapping and instructions to be followed. Continue until the gift has been completely unwrapped.

# Notes:

Use different colors/patterns of wrapping paper so it's easy to distinguish where a layer begins and starts. Have your camera ready to catch the fun.

# Christmas Wrap it Up Game

The **key** is keeping the item they'll be wrapping a surprise! (Shhhh...they are going to wrap one of their team members!) **Group** size: 9 or more

Time needed: Approximately 20 minutes from start to finish

**Supplies needed:** For **each** team: 1 roll of wrapping paper, 1 pair of scissors, 1 roll of tape (You should be able to find all of them at the Dollar Tree.) Small prizes for the winning team (i.e. candy canes, Christmas chocolates, etc.)

# Instructions:

- 1. Divide the group into teams of 3-5 people.
- 2. Distribute the supplies to each team.
- 3. Say: Today (tonight) we're going to test your gift wrapping skills. Each team will wrap ONE item and we'll see who does the best job. When I say "GO!" you'll have 5 minutes to wrap (insert dramatic pause) one member of your team. Go!
- 4. Call time at the end of 5 minutes and walk around to each team. You could have the planning team or a church member serve as the judge or hold your hand over each "present" and choose based on the amount of applause each team receives.
- 5. Award the winners and collect the supplies.

**Notes:** I am always surprised by the creativity of the teams. One team used their empty wrapping paper roll and made a Statue of Liberty-like package. Another fashioned earrings for their gift

#### Would You Rather - Christmas Questions by Women's Ministry Toolbox

- 1. Would you rather decorate 4 dozen gingerbread men or dip 10 dozen chocolate truffles?
- 2. Would you rather listen to the entire Handel's Messiah or watch The Christmas Story four times in a row?
- 3. Would you rather clean up after six geese-a-laying or Santa's eight reindeer?
- 4. Would you rather drink 6 cups of egg nog or 6 cups of hot chocolate?
- 5. Would you rather eat a dozen gingerbread cookies or 6 pieces of fruitcake?
- 6. Would you rather return an unwanted gift to the store or re-gift it next Christmas?
- 7. Would you rather spend 6 hours wrapping Christmas presents or 6 hours in line outside on Black Friday?
- 8. Would you rather eat turkey or ham for Christmas dinner?
- 9. Would you rather open all of your presents on Christmas Eve or wait until Christmas morning?
- 10. Would you rather stay home for Christmas or forfeit all of your gifts for a grand Christmas vacation?
- 11. Would you rather get Christmas candy or Christmas cash in your stocking?
- 12. Would you rather string popcorn or string Christmas lights?
- 13. Would you rather spends 2 hours in line to see millions of Christmas lights or spend 2 hours online trying to purchase a Christmas gift?
- 14. Would you rather eat some Figgie pudding or reindeer food?
- 15. Would you rather set up and decorate three trees or the outside of three houses?
- 16. Would you rather go Christmas caroling or attend a Christmas concert?
- 17. Would you rather wear an ugly Christmas sweater to work or sing a solo in the church Christmas production?
- 18. Would you rather have a white Christmas or a warm Christmas?
- 19. Would you rather hear Alvin and the Chipmunks or Mickey Mouse sing The Twelve Days of Christmas?
- 20. Would you rather receive one big Christmas gift or 8 smaller gifts?

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icebreaker: Famous Christmas Couples

Group size: 8 – 22 (if group is larger you'll need to make additional cards OR divide into smaller groups)

Time needed: 20 minutes

**Supplies:** Tape, copy of Christmas Couple Cards (Christmas movie couples, Christmas song couples, Christmas symbol couples).

Instructions: Prior to your party/event print and cut the game cards (do not show anyone the cards).

Explain to the group that they are going to get a Christmas couple/symbol/song (depending on which you are using) taped onto their back. They will have two tasks.

- 1. First they must figure out what or who they are. They must ask the others in the room questions about their card only yes and no answers can be given. For example, am I a cartoon character? You may only ask one question of each person in the room. (If you group is smaller than you may want to tell them they can only ask 2 questions of each person.)
- 2. After you have figured out what your card says you need to find the other half of your "couple".

Once everyone understands the game, go around the room taping one card to the back of each player – make sure they do not see what is on their card.

Once everyone has a card on their back let the game begin! First two people to figure out their card and find their match so. Winners can receive bragging rights, candy cane, or door prize – your choice!

#### Notes:

I've included blank cards in each set so you can add your own Christmas Couples. Want to make it more challenging? Pull couples from each set of cards.

I've included the lists of couples below so you can decide which cards you want to print out.

#### **Christmas Movie Couples**

- 1. Ellen &Clark (Christmas Vacation)
- 2. Santa & Mrs. Claus
- 3. Frosty & Professor Hinkle
- 4. Dasher & Dancer
- 5. Joseph & Mary
- 6. George & Clarence
- 7. Scott & Carol (the Santa Clause)
- 8. Buddy & Walter (Elf)
- 9. Grinch &Cindy Lou
- 10. Scrooge & Tiny Tim
- 11. Nutcracker & Sugar Plum Fairy

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#### **Christmas Symbols**

- 1. Cocoa & Marshmallows
- 2. Tree & Ornaments
- 3. Wrapping paper & Ribbon
- 4. Milk & Cookies
- 5. Red & Green
- 6. Star & Bethlehem
- 7. Santa & Sleigh
- 8. Stockings & Fireplace
- 9. Mistletoe & Kisses
- 10. Peppermint & Candy Cane
- 11. Fruit & Cake

#### **Christmas Songs**

- 1. Santa & Baby
- 2. White & Christmas
- 3. Silent & Night
- 4. Jingle & Bells
- 5. Sleigh & Ride
- 6. Marshmallow & World
- 7. Silver & Bells
- 8. Winter & Wonderland
- 9. Blue & Christmas
- 10. Joy & World
- 11. Away & Manager

#### **Christmas Left Right Game**

Group size: 8 or more

Time needed: 15-20 minutes

Supplies: Printed copy of story, microphone, and wrapped gift(s)

#### Instructions:

If your group is not seated at tables or in a circle, you will want to have them stand and form a circle.

