

TRAINING MODULE 1

WORKSHEET

What is Ministry to Women and How Should it Function in the Local Church?

- 1. Ministry to Women exists to fulfill the purpose of the local church, which is the carrying out of the Great Commission.** Jesus said in Matthew 28:19-20, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

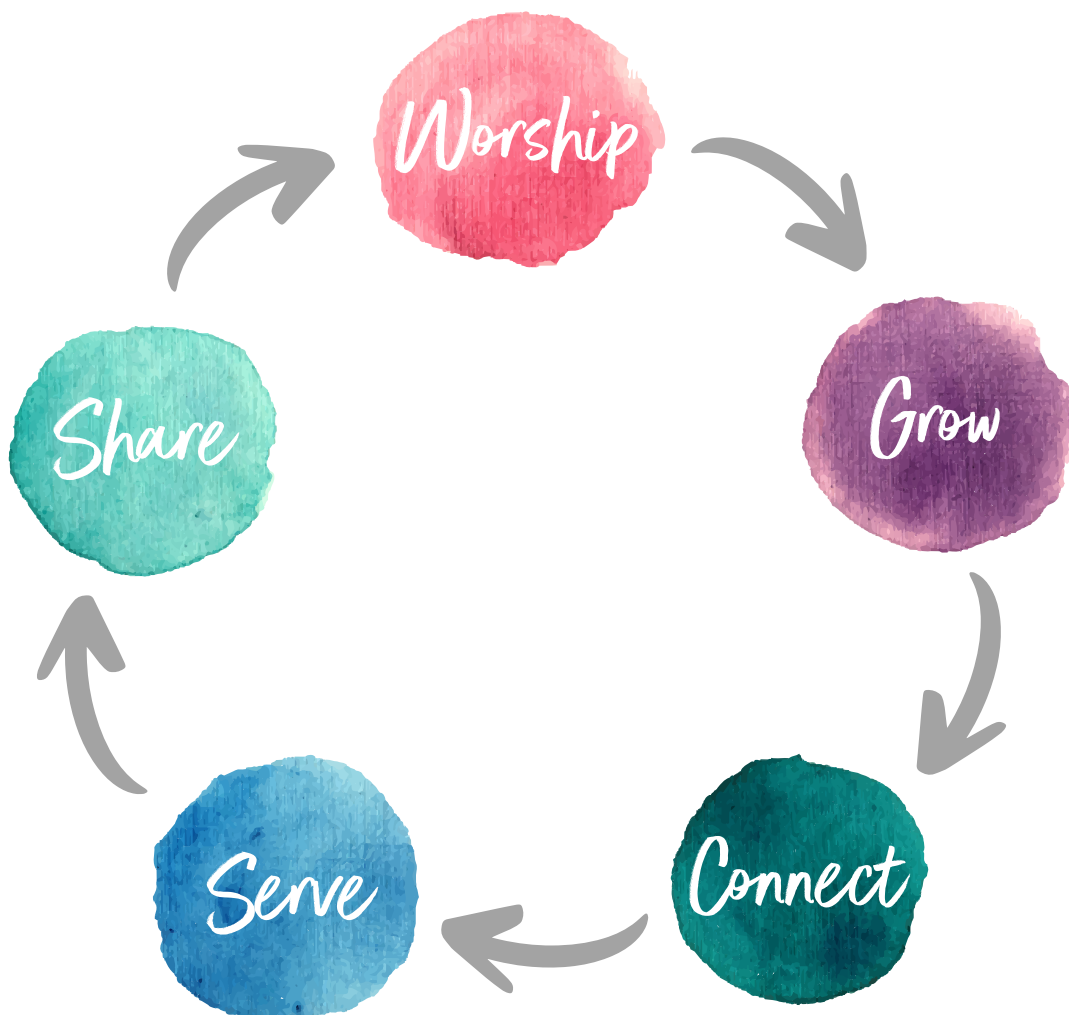
- 2. The fuel for effective Ministry to Women is the Great Commandment.** *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”* (Mark 12:30-31.) A great summary of these verses is that we should always strive to **love God and love others.**

- 3. Ministry to Women is one of the most effective ways to love and serve women with the Gospel of Jesus Christ leading to women who are loved, reached, encouraged, engaged, and empowered.** When Ministry to Women is fully developed the following outcomes will happen:
 - **Salvation:** Women are coming to faith in Christ.
 - **Spiritual Growth:** Women are growing in their love relationship with Christ.
 - **Inspired:** Women are embracing their God-given roles in the home, church, and community.
 - **Trained and Empowered:** Women are serving in the local church and making kingdom impact at home and around the world

Foundational Component 1: Ministry to Women Begins with a Strong Biblical Foundation

An effective women's ministry leader must understand the foundational, biblical elements for Ministry to Women and be able to create a ministry plan which incorporates all of them. Finding a way to balance the foundational elements equally is essential to ministry success. We describe these foundational elements as "5 Keys for Effective Growth":

- WORSHIP** Drawing our _____ near to God.
- GROW** Drawing our _____ to the Word.
- CONNECT** Drawing us near to each other in _____.
- SERVE** Drawing us together in _____.
- SHARE** Drawing others _____ to Jesus.



WORSHIP: *Drawing our Hearts Near to God*

The Bible says that we are to, *“Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He.”* Psalm 99:5 (ESV)

GROW: *Drawing our Minds to the Word*

The Bible says, *“All Scripture is breathed out by God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”* 1 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

CONNECT: *Drawing us Near to Each Other in Community*

The early church in the book of Acts provides a great example of connecting with each other in meaningful ways. *“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.”* Acts 2:46-47 (NIV) When we connect, we:

SERVE: *Drawing us Together in Service and Outreach*

“... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28 (ESV) When we serve, we:

SHARE: *Drawing Others in our World to Jesus*

“But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV) When we share, we:

CONCLUSION

This concludes our first training module. Thank you for taking part in the Arkansas Baptists leadership training process. As you begin to process your thoughts on Worship, Grow, Connect, Serve, and Share, please read over pages 3-8 in the 5 Keys for Effective Growth. Begin to pray and ask the Lord to plant the five key elements in your heart and mind. God is working in mighty ways! Keep on following Jesus.