



"Super" Women's Ministry Tips

(Submitted Tips from the Made2BCreative Blog on Super Bowl Sunday, 2013 during a giveaway for the Training Camp Resource)

Tip #1--*Jeanette Castillo* says:

God bless you all we are having a women ministry we had a study and a dinner this week called Are you a fan or a follower of God. I got games ready well is going to be amazing. I can give you all the details if anyone wants to go with this theme. God bless and praying I can win!!!:)

Tip #2--*Mrs. Lou Wilson* says:

I am new to the First Assembly in Archdale NC new as since October 2012. I have noticed that the ladies group in the church is not meeting anymore and felt impressed by the Holy Spirit to volunteer and seek the pastor's support to get our ladies group meeting again. I want us to encourage and fellowship with each other, to seek Gods source of strength and direction for our life. When we strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus we can help the church to grow and be God's hand extended in our church, with our families and our community. Pray for me that I will be humble and listen for Gods guidance and be in His perfect will as I endeavor to bring the ladies together. We will have out first meeting tomorrow night. God's Blessings to you today and always! Lou Wilson

Tip #3--*Melissa Potocnik* says:

Hmmmm. My super tip would be to utilize all your resources for speakers. Let everyone make suggestions and be sure to include topics you may not be passionate about because others in your group may need that. Also try for the impossible. My co-leader just spoke with Kathi Lipp on the phone!

Tip #4--*Ann Thompson* says:

Wow! This would be a great resource for our small group at church! One thing I've learned is if I have a handout with questions or thoughts, Scripture references... I try to have it ready for the meeting before the handout will be used. That way, the ladies can take it home and review it, if they care to, before the discussion.

Tip #5--Becky Green says:

My “SUPER” TIP would be to FAST & PRAY!!!!!!!!!!!! I used to speak in WM’s groups sharing my testimony, believing God would do MIRACLES in the women I shared with! I Fasted & Prayed for every meeting AND God DID do miracles! When I did a VBS for a certain church, I FASTED & PRAYED for that too! Later, someone asked me HOW I DID IT? Because it was THE FIRST VBS they had that didn’t leave them in the red! There was MONEY LEFT OVER! THE KEY? FASTING & PRAYER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I couldn’t have accomplished ANYTHING without FASTING & PRAYER!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (IF I win, I will pass everything along to our WM’s Leader! Her first time leading a WM’s group!) GOD BLESS!!!!!!!!!!!! 😊

Tip #6--Catherine S says:

Communication can make or break a ministry. In this day of social media our women’s ministry team realizes that dependence on emails or bulletin announcements or even general Sunday morning invitations for an activity just don’t have the same impact as a face to face invitation or personal phone call. Women want to know they are important; they want to feel like they belong to our community. We all need to remember how we would want to be included. We are always open to some new ways to do this better!

Tip #7--Renea Keitch says:

I am so blessed to be a part of your ministry. I love it and my women’s ministry is blessed as well.

Ministry Fun Tip: A cool ice breaker is have each lady write two truths and a fib about themselves and have others guess which one is the fib. Example: 1. I won a bible verse memory contest. 2. I have been to France. 3. I have eaten 23 slices of pizza.

It’s amazing – you think you really know someone and you play this game, you find out things about your sisters you never knew. It’s a blast.

Love you Julia!

Tip #8--Linda I Rich says:

I would love to win this Training Camp Resource. A few of us at church were just chatting as we were folding our newsletters for mailing and we were all in agreement when we talked about having or going to a women’s retreat. This would be an excellent resource and I pray I win.

Tip #9--Karol Stephens says:

Best tip I have is to plan ahead. I’m not talking a day or two before. For our ladies meetings, we plan in December who is having lesson and snack for the year. Also, keep ahead of special events coming up throughout the year.