Randomly distribute the gifts around the circle or table(s). If each attendee has brought their own gift, they will start the game with their gift in their hands.

Say, "We have a story to share with you all today. When you hear the word "right" please pass the gift you are holding one person to the right. When you hear the word "left", please pass the gift you are holding one person to the left. The person/people holding a gift at the end of the story is/are the winner(s)."

The Emcee, using a microphone, will read the story very slowly, emphasizing each "left" or "right" as noted in bold print.

#### Four Ways to Play:

- 1. Purchase and wrap 1 small gift per table.
- 2. Purchase and wrap 2 (or more) small gifts per table.
- 3. Ask every attendee to bring a \$5 gift (have extras on hand for any who may have forgotten).
- 4. Purchase and wrap 1 small gift for every 8 women in attendance (approximately).

#### **Notes:**

- Select an Emcee prior to the event and supply them with a copy of the story.
- Wrapping paper is not necessary, use small gift bags and tissue paper if that is easier.
- Gifts could be handmade or homemade (bread, <u>printed Bible verse</u> in a frame, etc.).
- This story has been created specifically for use at a Christmas event; however you could easily substitute "Women's Ministry fellowship", "Women's Ministry Breakfast", etc..
- It's always more fun to have lots of winners, rather than one or two big winners.

#### The Christmas Left Right Story

Mama WRIGHT and Suzie WRIGHT were running late for the big Christmas Brunch at church.

Mama WRIGHT had LEFT her favorite Christmas sweater at the dry cleaner and was having a tough time finding something else that looked just RIGHT for the Christmas brunch.

Suzie tried in vain to convince Mama WRIGHT that her red sweater looked alRIGHT, but Mama WRIGHT was not convinced. Blouses and sweaters were strewn LEFT and RIGHT all over the bedroom floor.

There was no way they'd be on time, even though the church was just RIGHT around the corner from their home. Suzie tried to keep calm, knowing they should have LEFT 10 minutes earlier.

Suzie begged Mama WRIGHT to hurry and pick something as there wouldn't be any seats LEFT by the time they got to the church.

Mama WRIGHT, with no other options LEFT, put on her red sweater and LEFT the piles of clothes on her bed.

Suzie dashed out the door, got the car started RIGHT up, and waited for Mama WRIGHT outside.

As they began to back down the driveway Mama WRIGHT realized she had LEFT her famous gingerbread coffee cake sitting on the counter. Suzie, not wanting to waste any more time, jumped RIGHT out of the car and LEFT Mama WRIGHT sitting there stunned, as she ran (as best as she could in her boots) up the driveway and RIGHT back into the house to retrieve the coffee cake that had been LEFT behind.

With the coffee cake resting on Mama WRIGHT's lap, Suzie kicked the car into reverse and headed RIGHT around the corner to the church.

Thankfully there was one parking spot LEFT near the kitchen door. Suzie parked the car, grabbed the cake, and passed it RIGHT into the waiting hands of the luncheon coordinator, Debbie. Debbie quickly and quietly ushered them RIGHT through the kitchen and toward two empty chairs on the LEFT side of the room as they were just about to pray.

Suzie sighed deeply and breathed a quiet, "Thank you Lord", for she and Mama WRIGHT had made it to the luncheon at just the RIGHT time.

#### Christmas Icebreaker Questions

Share a favorite Christmas memory.
What is your favorite Christmas song/carol?
When do you open/exchange presents?
What is one gift you'll never forget receiving?
What is your favorite kind of Christmas cookie?
Share a family Christmas tradition.
It wouldn't be Christmas without
What is one thing you REALLY want for Christmas?
₩hat Christmas TV special/movie is a must in your family each year?
Are you traveling for Christmas? If so, where are you going?
What is your favorite kind of Christmas candy?
Name a favorite Christmas food.
Share a gift you can't wait to give to someone this year.
What is your favorite Christmas ornament? Why?
Tell us about a special Christmas decoration.

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## Roll & Poll (Christmas version)

**Description:** Participants will take a turn rolling a die to determine which Christmasthemed question they need to answer.

Group size: Groups of 4-8

Time needed: 10 minutes

Supplies:

☐ One die per group

☐ One playing card per group

#### Instructions:

- 1. Gather a couple of volunteers to distribute one playing card and one die per group/table.
- 2. Say: Tonight we've got a quick and fun Christmas icebreaker to play. We're going to uncover a little Christmas trivia about each other. Each woman in your group will need to take a turn rolling the die and answering the corresponding question. You'll have 10 minutes to for your group to complete the game. If you have time, please take a second turn.



#### Tips:

Packs of regular (and sometimes giant foam) dice can usually be found at the Dollar Store.

Print the cards on colored paper or mount them on cardstock and then laminate them for repeated use – it's a different game every time.

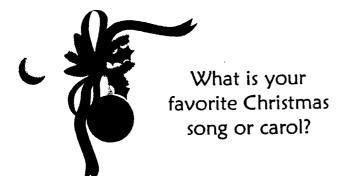
#### Note:

Each Roll & Poll card has different questions on it. You may wish to have groups switch cards and play again later in the evening.

### Copy and cut apart.

Christmas Roll & Poll  Answer the question that corresponds to the number you roll.				
1	What is your favorite Christmas carol?			
2	Which Christmas movie would you like to be a part of?			
3	What is your favorite kind of Christmas cookie?			
4	Tell about a special ornament on your tree.			
5	If you could spend Christmas anywhere, where would you go?			
6	Share about a special Christmas present – either given or received.			

Christmas Roll & Poll  Answer the question that corresponds to the number you roll.		
1	When do you put up your Christmas tree?	
2	Share a favorite Christmas tradition.	
3	How would you describe your Christmas decorating style?	
4	Share a favorite Christmas memory.	
5	What Christmas tradition or task do you wish you could skip?	
6	When do you start shopping for Christmas gifts?	



