

How Do I Start A Women's Ministries Group?

1. **Pray** – Your church and your women are unique. **Write the vision** for those needs.
2. Talk to the Pastor – Align with authority in your church for God's blessing.
3. Appoint a team leader, **a woman of positive influence and a heart for relationships**. Build a leadership team, depending on the size of the church. This team should represent a cross-section of your congregation (young/old, newer/older believers, newer/older attendees, introvert/extrovert). **Conduct a spiritual gifts teaching** to bring awareness of their strongest gifts (teaching, hospitality, organization, giving, helps, evangelism, intercession). Build the team around a variety of spiritual gifts.
4. Plan events to **meet the needs of your church** and **outreach**:
 - a. Spiritual events – Bible studies, prayer group, retreats.
 - b. Fun events – spa night, Girls' Night Out (www.grouppublishing.org), etc.
 - c. Special interest groups – scrapbooking, MOPS, age-specific groups, etc.
 - d. Local community outreach – domestic abuse center, pregnancy centers.
5. Participate in the OBC WM Projects, ABCD, In Touch newsletter subscriptions, etc.
6. With organization/delegation, the leadership team may need to meet only quarterly or monthly. **Pray**.