

## Training Module 7

### Phase Three: Expanding the Ministry to Women

*“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

**Review:** Ministry to Women begins with a strong biblical foundation, it’s rooted in the Gospel, and developed and sustained by prayer.

Ministry to Women is always connected to the overall purpose of the church.

**Review:** 5 Keys of Effective Growth: ***Worship, Grow, Connect, Serve & Share***

**Review:** Phase One: Starting a Ministry to Women

Phase Two: Growing a Ministry to Women

- Before taking steps to expand your Ministry to Women, take time to assess the ministry.
- Before we start adding things to the ministry, make sure that the foundation is solid and the ministry is in a position to thrive.

### Expanding the Ministry to Women

As women’s ministry leaders, we should always be looking for ways to continually encourage and challenge women to go spiritually farther with God and with each other.

- Pay attention to spiritual needs within our midst. Who are you missing from your events and bible studies? What group or demographic is falling through the cracks?
- Pray. Ask God to reveal women He desires you to reach.
- Stay Alert. Watch for how God is moving and directing as you seek His guidance.

Remember, everything we do in our ministry should be bathed in prayer.

As we begin to add more focused areas of ministry, we want to employ the same steps of development that we would if we were starting a Ministry to Women.

## 4 Ideas for Expanding the Ministry

### Discipleship Ministry

As a key element in the GROW component, studying God's Word is a necessary foundation for Ministry to Women.

"Discipleship is intentionally equipping believers with the Word of God through accountable relationships empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to replicate faithful followers of Christ." Kandi Gallaty, author of "Disciple Her"

4 Questions to consider as you start the process:

1. How do we begin?
2. Whom do we seek to help?
3. What will we teach/share?
4. What is the actual process? (logistics, frequency, time, etc.)

### Mentoring Ministry

- Mentoring and Discipleship are similar. Mentoring is more lifestyle focused.
- Mentoring can be structured or organic.
- Mentoring can be informal, but it needs to be consistent and intentional.
- Consider the various generations of women in your church and start there.
- Step out and start!

### Girls Ministry

- As women's ministry leaders, we need to be looking for ways to intentionally connect with our younger girls.
- We need to be pouring God's truth into their minds and hearts so they will be ready to stand in confidence and courage.
- Combine your girls and women for a time of bible study. Include them in your events and mission projects.

## Ministry to Moms

- Ministry to Moms can be instrumental in ministering to the entire family.
- Moms desire authentic community, fellowship, and are hungry for spiritual direction.
- Our women's ministries can step in and create opportunities for meaningful connections and life growth through a Ministry to Moms.

3 things to consider when starting a Ministry to Moms:

1. Consider the needs as well as the schedules of the moms you desire to reach. Get their input about what they prefer.
2. Childcare is important. Moms need to know there is quality childcare for their kids.
3. Decide on format. Remember that ministry is relational. Keep it simple.

Ministry to Moms is a practical entry point for women who desire friendship and connection but may not come to church. This is a great opportunity to meet these moms in their everyday realities with the love and hope of Christ!

## Conclusion

These examples are just a few ministry strategies to consider as you pray about how to reach women and help them grow spiritually. We encourage you to go back through, look at these steps, think about the women in your church, and look around the women in your community. As you pray together about where God would have you reach more women for His name, He will be faithful to reveal His plans!