When and how do you exchange or open presents?

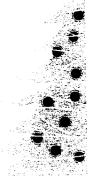


What Christmas movie or television special do you watch every year?

What is one thing you **really** want for Christmas?



Share a favorite Christmas memory. What is one gift you'll never forget receiving?



It wouldn't be Christmas without Where and with whom will you be spending Christmas?



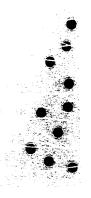
What is your favorite kind of Christmas cookie?

Share a family Christmas tradition.





What is your favorite Christmas ornament? Why?



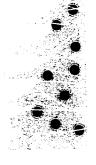
Tell us about a special Christmas decoration.

Real tree or fake tree. Why?



Homemade or store-bought ornaments?

If you could go anywhere for Christmas, where would you go?

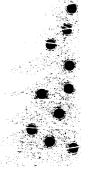


Christmas lights: White or colored? Classy or Griswold? Who is your favorite Christmas movie character?



What is your favorite homemade Christmas treat?

When do you start listening to Christmas music?



## IF Tebreaker Questions (Christmas version)

**Description:** Random Christmas-related information will be revealed as group members 

✓ draw a card and answer a Christmas-themed "IF" question.

Group size: 4-8 people per group

#### Supplies:

- □ Printed game cards
- Stocking or Christmas gift bag (optional)

#### Before the game:

Print and cut apart the game cards.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Say to the group, "Today/tonight you're going to get to know the members of our group a little better as we all answer some fun Christmas "IF" questions. We'll take turns drawing a card and answering questions such as: If you had to describe yourself as a Christmas carol, which would you choose and why? If you could eat any Christmas treat without it affecting your waistline, what would you enjoy? Please go ahead a take a card from the bag/pile. Do we have a volunteer who would like to go first?"
- 2. Once everyone has answered a question you are done.

#### **Options:**

Consider putting one card at each person's chair/space before your meeting/group/event begins. Most will appreciate having some time to think about their response (though you run the risk of missing out on spontaneous answers).

If time permits have everyone draw a second card.

Rather than drawing cards, ask everyone to answer the same question.

#### Tips:

Print the cards on colored paper or cardstock so the questions can't be seen.

You may want to laminate the cards for repeated use.

Give players the option to draw a second card if they are uncomfortable answering the first question they have drawn. Some questions may trigger difficult memories.

If you could select a If Jesus joined you for Christmas, National Christmas symbol, what would you talk about? what would it be? If you could travel back in time to If your house were covered in Christmas lights, would it be white, re-live a Christmas from your past, which Christmas would you re-live? multi-colored, or Griswold-style? If you could add a new Christmas If you had to describe yourself as a Christmas carol, which would tradition to your family's celebration, what would it be? you choose and why? If you could spend the day with If you were to build a life-size anyone from the Christmas story, gingerbread house, what candy who would you chose? would it include? If you had to play one Christmas If you could have a Christmas carol on repeat for 24 hours, what miracle, what would you ask for? song would you choose?

If you could celebrate Christmas If you could take a Christmas in any time period, trip to any location, what would you choose? where would you go? · 克德克尔克克克克 电线系统 多点 If you could sing a Christmas duet If you had an unlimited Christmas with anyone, what song would you budget, what special gift would choose and with whom you purchase and for whom? would you sing? If you designed a new flavor of If you could watch your favorite fudge, which ingredients Christmas movie right now, would it include? what would it be? If you could opt out of If you could eat any Christmas any Christmas task for the rest of treat without it affecting your your life, what would it be? waistline, what would you enjoy? 在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在 If you could have anything your If you could name Santa's new heart desires for Christmas dinner, reindeer, what would you call what would the menu include? him/her?

# What's on UR phone? (Christmas version)



**Description:** Racing against the clock, participants will rack up points for Christmasspecific items found on their cell phone. Directions included for individual or team play.

Group size: 6+

Time needed: 10-20 minutes

#### Supplies:

- ☐ One "What's on ur phone?" sheet per person or per team
- ☐ Pencils/pens
- ☐ One personal smart phone per person or team (see notes)

#### Instructions:

- 1. Say to the group, "We'll be going "high tech' with today's game! Each person/team will have to quickly search their smart phone for a wide variety of Christmas-related photos. apps, texts, and more. For each item that fits the category listed you'll get one point. The person/team with the most points will be crowned the winner(s)."
- 2. Distribute the worksheet face-down.



- 3. Give the group the time limit (somewhere between 5-10 minutes depending on your schedule).
- 4. On "go" give everyone 5-10 minutes to record their points.

**Winner:** When time is up have everyone tally up their points and give the winner(s) a small prize or let them choose something from your Door Prize Basket.

#### Tips:

Before playing you'll need to figure out if everyone in your group has a smart phone. If not, then you'll need to play this game in teams. For smaller groups you could play in teams of 2. For larger groups, have them work together at their table or in groups of 4.

You want them to rush – some will be savvy and will look over the worksheet realizing that the time given will not be enough time to complete the whole worksheet. You can clue them in that they may want to look over the sheet and be strategic about which items they search for first.



This is a great game to play when you want to engage multiple generations. Many of your older women may not have a smart phone and if they are competitive they'll want to partner with the younger women in the room with the assumption that they'll be the most tech-savvy.



# What's on ur phone? Christmas Version

Give yourself 1 point for each item found on your phone.

Contacts	Texts (Sent or Received)
Starts with the letter "C"	Gift list
Mary	Photo of a gift idea
Joseph	"Merry Christmas"
White	Directions to a Christmas party
Photos	Apps
Snow	Christmas games
Christmas décor	Santa Tracker
Reindeer	Weather
Manger	Bible
Christmas lights	Shopping
Christmas tree	Recipe
Christmas Songs (download or playlist)	Other
Silent Night	Red or green phone case
Christmas songs sung by animals	Christmas wallpaper/backgrou
Bing Crosby/Elvis Christmas songs	Christmas ringtone
"Christmas" in the song title	
BONUS: What is the most random C	hristmas-related item on your phone? or team) will receive 15 bonus points.

