

PLUGGING IN

Bible Studies

There are several
Women's Bible studies
available to for you to
begin or to join right now!
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WELL

(Women Engaging Life on Life)

Women of all ages & stages
gather on Thursday
mornings 9:00-11:00 for
fellowship & prayer!
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WSW

(Women Sharpen Women)

Women of all ages & stages
are paired for 5 weeks of
intentional friendship &
encouragement!
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At Home

Great news! You don't have
to wait for others to open up
God's Word!

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Other Resources

We have put together a short
list of resources that help us
get into God's Word!

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Bible Studies

Bible studies can look so many different ways! Maybe you attend one that someone else is leading. Maybe you gather a group of friends and push play on a DVD. Maybe you just want to do a DVD study by yourself! Here's a list of studies that we know are good! And we have these resources at church!

DVD Studies

Pricilla Shirer:

- Armor of God
- Elijah

Max Lucado:

- Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name

Angie Smith:

- Seamless

Jen Wilkin:

- Sermon on the Mount
- God of Creation
- God of Covenant
- 1 Peter
- James (there's a free downloadable workbook online + podcast for each chapter!)

Women's Bible Studies Happening Now:

-**Joann's Monday Evenings @ The Ivy in Aurora**

-Contact Joann Hattan for more info! joannhattan@gmail.com

-**The Book of Matthew- Sunday Afternoons @ Monroe -**

...March 27th, April 10th, April 24th @ 4pm...

- Contact Lori Mullarkey for more info! lorimullarkey@gmail.com

-**Community Bible Study** in Grand Island -See CBS handout for more info!

Doing Life Together:

Spending time in community with other believers is a BIG part of God's design. We were not made to do life alone. As believers, the Bible calls us to *be devoted* to one another, *honor one another above ourselves* (Romans 12:10), *bear one another's burdens* (Galatians 6:2), *build one another up* (Romans 14:19, 1 Thes. 5:11), *comfort one another* (1 Thes. 4:18), *exhort one another* (Hebrews 3:13), *encourage one another* (1 Thes. 5:11), *admonish one another* (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16) and MANY other things!

As followers of Christ, the Bible tells us to "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep." We have to be part of others' lives if we are to do these things.

Join us @ WELL

(Women Engaging Life on Life)

Our goal with WELL was to create a "backdrop for the day to day one anothering." A built-in place for our lives to overlap. Women of all ages and stages meet each Thursday morning from 9:00-11:00 to pray together and do fun things! Our hope is that this is an atmosphere where "real life" meets intentionality and "biblical fellowship." Every other week we have a potluck brunch at Monroe, followed by a time of prayer. On the weeks when we are not doing potluck/prayer, we have outings/times set aside to do fun things, share experiences, and build relationships with one another! Kids are always welcome!

Check the Monroe website for the current schedule and join us whenever it works for you!!!
(...April 7th: Monroe, April 14th: Oswald's farm, April 21st: Monroe, April 28th: Central City Park...)

Join us @ WSW

(Women Sharpen Women)

The goal of WSW is to foster intentional friendship/ fellowship/ discipleship/ among women. Ladies of all ages and stages gather together for a "kick off event" and names are drawn to create pairs. You and your partner commit to meeting together for one hour, one time each week, for 5 weeks and establish a day & time that works for both of your schedules. During your time together, you can do anything you want to do (get coffee, go on a walk, go to the park, go on grocery runs... the possibilities are endless!). You can learn about each other's lives, pray together, study scripture together, share stories, life struggles, favorite snacks, etc. At the end of 5 weeks, all of the pairs gather for a celebration and go around the room sharing things that have been learned and enjoyed during time spent together, and sharing how God has used this friendship to grow and encourage each partner!

-The next round kicks off April 7th @ 7:00 pm, at the Aurora Public Library! Mark your calendar!

Study on Your Own

Spending time in God's Word is vitally important to our spiritual walk. Just like we need physically fed, we also need spiritually fed and this is one of the most important ways we satisfy that spiritual hunger.

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

If you don't know where to begin, open up the Bible to the book of John and just read! If you've read John, the book of Romans is another great place to begin!

(You can also download a Bible app on your phone- we highly recommend ESV or NASB versions, but there are definitely other versions that are good too!)

God's Word is living and active, so if all you do is simply read it, that's a wonderful place to begin! When you're ready to dig in more, below we have included some helpful study ideas!

Study Methods

COMA Method

Context: Who wrote the book, who were they writing to, what style was it written (was it a letter, a poem, wisdom literature, narrative, etc.), what happened in the previous chapter before this passage?

Observation: Who are the main characters? How are the characters described? Where is this taking place? When is this taking place? Is there a climax? Conflict?

Meaning: Read the passage repetitively to comprehend what the author meant when they wrote it to the original audience. Does someone in the narrative learn something? What does the passage reveal about who Jesus is, and what He came to do? How would you sum up the passage in your own words?

Application: In light of what I just learned about God, how does that change my view of self? What should I do in response?

Swedish Method



: What stuck out to you in the passage?



: Any questions you thought of while reading the passage



: How can you apply this to your life?

Although no book or podcast replaces our time spent in God's Word, we hope that these resources are helpful to you! Always remember that humans are human and the Bible is the only thing that we can "take to the bank." Let's be women who check everything we read and hear against the truth of God's Word!

Resources on How to Study God's Word:

- One to One Bible Reading -David Helm
- Women of the Word -Jen Wilkin
- Bible Recap- Tara Leigh Cobble (chronological reading plan + a podcast and/or short reading that includes a lot of cultural context!)

Great Daily Devotionals:

- New Morning Mercies- Paul David Tripp
- Awaken- Priscilla Shirer

Other Great Studies:

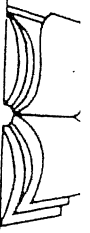
- Holier than Thou- Jackie Hill Perry
- Gentle and Lowly- Ortland
- Better- Jen Wilkin

Podcasts:

- The Paul Tripp Podcast
- Mission Road Bible Podcast
- Risen Motherhood
- Don't Mom Alone - Heather MacFadyen
- The Village Church Sermons
- Family Life Today
- Made for This- Jennie Allen
- Rhythms for Life- Rebekah Lyons
- Passion City Church

The Local Church

It might go without saying, but we can't let it go without saying...God has ordained the local church as an important part of our lives as Believers. Find a church near you that teaches the Bible & spend time in fellowship with other Believers who are also seeking to know God and His Word!



Ezra
7:10

The New Adventure

Date _____ Scripture Memory ☐

Bible Reading

Today I read: _____ The best verse: _____
What it said: _____

What it means to me: _____

My response to God: _____

Prayer

Adoration - The thing I appreciate most about God today: _____

Confession - Today this stands between God & me: _____

Thanksgiving - I am especially grateful today for: _____

Supplication - At this time I am concerned most about: _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Schedule

My top priorities today are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Today I accomplished: _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

God Hunt

I saw the Hand Of God today: _____

Reflections

Father, as I end this day I want to praise You for: _____

Before I sleep tonight I need to confess: _____