Tip #10--Carol Hale says:

My Super Tip is... Use the resources you have within your church and/or districts, sometimes we always look beyond our backyard to find speakers. This is how we grow and encourage people to grow and discover their ministries. I have to also say, I appreciate all the resources you make available to us women who work in our ladies ministries in our respective churches. Lord Bless You.

Tip #11--Florence Burgess says:

HI GOD BLESS,
AS A LEADER FOR THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR,(2012) IN PLACE OF A PRAYER
BREAKFAST I INVITED THE WOMEN TO A PRAYER DINNER AND PRESENTED THEM
WITH A TOKEN IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR DEDICATION AND THEIR SACRIFICE,
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,
I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE OTHER LEADERS TO PURCHASE THE BIBLE LESSON
“LIVING THE ROYAL LIFE” AND STUDY IT WITH YOUR GROUP,, I DID AND WE ENJOY
EVERY MOMENT, WE FINISH THE LESSONS, FRIDAY NIGHT,(2/1/13) I KNOW THE
LESSONS FROM THE TRAINING CAMP WILL BE A BLESSING TO US. AS EACH MEMBER
SHOULD BE TRAIN AS A LEADER. THANK YOU, GOD BLESS.

Tip #12--Kristie Sibell says:

At our last meeting we had a “Let It Snow” Theme. I had just taken my 2 year old daughter to the emergency room the week before and we got on a huge conversation of ER visits. We were doing a game to ‘get to know each other better’, and that is one memorable thing that we could all share, have you ever gone to the ER and why? Definitely use past or current life experiences!

Tip #13--Marilyn says:

Love your women’s ministry ideas!! My idea on this super bowl Sunday is: we each have a favorite team, so thankful we are all on God’s team!! 😊

Tip #14--Denise :) says:

Be FLEXIBLE!! All our planning and preparing are terrific things ... but we also need to be flexible and have the ability to ‘roll with the punches’, so to speak. I think that’s one of the major ways we allow it to be God’s ministry *through* us, versus _our_ ministry! Fabulous giveaway, Julia — thank you!! 😊

Tip #15--Christie says:

Hi,
I love this site for the ideas and inspirations it has given me. My most important tip is to PRAY before everything. It is the most important and essential thing you can do before doing any planning. I plan most of our women’s gatherings where we just enjoy one another’s company and base our gatherings on some aspect of God’s love for us. Chaos is my watch word. “Organized” chaos is

always the best way to have fun. Never expect anything to go exactly as you planned and you will not be taken by surprise or knocked off balance when it happens. Learn to “roll with the flow”. Let go and let God because He can work through, around, over, under, and beyond anything that you can imagine.

Thanks

Christie from Missouri

Tip #16--*Malissia Powell* says:

My super tip is never leave out a topic because you think it does not apply to your group. I lead a discipleship training class of ladies who vary in age from 20 to 80. If I am tempted to leave out topics of divorce, remarriage, stepchildren, or death because it doesn't apply to my class, I discuss it anyway. These topics and others may not impact all of my ladies, but by covering the topic the ladies have some good advice when working, witnessing, or sharing with those people who have been impacted by these issues. And, although you may have been blessed to not have to deal with these problems most families do at some time.

Tip #17--*Gail DeBenedictis* says:

A “Super Tip” that helped make our first-ever women's weekend retreat a huge success: Partnering with other ministry leaders! This can be a valuable source of experience, volunteers and participants. For our first women's retreat, I partnered with our Children's Ministry Director. She brought years of experience with Vacation Bible School to the leader team. Her organizational skills and knowledge of what works/what doesn't work well with large events was so helpful. She was also able to suggest names for the presenters based on her work with other women in our congregation. She taught me so much and gave me the confidence to hold future events, planning to reach outside our church walls and offer events for our community. In this way, we can share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who don't know Him. Winning this giveaway will help us continue to build our leader team and train up the younger women who will come after us. Thank you for offering this opportunity to share. Blessings on your day!