Cocoa	Marshmallows
Tree	Ornaments
Wrapping Paper	Ribbon
Milk	Cookies
Red	Green
Star	Bethlehem

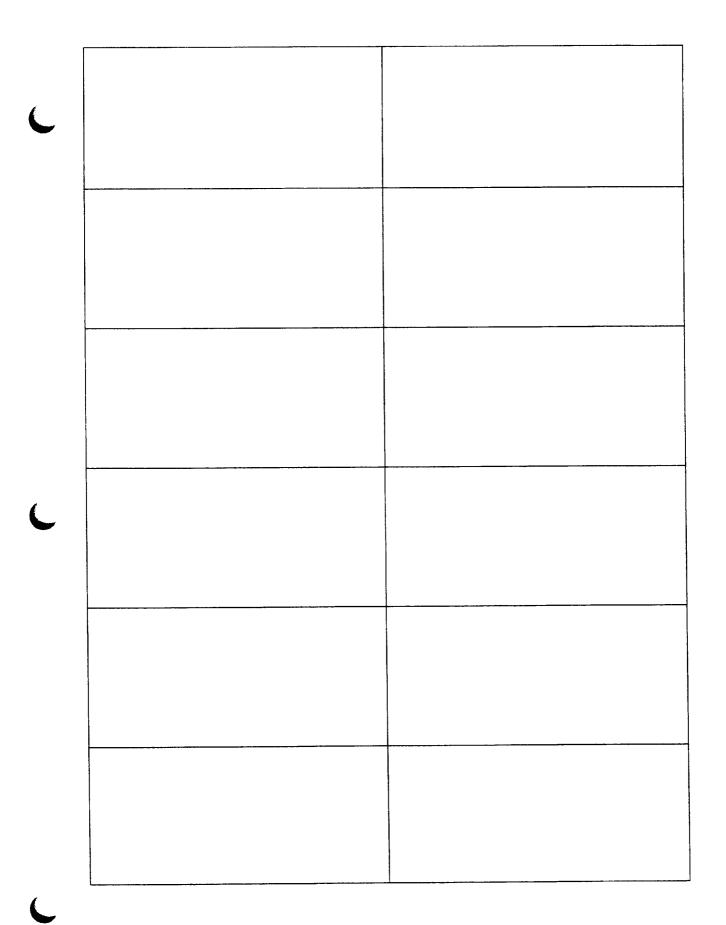
•	Santa	Sleigh
	Stockings	Fireplace
	Mistletoe	Kisses
•	Peppermint	Candy Cane
	Fruit	Cake

Santa	Baby
White	Christmas
Silent	Night
Jingle	Bells
Sleigh	Ride
Marshmallow	World

•	Silver	Bells
	Winter	Wonderland
,	Blue	Christmas
•	Joy	World
	Away	Manager

Ellen	Clark
Santa	Mrs. Claus
Frosty	Professor Hinkle
Dasher	Dancer
Joseph	Mary
George	Clarence

Scott	Carol
Buddy	Walter
Grinch	Cindy Lou
Scrooge	Tiny Tim
Nutcracker	Sugar Plum Fairy



## Pick-a-Side (Christmas version)

**Description:** Group members will pick a side of the line to stand on according to their Christmas preferences.

**Group size:** 5 or more people (the bigger your group the longer your line needs to be)

#### Supplies:

A line on the floor (gymnasium lines work great, as does painters tape placed on the floor)
 List of questions
 Microphone for larger groups

#### Before the game:

If needed, take your painters tape and mark and long line across the floor. You'll need space on both sides of the line for your group members to stand.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Say to the group, "Today/tonight we're going to play the Pick-a-Side Christmas game in which you must decide which of two Christmas traditions/items/activities you prefer. Your personal preference will determine which side of the line you need to stand on. For example, if you prefer candy canes you'll stand on the right side of the line and if you prefer chocolate Santas, you'll stand on the left side of the line."
- 2. Once the directions have been made clear, instruct the group to get up and stand on the line.
- 3. Read through the choices one at a time, encouraging the group to quickly "Pick a Side" after both options are given. Remind them that they need to pick one no standing in the middle!

#### Tips:

This game is intended to move along quickly or the group will get bored. I've found it easiest to stand at one end of the line and raise my arms and hands to show which side of the line they need to move to. For example, Candy canes this side, chocolate Santas this side.

Depending on which way folks are standing right and left can get confusing.

You do not need to use every item on the list – cut the game short if they seem to be losing interest.

If the group is getting loud (which you want!) you'll likely need to read the choices 2 or 3 times.

If getting everyone up and in a line is not an option – have folks stand or sit.

## Pich-a-Side (Christmas version) cont.

#### Pick a Side List

Fruitcake - love it or leave it

Green or red

Candy canes - peppermint or anything but

Colored lights or white lights

Eggnog or cocoa

Real tree or artificial tree

Wreaths or garland

Ham or turkey

Jingle Bells or Silent Night

Christmas Eve – still shopping or finished

Re-gift or donate

Christmas – travel or stay home

White Christmas - hold the snow!

