CTA Presents: Focus on Leadership

Why a Church Needs Women’s Ministry

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**Introduction:** Wondering if your church needs a separate women’s ministry program? Here is sound advice and support for why a church—and the women in it—need one!

**Summary:**

Why does a church need a women’s ministry?

* Impacts lives of participants
  + Make friends
  + Grow spiritually
  + Learn
  + Serve alongside other women
  + Builds community
* What does Scripture say?
  + Titus 2:3–5—intergenerational teaching
  + Acts 2:42—Bible study, fellowship, prayer
  + Matthew 28:19–20—making disciples
* Adds opportunities outside of the typical church options
* Offers options for a variety of personality types
* Not in competition with other ministries
  + Different groups serve different purposes
  + Benefit a variety of people and meet the needs of many
  + Can provide conversations that connect the Bible with real life
  + Address different needs and experiences

How to proceed in adding a women’s ministry program?

* Pray, pray, pray
* Share desire with church staff
* Share specific info or data, if necessary
* Be persistent and patient
* Have courage and faith that God will provide
* Not just fellowship, fun, and service—must be founded on the Word of God

**Resources:**

* [Women’s Ministry Toolbox](https://womensministrytoolbox.com/blog/) and Women’s Ministry Toolbox Facebook group
* Cyndee’s podcast and blog post: Scriptural Support for Women’s Ministry
* [ctainc.com](https://www.ctainc.com/)