

MEETING GUIDE - FIRST MEETING

A Sample Timeline and Discussion Guide

This can be used as a reference for your meeting agenda and provides questions to help with your discussion time as needed.

7:00 WELCOME AND PRAYER

Remind the women that they were prayerfully chosen for this group, and God has something special in store for each of them.

7:05 OVERVIEW OF MENTORING YEAR GOALS

Mentoring Goals for each woman:

To have a strong relationship with Christ as a result of having knowledge of God's Word and of having a consistent prayer life.

To embrace scripture as a foundational truth for all of life. To continually commit specific verses to memory and apply them to real life situations.

To understand who she is in Christ and to walk in the freedom and confidence of a redeemed child of God.

To serve and lead in her church and community based on her Personal Ministry Plan.

To experience contentment that comes from trusting God.

To have an eternal perspective about money that results in being a wise steward of what God has entrusted to her.

If married, to have a closer relationship with God and her husband through understanding God's purpose for marriage.

If a parent, to be encouraged and better equipped, as a mom, as a result of understanding her role in the parenting journey.

7:10 GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

"Where did you grow up and how did you get to your current location?"

"How did you meet your husband?"

"If you have children, what are their names and ages?"

"In your free time, what do you enjoy doing?"

7:40 DISCUSS HOMEWORK

Ask each woman to answer the homework question:

What would you consider a successful mentoring experience to be?"

7:55 ADMINISTRATIVE TIME

Collect the signed covenants.

Go over the notebook.

Talk about the Personal Ministry Plan.

Set the calendar. Refer to copies of "Calendar: Session Dates & Times" in each woman's notebook. Set dates for the year at this meeting. Already have your dates in mind, and adjust as necessary based on conflicts within the group. If have not already set the retreat date, do this as well.

Dinner in Your Home

One of the optional activities that we highly recommend is to have a dinner at your home with the women (and their husbands for married groups). Meeting the husbands and getting them involved only helps your efforts and theirs in this mentoring year.

8:15 BREAK

8:30 MENTOR FAITH STORY

Share your faith story. This is one of the most important things in the program. You will set the tone for transparency and authenticity. If you are not open with your struggles, your mentees will not feel safe to share theirs.

Once you have finished telling your story, follow up with:

"Do you have any questions? You may ask me anything. I want you to truly know my story and my heart."

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9:00 DISCUSS NEXT MONTH'S ASSIGNMENTS

Pass out homework for the next month: homework assignment, scripture memory, marriage exercise, peer challenge partner, book. Since this is their first assignment, spend a little time looking at the homework. Also, if your retreat is the next session, any retreat planning/communication can be done now.

Use this time to remind them of the commitment. Discuss the expectation for attendance, timeliness and homework completion. You only get one chance to start, so make the expectations clear in the beginning to set the tone for the remaining meetings.

9:30 PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER TIME

Ask each woman to share a prayer request that the group can be praying for them.

10:00 DISMISS

To set the proper tone for future meetings, make sure you end each meeting on time.