Tree up – Day after Thanksgiving or not until December

Black Friday shopping or staying home

Christmas cookies – homemade or store bought

Big gifts or lots of little gifts

It's a Wonderful Life or Elf

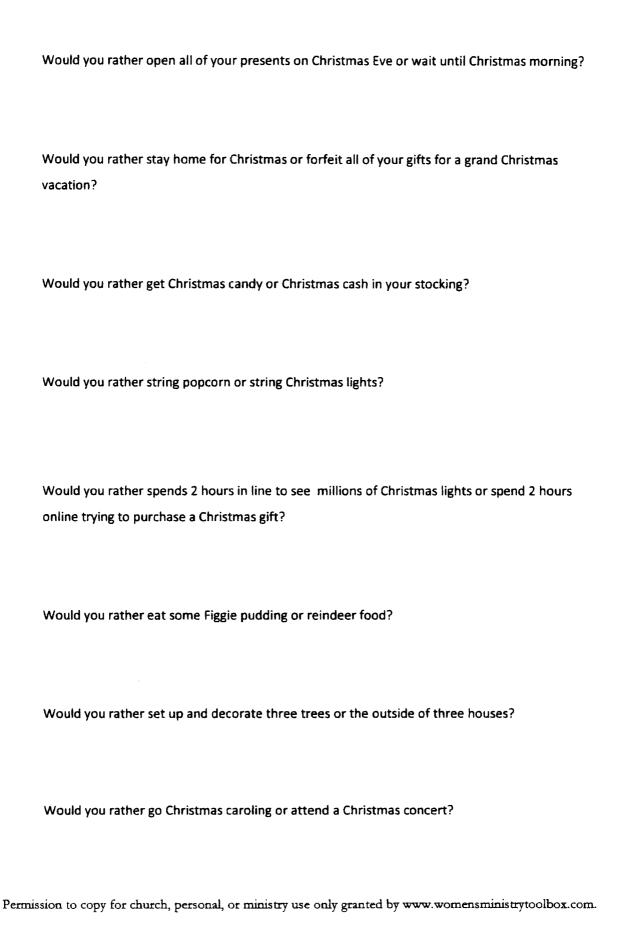
Christmas cookies - homemade or store-bought

Charlie Brown Christmas or Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

#### Would You Rather - Christmas Questions by Women's Ministry Toolbox

- Would you rather decorate 4 dozen gingerbread men or dip 10 dozen chocolate truffles?
- 2. Would you rather listen to the entire Handel's Messiah or watch The Christmas Story four times in a row?
- 3. Would you rather clean up after six geese-a-laying or Santa's eight reindeer?
- 4. Would you rather drink 6 cups of egg nog or 6 cups of hot chocolate?
- 5. Would you rather eat a dozen gingerbread cookies or 6 pieces of fruitcake?
- 6. Would you rather return an unwanted gift to the store or re-gift it next Christmas?
- 7. Would you rather spend 6 hours wrapping Christmas presents or 6 hours in line outside on Black Friday?
- 8. Would you rather eat turkey or ham for Christmas dinner?
- 9. Would you rather open all of your presents on Christmas Eve or wait until Christmas morning?
- 10. Would you rather stay home for Christmas or forfeit all of your gifts for a grand Christmas vacation?
- 11. Would you rather get Christmas candy or Christmas cash in your stocking?
- 12. Would you rather string popcorn or string Christmas lights?
- 13. Would you rather spends 2 hours in line to see millions of Christmas lights or spend 2 hours online trying to purchase a Christmas gift?
- 14. Would you rather eat some Figgie pudding or reindeer food?
- 15. Would you rather set up and decorate three trees or the outside of three houses?
- 16. Would you rather go Christmas caroling or attend a Christmas concert?
- 17. Would you rather wear an ugly Christmas sweater to work or sing a solo in the church Christmas production?
- 18. Would you rather have a white Christmas or a warm Christmas?
- 19. Would you rather hear Alvin and the Chipmunks or Mickey Mouse sing The Twelve Days of Christmas?
- 20. Would you rather receive one big Christmas gift or 8 smaller gifts?

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#### The Great Christmas Candy Pass

Group size: 6 or more

Time needed: 5-10 minutes

#### Supplies:

2-4 wrapped candies (such as mints, chocolates) per person
Bag(s) or bowl(s) for each group to contain candies
Printed list of questions

#### Directions:

- 1. Have group (or groups) sit or stand in a circle within easy reach.
- 2. Say to the group: "In just a moment you'll be responding to 20 Christmas questions. Things like: Do you own a Christmas sweater? Have you ever peeked at your Christmas presents? If your answer to any of the questions I ask is "yes" you're going to pass one piece of candy to the person on your **right**. If at any point in the game you don't have a piece of candy but need to pass one, just skip that question. The person holding the most candy at the end of our 20 questions will be declared the winner."
- 3. Ask each participant to take two wrapped candies (you could increase this to 3 or 4, but they all need to take the same number).
- 4. Read the questions to the group.
- 5. Have everyone count up the number of candies in their hand to determine the winner.

#### Winner:

The person(s) with the greatest numbers of candies wins bragging rights or a small prize. Let them eat their sweets when finished.

#### Notes:

You may want to create several smaller groups rather than one large group depending upon your space. If they are already seated at tables, just have each table play as a group.

Big bags of mints can be purchased inexpensively at warehouse stores such as Sam's Club.

#### The Great Christmas Candy Pass Questions:

- 1. Have you ever peeked at your Christmas presents?
- 2. Do you hang a stocking by your fireplace?
- 3. Have you finished Christmas shopping?
- 4. Do you like to drink eggnog?
- 5. Have you ever returned a Christmas gift?
- 6. Will you go Christmas caroling this year?
- 7. Do you own a Christmas sweater?
- 8. Will you be attending a Christmas Eve service this year?
- 9. Have you ever gotten coal in your stocking?
- 10. Have you ever had a white Christmas?
- 11. Do you open presents on Christmas Eve?
- 12. Do you get up early on Christmas morning?
- 13. Do you play Christmas music in your car?
- 14. Have you ever done a Random Act of Kindness at Christmas?
- 15. Do you eat ham on Christmas day?
- 16. Do you have a real Christmas tree?
- 17. Do you have an ornament with your name on it?
- 18. Do you buy Christmas presents for yourself?
- 19. Have you ever spent Christmas out of the country?
- 20. Do you like to make Christmas cookies?

## Christmas Icebreaker Questions

Group Size: 5+

**Time Needed:** Version 1 approx. 10 minutes; Version 2 approx. 20 minutes – depending on group size.

**Supplies:** Copy of Christmas Ice breaker questions cut apart; bag, stocking, or bowl to place questions in.

Instructions: Choose one version of the game below to play.