Tip #18--*Laura Nadell* says:

Wow this is a great blessing. You share so many wonderful things...so glad I found you a few years ago!!!

My Super tip is to always be open to listen to new ideas but never throw away things done before, just make them fresh and relevant.

Tip #19--*Judy* says:

We have seen the Lord bless our women's ministry. When we were ready to quit because no one was coming, we gave it to the Lord and started trying new things! (A lot of ideas came from Julia's site!! PTL) Here are some of our helpful tips.

- Pray for each woman by name.
- Send e-mails reminding people of the event. Use media, because women are using media (website, blog, facebook, etc)

- As women arrive, greet them. Make them feel welcome
- Try to sit around one table. Make it long if you need to. We used to have many small tables and “clicks” began that made people feel uncomfortable. Sitting together makes everyone feel a part of the group.
- Make sure the lady that opens or welcomes your event is exciting and brings an energy of anticipation to the group.
- Get people involved. You need to ask them personally, “I think your talents could bless our group with...”
- Humble yourself and your ministry before the Lord. 😊

Tip #20--*Laura F.* says:

My super tip is to begin planning for an event (for the next year) the day after it is held in the current year while things are fresh on your mind from the current year’s event. Also begin praying for that event and any speakers even before you start planning!

Tip #21--*Deseri Adrian* says:

My super tip will be for organization is to label date your material in files on your computer, but also to go back after it is used and take time to write down what went well and what did not, so you know for the next time what may work better. (I speak at bible camps and do the same lesson 8 weeks at a time)

Tip #22--*Stella Gustafson* says:

I belong to a small church of maybe 130 people and we have a small women’s group. In the past I belonged to a bigger church when my husband was in the military and I used your web site a lot of ideas in our Women’s Ministry , looking forward to introducing the themes here.

Tip #23--*Yolanda Pagan* says:

A topic for a devotional: Be a Lady B.U.G. A lady that knows how to Be of good cheer, Understanding she is God’s Woman First. Verses that include the words BE OF GOOD CHEER; Understanding (Wisdom); and seeking God first where you would talk about the woman with the issue of blood and how she pressed through the crowd to touch the fringe of the Lord’s shawl – that fringe representing His Word. You can make lady bugs out of paper plates with wings that open to a blank space reserved for a favorite verse, a picture to be placed, a prayer request.

Tip #24--*Louise Ritz* says:

The best way to do something is ...to Get up and Get Started. Stop thinking about it and Just Do It! You never know when you start, it might help someone else with their walk with the Lord. They could need that little encouraging word from you or from another lady within your group, You never know who’s in your basket. Also, I think that icebreaker games are a great way to get to know the ladies of your church and to break the wall of shyness down before the lesson starts.

Tip #25--*Sonjia Gibson* says:

Our ladies group is very small with 8 regular attendees. We recharge our batteries every year with a long weekend getaway, and we use a lot of your studies, craft ideas, and games for a much needed getaway. We also use a lot of ideas off of Pinterest. The men really like it when we come back, and we are all recharged. We are all looking for new ideas for the retreat, and this Training Camp Resource is certainly something new that I think we would enjoy doing.

Tip #26--*Mattie Foster846* says:

We are beginning a new Ladies Ministry at our church this week. We plan to have a Bible Study and discussion, a share time for anyone with concerns, needing encouragement, sharing praises, etc. We will ask our ladies to earnestly pray for this new ministry that it will all be for the glory of God and that it will be a time for falling more in love with Christ and with each other. We will suggest that we have accountability partners for Bible reading and study as well as prayer partners. We have a great potential for worship and service and appreciate prayers from ladies everywhere as we begin our ministry and for all ladies that desire to work with God and are currently involved in a ministry group within their own church.

Tip #27--*Pat* says:

My super tip is start on time, don't wait for certain people to get there. Let the ones who show up on time know they are as important as certain people. Love your devotions, games etc, use them all the time.

