

MEETING GUIDE – INFLUENCE

A Sample Timeline and Discussion Guide

Session Objectives

Have clarity of purpose

Set goals that will enable them to use gifts, passions and season of life to serve and lead their church and community

Evaluate how their time is being used in light of their purpose and priorities

Increase community among the women

Become more connected with you, the mentor

7:00 ARRIVAL AND OPENING PRAYER

7:10 SCRIPTURE MEMORY REVIEW

7:25 DISCUSS: PERSONAL MINISTRY PLAN HANDOUT

Remind them that having a Personal Ministry Plan will make them mindful of how they spend their time and energy, making sure it is consistent with their priorities.

It's important for the women to think about their purpose, goals and influence because many people go through life just responding/reacting to circumstances, as opposed to living intentionally.

Here are some other things for you to remember as you discuss this exercise:

- God has uniquely gifted each woman.
- Success is not about achieving status, power or wealth; it's about investing your God-given passions and resources in ways to glorify Him. This will look different for every woman.
- Each woman's Personal Ministry Plan will be different.
- No one has it "all together" in this area. We're all on a journey.
- As a mentor, you will want to make a note in your personal calendar to follow up with each mentee in August or September to see how they are doing with moving forward with the PMP.

8:25 BREAK

8:40 DISCUSS: MARRIAGE FOCUS

"How did 'The Swap' go? Did your husband appreciate you intentionally taking time to be with him, doing something he enjoys? What did you give up to spend time with him?"

It's important that married couples are "of one accord" in their dreams for the future. In this way, "iron sharpens iron" as Proverbs 27:17 says. Sometimes in the marriage relationship, the husband is the planner and the wife is not—or vice versa. Though it's typical to be different (and many times complementary), it's important that every couple discusses their hopes, dreams and plans together.

8:50 DISCUSS: PEER CHALLENGE

9:00 DISCUSS BOOK

In light of the discussion you've already had on influence, as well as hopes and dreams for the future, the discussion of the book should focus on some practical applications.

Consider the following questions:

"What is a key takeaway from the book, especially in light of your purpose, passions and influence?"

"Are there any other key principles that stood out to you?"

9:40 PRAYER TIME

9:55 WRAP-UP

10:00 DISMISS