## Here are 7 different ways you may want to use these icebreaker questions:

- 1. Place one question at everyone's seat. Have the group/table go around and share their answers.
- 2. Place the cards inside a stocking (or gift bag) and have each person take a question out and answer it as it passes by.
- 3. Divide the room in half (painters tape works great) and have everyone answer by standing on the side of the line/room that represents their answer.
- 4. Take a vote! Have the group guess which answer they think the person will choose before having them reveal their answer.
- 5. Write the questions on a set of Jenga blocks. As each person takes a turn they have to answer the question.
- 6. Ask participants to share "why". Best for smaller groups and/or tables.
- 7. Write the questions all over the surface of a beach ball or inflatable Christmas decoration like a candy cane or ornament. Participants choose between the two questions their hands land on when they catch the ball.

**Notes:** It's nice to offer players a pass or chance to pull another question. You never know what might prompt a bad memory or make someone uncomfortable...

#### Valentine Icebreakers

Cut the questions and place them in a Valentine-themed bag or bowl.

## Here are 7 different ways you may want to use these icebreaker questions:

- 1. Place one question at everyone's seat. Have the group/table go around and share their answers.
- 2. Place the cards inside an empty candy box or gift bag and have each person take a question out and answer it as it passes by.
- 3. Divide the room in half (painters tape works great) and have everyone answer by standing on the side of the line/room that represents their answer.
- 4. Take a vote! Have the group guess which answer they think the person will choose before having them reveal their answer.
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However you choose to use them, the goal is to get the group to share and connect with each other.

### THE GREAT VALENTINE CANDY PASS IS A QUICK AND EASY ICEBREAKER.

It's perfect for a smaller group, but easily adaptable to large groups.

#### THE GREAT VALENTINE CANDY PASS

Supplies: 2-4 wrapped, hard candies (such as mints) per person; bag(s) or bowl(s) for each group to contain candies; printed list of questions

Participants needed: Group of at least 6; multiple groups seated at separate tables or in a circle will also work well.

**Directions:** Have group (or groups) sit or stand in a circle within easy reach. Ask each participant to take 2 mints (you could increase this to 3 or 4, but they all need to take the same number). Tell them that you will be asking the group questions. If their answer to the question is "yes", they need to pass one piece of candy to the person on their **right**.

Winner: The person with the greatest numbers of candies wins (bragging rights or a small prize). Let them eat their sweets when finished.

Notes: Big bags of mints can be purchased inexpensively at warehouse stores such as Sam's Club. Be careful not to use something that could melt! Use the "printer button" at the bottom of the post to easily print off the questions.

Winner: The person with the greatest numbers of candies wins (bragging rights or a small prize). Let them eat their sweets when finished.

#### **Questions:**

- 1. Have you ever gotten a gift from a secret admirer?
- 2. Do you give out Valentine cards to your friends?
- 3. Do you like to eat red hots?
- 4. Do you like to watch romantic movies?
- 5. Do you like the color red?
- 6. Have you ever been to a Valentine dance?
- 7. Have you ever given flowers to someone?
- 8. Have you ever received flowers?
- 9. Do you like to eat conversation hearts?
- 10. Are you a hopeless romantic?
- 11. Do you look forward to Valentine's Day?
- 12. Do you keep items of sentimental value?
- 13. Are you nails painted pink or red?
- 14. Do you know the words to "Going to the Chapel"?
- 15. Have you ever watched the movie Sleepless in Seattle or An Affair to Remember?
- 16. Do you think diamonds are a girls best friend?
- 17. Will you be going out to eat for a special meal on Valentine's Day?
- 18. Have you ever gotten a heart-shaped box of candy?
- 19. Do you like red roses?

20. Have you passed your candy to the right yet?
To print out the questions above select the printer icon below.
Happy Valentine's Day!

### **Valentine Icebreaker Questions**

I love to eat
Share the name of your favorite TV couple.
My favorite Valentine candy is
Name a gesture you find romantic.
My favorite flower is
If time and money were no object, describe your ideal Valentine's Day.
Share a special Valentine's Day memory.
Tell about a special Valentine you have given or received.
What is your favorite love song?
What is your favorite chocolate treat?
My ideal Valentine's Day dinner would be
What is the worst Valentine's Day gift you've received?
My favorite romantic movie is
Share about an item that has special sentimental value to you.
If you could have traveled anywhere for your honeymoon, where would you have go (or would go)?

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Have you ever made a "heart to heart" connection? You know, when you meet someone and you instantly bond over usually trivial things.

This Valentine Icebreaker, Heart to Heart, helps to make those connections between the people in your group.

Participants quickly discover who else loves Hershey kisses, who enjoys reading romance novels, and even who doesn't like to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Heart to Heart is a quick, fun icebreaker that will connect the women in your Bible study, Women's Ministry Team or at your Valentine Fellowship.

Heart to Heart

Group size: 8 or more

**Time needed:** Approx. 15 minutes (larger groups will likely need more time) **Supplies:** One copy of Heart to Heart game (click to download free PDF) per person; 1 pen/pencil per person; clock/timer.

**Instructions:** Distribute one handout (face down if possible) to each person in the room. On "go" instruct them to collect one signature per line.

- For groups of 8-15 allow for no more than 3 signatures of the same person per sheet.
- For groups of 15-40 allow for no more than 2 signatures of the same person per sheet.
- For groups of 40+ only allow no more than 1 signature of the same person per sheet.

Game ends at a designated time (i.e. 10 minutes) OR when the first person has completely (and correctly) filled their paper.

### **Sample Questions:**

Find someone in the room who can say they:

- 1. Prefer chocolate over flowers for Valentine's Day
- 2. Like to eat conversation hearts
- 3. Have plans to go out for dinner on Valentine's Day

Winner: The first person to correctly collect all needed signatures OR the person with the most signatures when time is called.

**Notes:** This game is great for bonding group members that may not know each other very well. Seemingly random information can offer points of connection. Make sure your group has name tags on. Expect your group to get loud. Limiting the number of signatures a person can put on another's paper forces them to interact with more people.

