

## MENTOR PREPARATION GUIDE -GRADUATION

### Before this session, you need to:

If you're combining your last session with your graduation dinner, REMIND THEM THAT IT WILL BE A FOUR-HOUR SESSION. For married groups, husbands can join you two hours into it for dinner and sharing.

- Print out Homework Assignment sheet for Graduation month. This is a light month with no book assignment.
- Additional idea #1 - To be able to have a quick review of the year during your sharing time with the group, you might have each woman pick a topic to share about. Each could share what God taught them, the change/impact it made on her life, and then quote the Bible verse. The women would each pick a different month.
- Additional idea #2 - Suggest to each woman that if there is a question they would like to ask you and your husband about, email the question to you. Then you and your husband could prepare how you would respond. As you gather the couples together to share, you could then give them an opportunity to ask their questions.
- You could have the girls each think about the faith story they shared at the retreat. Now that your group has hopefully bonded and feel safer with one another, ask each girl to go a little deeper and be more vulnerable regarding something from their faith story.
- Read what the women wrote at the beginning of the year and shared at your first meeting. They answered the questions: what they thought a successful mentoring experience would be, and what they desired for God to do in their life through your time together. As you read this, you could jot down some notes of how God worked to fulfill their desires. You could then share some of these things as you start off your sharing time together.
- Pray for this last time your women meet as a group. As you think through the year, ask the Lord to give you some words to say to each woman or specific things to pray over them that would be an encouragement to them.
- Gift: If you would like to give each woman some type of gift, you'll want to have that ready. One idea is to take a picture of the group (hopefully you took some pictures at your retreat earlier in the year), have prints made, then put them in a frame to give to each woman as a memento of your time together. Another idea is to write a note to each mentee that affirms and encourages them.

- Optional- Organize dinner: Either your last session together or a couple of weeks before your dinner, you will want to take care of some of the logistics with the women. Have a sign-up list ready for the food to be brought. One idea is to have them bring side dishes and you provide the meat.  
Prepare dinner location: If your group is too large for one table, then dividing the group is fine. Split the numbers evenly so that couples (if this is a married group) can sit together at each table. If you can't all fit around one table, either both of you spend time at both tables, or you and your husband split and sit at different tables for the full time.

A note to each Mentor from Regina Williams (founder of Titus2):

I pray this year has been a huge blessing for you, as I know it has been for the women God has placed in your care! I hope you'll continue to invest your life in younger women, either through a formal mentoring program, or informally, as God brings younger women into your life. God never calls us to retirement, but to continue to be faithful stewards of all He has given us . . . resources, time, wisdom and our unique talents and gifts. He wants us to be vessels that He can flow through to bless others. May God continue to water every seed that you planted this year to produce a harvest that is thirty, sixty and hundredfold of what you gave! To our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be all the glory and praise!

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" Matthew 25:21