Tip #28--*Twila Murfin* says:

We are having our first ever Ladies Retreat this March and I agree with Carol...look in your own backyard for resources before searching for others. Our church is loaded with talent. With a little brainstorming, we have managed to fill every spot with qualified speakers, professional praise & worship leaders, and talented activities directors.

Tip #29--*Erica* says:

This would be a great resource for many people! I appreciate the opportunity for this drawing to be available!

Super Tip 1: See what God's Word has to say about Women's Ministry topics... opinions don't always reflect what God Word says about a particular item

Super Tip 2: In our church we have made an "autopsy" print out where we will go and review all of the things that were good and bad about an event and ideas for future events.

Our church has only a few opportunities for ladies to get together a year with a Mother's Day Banquet, and a fall retreat. There is a Ladies Bible Study on Tuesdays but not everyone is able to participate which makes ministering to our church ladies a challenge sometimes. I appreciate these ideas very much!

Tip #30--Kathy Waite says:

Some great tips here. My super tip in planning a retreat is to get the Prayer Team praying during the entire process. Particularly pray for your speaker(s) as they prepare. Knowing that God is working with you and that your goal is to do His will gives wonderful peace of mind. A handy tool is an Excel spreadsheet to track the registrations, fund raising income, expenses and scholarships, Helps keep the budget on track and is a great planning tool for following years. Keep flexible. Do not let those inevitable changes throw you. God is in control. Julia, we appreciate all of your creative tools and can certainly use all the help we can get.

In Christ's love.

Tip #31--Debbie Kingsbury says:

What a SUPER opportunity. Thanks for sharing. My tip is to plan all our Women's ministries for the year and then to quarterly fill them out but that you have a theme, a plan and a path.

Tip #32--Sallie says:

I recently volunteered to facilitate the Women's ministry at our church. We joined to allow every women the opportunity to find who she is in Christ, to strengthen our families and to show the love of Christ to the community. We are achieving these goals by HUGS – Honor God and each other with honesty, fairness & respect. Unify by celebrating the uniqueness of each member, encouraging growth. Guide each other by accompanying or supplying direction, sharing experiences Seeking God's will through prayer & scripture. We have utilized many of the ideas you have shared on your website, Julia. This month (Feb) our meeting

theme is "Every Heart Tells a Story" I am using your "God's Conversation Hearts" devotional. For our icebreaker each women will write a little known fact about themselves on a heart and then we will share them.

Thank you so much Julia for sharing through your site.

Tip #33--Michele Loconsole says:

I'm new to our women's ministry. So when looking for ideas of things to do, I made each table at the meeting a group. And the group picked a month, a mission, and an activity they would be responsible for. It worked out really well because everyone at the meeting was now involved and able to do something they enjoyed.

Tip #34--Sandy says:

My tip is to prepare your themes and ideas in sept from Sept to Dec. and Jan from Jan. to May.

Tip #35--*Amanda Norman* says:

My tip is to have a group of people around that will help you. Don't try to do everything on your own. You will experience burn out and you are also keeping others from walking into a ministry that God may have prepared for them.

Tip #36--*Michelle* says:

We are a church plant that meets in a school. We usually only have access to the building on Sunday's. Thus, our Bible studies are held in homes (which is great). To resolve the issue of childcare during Bible study our women meet one week and our men the next. On the night that the men meet the women get together and bring the children. And on that night we are learning the lost arts of crocheting, quilting, sewing etc.... We donate the made items to various ministries. We call it New Creation. :0)

Blessings,
Michelle

Tip #37--*Debby Summers* says:

An issue we all probably face as we plan women's events is that women tend to wait until the last minute to sign up. And while we want to keep registration open as long as possible, getting the bulk of the registrations in early makes the final planning so much easier. This may seem like a no-brainer, but we now almost always set our registration deadline, and then set a date for early registration, and the price goes up a little after that date. While they can still sign up at the last minute, many ladies will respond to this "financial encouragement" to sign up earlier!