

## Home Group Discussion Questions & Ideas

*If you're considering having a small group of women meet in your home for spiritual growth but don't know where to start, here are some helpful ideas:*

### **Get the conversation going.**

Here are some great questions to help women begin to share about their life and/or spiritual journey. You can find more questions at <https://www.ifgathering.com/iftable/>. Each week select a few questions for your small group to get the conversation going. Then follow with related spiritual conversations.

What is your story of coming to saving faith in Christ?

What is one piece of life-impacting advice you received from an older woman?

At what age did you come to know Christ?

What is your favorite family activity?

Other than God, what person in the Bible would you like to have a conversation with?

Who has had the most positive influence on you?

How were you introduced to Whitesburg Baptist Church?

What is one piece of life-impacting advice you would share with a younger woman?

Other than Jesus, who is your favorite Biblical person?

Where have you seen God at work in your life recently?

Who has helped you know and love Jesus more?

What is your favorite lesson, story or event from the Bible?

Where have you seen God at work in our church lately?

If there were no hindrances, where would you most like to serve in the church?

## Do a simple Bible study & HEAR\* journal.

A simple, yet very impactful way to study the Bible is to use the HEAR journal method. All you'll need is your Bible and a journal. You can do it alone, but it's even better with a small group.

- Find 2-5 other women who want to commit to studying the Bible together.
- Prayerfully select a book of the Bible to study and schedule a meeting time.
- Each of you will study the passages and write in your HEAR journals on your own.
- During your personal study time—before you start reading your Bible—begin by praying and asking God to open your spiritual understanding of the verses.
- Then start reading a small passage, maybe 5-20 verses. A verse or two may grab your attention—perhaps as being impactful, generating a response, prompting a question. Concentrate on that verse and begin your HEAR journal entry in this way:
  - **H** – highlight. Write out that verse in your journal.
  - **E** – explain. In a few sentences, write what's happening in that passage, basically who, what, when, where, why, how.
  - **A** – apply. Consider how this applies to you, what you learned, a question it generated, or dig deeper for an answer. Write it down.
  - **R** – respond. Write out what you will do in response to the passage, such as an action to take, a prayer of commitment, a prayer of thanksgiving.
  - Be sure to date and title this entry.
- During your group time, each woman will share her HEAR journal entries with the other women in the group.

\*Learn more about HEAR journaling and small group discipleship in the book *Disciple Her* by Kandi Gallaty or *Growing Up* by Robby Gallaty.

## Do a video-based Bible study.

- You can check out a video-based Bible study from our Church Library, purchase your workbook, and do the study on your own or with a group of women. Consider studies by Priscilla Shirer, Kelly Minter, Kay Arthur, and more! Just ask the librarian about the available studies.
- Find an online Bible study through Lifeway, Revive Our Hearts, or other organizations.

Hopefully these ideas will help you get started with your small group.

Remember to **first pray** for God's guidance.

Then follow His lead.

May God bless you as you prepare to lead a group.