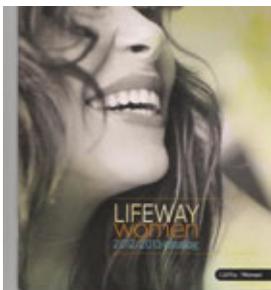


# Women's Ministry FAQs

Questions about leading the women's ministry in your church? Check this list of frequently asked questions for some basic women's ministry tips. If you have a question you don't see listed, please feel free to post your question or concern in the LifeWay Community – a series of online community forums where women and women's leaders can exchange ideas, insights and questions. All of the following information, plus much more for Women's Ministry might be found on the website:

<http://www.lifeway.com/n/Ministries/Women>

## 1. How do I get a catalog?



### LifeWay Women Catalog

Download a free LifeWay Women catalog (PDF) to see all the great Bible studies, resources, and events available for ministry to women in your church, at the above address, under the Additional Resources block (upper right)

## 2. How do we start a women's ministry in our church?

Prayer is the first and most important step. You must wait on God's timing and movement before going to the second step: sharing your vision with a staff minister. For some very practical helps, we recommend several resources by and for women's leaders:

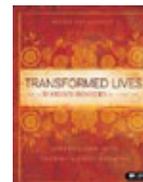


### Women Reaching Women: Beginning and Building a Growing Women's Ministry

This foundational resource contains ministry helps on a variety of topics concerning women's ministry. This might be helpful as you move forward in your ministry with women in your church. (Also available in Spanish.)

### Transformed Lives: Taking Women's Ministry to the Next Level

This compilation of ministry helps will help you continue to develop a balanced ministry with women.



### **“Organizing Your Women's Ministry” Handout**

Leaders, use this helpful tool to get started in your women's ministry. It will also give great information regarding how to build a balanced ministry with your women and lead you to helpful contacts to further develop your ministry.

[www.lifeway.com/n/Ministries/Women](http://www.lifeway.com/n/Ministries/Women), under

“Start a Women's Ministry in Your Church Today!”

## 3. How do we request leadership training in our area?

LifeWay offers a variety of leadership training opportunities.

“You Lead” prior to Living Proof (Beth Moore) events, Webcasts & Simulcasts, Women's Forum plus ‘Women Reaching Women’ blog with Chris Adams and LifeWay products to guide you.

- If you are in a Southern Baptist church, check with your associational office to see what training events are scheduled for your area. Search State Conventions and Local Associations. Ask if there is a women's ministry leader for your area and let her know of your interest.
  - Find Women's State Leaders.

- If you are looking for a speaker for an event at your church, visit Women's Ministry Authors where you will find links to their personal websites.
- If you are not in a Southern Baptist church or have additional questions, e-mail Chris Adams to see about setting up a training conference for your area (cadams@lifeway.com)

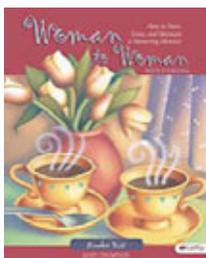
#### **Simulcasts & Webcasts**

Webcasts are new online training opportunities for you to gather your leadership team or let them watch from their home or office. Then get together and brainstorm ways to put the ideas to work in your church. Chris Adams hosts the webcasts with occasional guests to discuss topics related to ministering to women.

From individuals with a laptop to small groups gathering around a small screen to hundreds converging in church auditoriums or arenas to watch on a big screen, LifeWay simulcasts are customizable. And because prices are tiered to meet your needs, they're affordable, too. Look below to see which simulcasts offer tiered options.

(above address, > Events > Simulcasts & Webcasts)

#### **4. What resources do you have to help us with mentoring?**



We are pleased to offer Woman to Woman Mentoring resources by speaker and author Janet Thompson. This resource is designed to help you with administrating the ministry, finding mentors, training mentors and mentees, kickoff coffees, and many other issues dealing with mentoring.

#### **5. How do we find promotional resources for Bible studies or Events?**

If you are planning a Bible study in your church we have free, downloadable promotional resources for many of our studies.

Visit [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com), Bible Study > Women's Groups,

where you will find a list of all of our studies. Choose a study and click on the title where you will find promotional items if they are available.

For event promotion, visit Events > Women & Beth Moore, click on the event you are interested in and you will find promotional items at the bottom of the page.

#### **6. How do we blend women's enrichment ministry with already established women's groups (such as a mission group) in our church?**

- Again, prayer is the key to opening the door for cooperation. Women's ministry is not meant to do away with any already established ministry with women in your church. It is meant to involve more women in activities designed for them.
- To achieve a balanced ministry with women you must include three key elements: discipleship, missions, and evangelism. As we reach and disciple women, God will work in women's lives to lead them to share their faith and to minister in His name to others, so it ideally will increase participation in already existing service ministries.
- Read more in Missions & Evangelism. (located on web page listed at top; Look under "How do we start and build a women's ministry in our church?" page – right block)

#### **7. How do we approach our pastor/church staff about starting a women's ministry?**

First, pray and ask God's direction and timing. If you continue to sense God's leading in this area, make an appointment with the appropriate staff person to share your vision and heart for women's ministry, along with one to two specific ideas that would help get things started.

Ask your pastor or other staff leader what his vision is for the women in the church and how women's ministry could support him in what God has called him to do at the church. Let him know you are seeking his input and response.

Be submissive to the leadership of your church. The leadership provides not only the umbrella of authority, but also of protection for all the ministries in the church. The pastor and staff see the church from the bigger picture

than we sometimes do as we focus on our area of ministry within the church.

Wait on God's timing if the pastor or leader who may be charged with women's ministry is not comfortable with your proceeding at the present time. If that's the case, continue to pray for God's guidance.

**The Vision of Women's Ministry** — this is a great resource to show your pastor or church staff.

(video clip, on LifeWay Women's page: <http://www.lifeway.com/Article/How-to-approach-church-about-starting-a-womens-ministry> )

#### 8. How do we help women understand where they are spiritually and how God has gifted them?

Use the **Spiritual Assessment Tools** to guide women to understand where they are spiritually and how God has gifted them. (Located under Additional Resources block)

- Spiritual Growth Assessment
  - Spiritual Gifts Survey
  - Spiritual Gifts List
- Where do you feel God leading you to serve Him?

#### 9. How do we find out about news for women from LifeWay?

**LifeWay Women News & Updates** is a weekly, email to help you stay up-to-date with ministry ideas, new resources, and life-changing events for women in your church. [www.lifeway.com/newsletters](http://www.lifeway.com/newsletters) or you can check out the latest by title: [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com), Articles>Ministry>Women