Happy Valentine's Day!



### **HEART TO HEART**

Directions: Connect and collect one signature per line from those in the room who can say they:

1.	Like to get flowers for Valentine's Day	
2.	Sent/will be sending Valentine cards this year	
3.	Have watched the movie Sleepless in Seattle	
4.	Decorate their home for Valentine's Day	
5.	Have plans to go out for dinner on Valentine's Day	
6.	Would like to renew their wedding vows	
7.	Can recite John 3:16	
8.	Will be celebrating Valentine's Day early or late	
9.	Traveled outside of the country for their honeymoon	
10.	Prefer chocolate over flowers for Valentine's Day	
11.	Favorite color is pink	
12.	Can't eat just one Hershey kiss	
13.	Have made/will make Valentine cookies this year	
14.	Have ever prepared a romantic candlelight dinner	
15.	Favorite color is red	
16.	Doesn't like to celebrate Valentine's Day	
	Like to eat conversation hearts	
18.	Know the words to "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"	
	Enjoy reading romance novels	
	Have returned a Valentine gift	

If Icebreaker: The Valentine Version

**Group size:** 4 – 8 people per group

Time needed: 15 minutes

Supplies: Valentine If game cards

**Instructions:** Print and cut the game cards. Place the cards in a stack in the center of the circle/table. Going around the circle, have each person draw one card and answer it. Play is completed when everyone has drawn one card and answered once.

Notes: Consider putting one card at each person's chair/space before your meeting/group/event begins. Most will appreciate having some time to think about their response (though you run the risk of missing out on spontaneous answers). Print the cards on colored paper or cardstock so the questions can't be seen. You may want to laminate the cards for repeated use. If time permits have everyone draw additional cards. Alternatively, you could place the cards in a bowl or red gift bag and pass it around with each person drawing one.

If you could be a who would you cl	• • •	If you could plan a romantic getaway weekend and money were no object, where would you go?
If you were goi romantic dinner fo what would y	r your sweetie,	If you could eat any Valentine treat without gaining weight, what would you choose to indulge in?
If you could choos movie to watch would you	, what movie	If you could have a bouquet delivered with your favorite flowers, what flower(s) would it feature?
If you could send anyone in the world who woul	d (living or dead),	If you were to choose the sayings to go on candy conversation hearts, what would you want them to say?
If you had to choo Valentine candy w		If you could have anything you want for Valentine's dinner, what would you eat?

(	If you had to share a box of chocolates with someone, who would you pick?	If Valentine's Day were removed from the calendar would you miss it, why or why not?
	If you could take a day to show love to others, how would you spend it?	If you had to pick a favorite flower color, which would you choose?
(	If you were to receive a Valentine from only one person, who would you want it to be from?	If you could travel (could have traveled) anywhere for your honeymoon where would you go (or would have gone)?
	If you could take a bite out of every filled chocolate in the box without anyone knowing, would you do it?	If you could take a mission trip anywhere in the world, where would you chose to go?
(	If you were to send a bouquet of flowers to someone, who would you send it to?	If your were to be serenaded with a love song, what song would you choose and who would you want to sing it?

#### HOW TO USE TABLE TALK CARDS

- 1. Scatter them around the tables at your event eating areas, around the buffet, dessert table, beverage station, or any place people will be gathering. Laminating the cards will keep them from becoming stained or soaked and unreadable.
- 2. Set them upright in a table number holder, binder clip, or in a miniature frame.
- 3. Place one at each place setting.
- 4. Put them in an Easter basket, watering can, flower pot, or other creative container and have each guest draw one to answer.
- 5. Choose 1 or more of the questions and have everyone in the group take turns sharing their answer.
- 6. Partner-up your attendees and have them share their answer to the question with one another. Especially great for those questions that lend themselves to a longer answer.
- 7. Print them out on sticker paper and attach one to each program or handout for your women to answer.
- 8. Have attendees anonymously write in their answer. Gather the responses, read them aloud, and have the group guess who wrote each answer. You could make multiple copies of the same question or you could give each group member a different question. Best for smaller groups that know each other well. This would be really fun to do as a Women's Ministry Team!
- 9. Place them in your purse and break them out during a dinner out.
- 10. Put them on a keyring and ask the questions while you wait in line for an amusement ride, on the bus to Youth Camp, or in route to your women's ministry retreat.



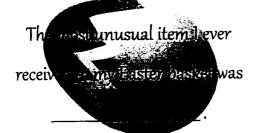




















What's your favorite flower?

Springs means





The best part about Spring is

What's your ideal or dream Spring break vacation?





My favorite spring chore is

My least favorite part about spring is \_\_\_\_\_.





Do you dread or celebrate daylight savings time?

I can't wait to in the Spring!





Spring means it's time to get out

Describe your perfect Spring day.





# FELLOWSHIP – LADIES NIGHT OUT

Intentional activities build relationships and offer women opportunities to connect with one another.

These 105 Christian Ladies Night Out ideas are perfect for your Women's Ministry, ladies Sunday School class, small group, and MOPS group.

### DIVIDED INTO SEVEN CATEGORIES THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERY INTEREST:

- 1. Crafty
- 2. Entertainment & the Arts
- 3. Exercise/Outdoor
- 4. Food
- 5. Fun & Games
- 6. Missions
- 7. Sporting Events

Expand your reach by selecting activities from different categories to fill your calendar.

# WHEN YOU CAN, KEEP IT SIMPLE AND AFFORDABLE – MOST OF THESE IDEAS REQUIRE LITTLE PLANNING AND LITTLE EXPENSE.

Christian Ladies Nights Out work well as outreach events as they aren't perceived as preachy or overtly spiritual (not that you can't and shouldn't have a short devotional and prayer).

Let me also humbly suggest that you *refrain from activities* that encourage or include alcohol, gambling, swearing, or content of any kind that would reflect poorly upon your ministry or church. Romans 14 and 15 remind us that we have a responsibility to protect our women from any situation that might cause them to stumble.

# WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, HERE ARE 105 IDEAS FOR YOU:

### **CRAFTY**

- 1. Beading/Jewelry Making
- 2. Canvas Painting Class
- 3. Flower Arranging
- 4. Holiday Crafts
- 5. Knitting/Crochet
- 6. Mosaic Tiles
- 7. Ornament Making
- 8. Paint Your Own Pot
- 9. Pinterest Party
- 10. Scrapbooking
- 11. Sewing

- 12. UFO Night Unfinished Object Night
- 13. Wreath Making

### **ENTERTAINMENT & THE ARTS**

- 14. Ballet
- 15. Broadway Show
- 16. Christian Book Club
- 17. Christian Concert
- 18. Christian Movie Night
- 19. (Clean) Comedy Show/Club
- 20. Comedy DVD
- 21. Dinner Theater
- 22. Historical Tour
- 23. Museum Tour
- 24. Musical
- 25. Orchestra Performance
- 26. Play
- 27. Special Holiday Show/Event

### **EXERCISE/OUTDOOR**

- 28. Cave Tour
- 29. Christian Yoga
- 30. Go-karts
- 31. Golf
- 32. Hiking
- 33. Horseback Riding
- 34. Ice Skating
- 35. Nature Walk
- 36. Pilates
- 37. Pool Party
- 38. Prayer Walk
- 39. Putt-Putt
- 40. Roller Skating
- 41. Self Defense Class
- 42. Snow Skiing
- 43. Snow Tubing
- 44. Walking
- 45. Water Park
- 46. Water Skiing
- 47. Water Tubing
- 48. Zumba

### **FOOD**

- 49. Appetizers
- 50. "Blue" Foods (or other food theme i.e. Italian, Mexican, etc.)
- 51. Chocolate Tasting
- 52. Coffee Shop
- 53. Cookie Decorating
- 54. Cookie Swap
- 55. Cooking Class
- 56. Cooking Competition (i.e. Food Network)
- 57. Cupcake Decorating
- 58. Dessert
- 59. Freezer Cooking
- 60. Ice Cream Tasting Party
- 61. Make Your Own Pizza
- 62. Potluck
- 63. Progressive Dinner
- 64. Soup Swap/Tasting
- 65. Taco Bar
- 66. Tea

### **FUN & GAMES**

- 67. Accessory Swap
- 68. Antique Shopping
- 69. Bingo
- 70. Board Games
- 71. Book Swap
- 72. Bowling
- 73. Bunko
- 74. Card Games
- 75. Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt
- 76. Clothing Swap
- 77. Consignment Shopping
- 78. Holiday Party (Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, etc.)
- 79. Historic District Shopping
- 80. Mall Scavenger Hunt
- 81. Minute to Win-It
- 82. Outlet Shopping
- 83. Scavenger Hunt
- 84. Spa Night

### **MISSIONS**

- 85. Bingo at a Senior Center
- 86. Cards for College Students
- 87. Cards for Homebound
- 88. Cards for those serving in the Military
- 89. Cards for Missionaries
- 90. Care Packages for College Students
- 91. Care Packages for the Military
- 92. Care Packages for Missionaries
- 93. Fleece Blankets for homebound, abuse shelter, children in hospital, etc.
- 94. Food Pantry (re-stock, organize, etc.)
- 95. Nursing Home Visits
- 96. Pregnancy Hotline/Center
- 97. Random Acts of Kindness (RAOK)
- 98. Rescue Mission serve a meal
- 99. Ronald McDonald House provide a meal
- 100. Soup Kitchen

### SPORTING EVENTS

- 101. Baseball Game
- 102. Basketball Game
- 103. Football Game
- 104. Hockey Game
- 105. Rodeo

May God will bless the time your ladies spend together.

Movie Nights make for a great Ladies Night Out event. They can also be a great, non-threatening outreach opportunity.

Today, I'm going to share step by step tips on how to host a marvelous movie night.

### **HOW TO HOST A MEMORABLE MOVIE NIGHT:**

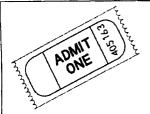
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Step 1 – Invitations – Decide who you're going to invite! Perhaps you just want to have some girlfriends over for a fun Ladies Night Out. Maybe your Women's Ministry is hosting a Movie Night for a fellowship event. Whatever the case, make sure you communicate/invite your peeps 2-3 weeks prior to your event. And be sure to follow-up with a reminder email the week of the event. Step 2 – Plan your menu – Popcorn is definitely a must! Chances are your Youth Group has a movie theater style popcorn machine like this Gold Medal Popcorn Popper that you can borrow. You might want to consider purchasing some popcorn seasoning mixes, popcorn bags, or popcorn boxes. You could even set up a Popcorn Bar like Corey did over at Family Fresh Meals. If your budget allows provide some full-size candy bars. Your guests are going to get thirsty so be sure to supply plenty of sodas and water.

Step 3 – Name tags and an Icebreaker. Get folks to put a name tag on when you greet them at the door. Print out these movie-themed icebreaker questions to help along the conversation as you wait for folks to arrive. Consider placing the questions on the table, scatter them around the food table, or put them in a popcorn box and have everyone draw a question to answer. To download the free movie icebreakers click the following link: movie icebreaker questions

Step 4 – Select a movie. Some of my favorite Christian movies include: War Room, God's Not Dead 2, Woodlawn, Risen, Old Fashioned, and When the Game Stands Tall.

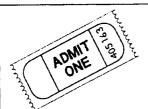
Step 5 - Host your movie night and have fun!



What was your favorite movie as a child?



What movie character would you most like to be?



Do you prefer comedies, dramas, or action movies?

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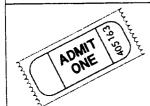
What musical do you know all (or most) of the words to?



What actor or actress do you admire?



Name a movie sequel or re-make that you thoroughly enjoyed.



In what movie would you love to play the starring role?



Share about a movie that had a profound impact on your life.