

# Spring Workshop or Devotional Ideas

## *Blossom Into Spring*

- Making every area of your life blossom.
- What's holding you back from your full potential in your daily life and for the Lord?
- Does your life show any transformation? Like the flowers transform from closed up to loveliness and beauty, is your Christian life like that?

## *Nurturing Your Soul*

- Taking in the things that matter.
- "Whatsoever things" Philippians 4:8

## *The Garden of Your Heart*

- Tending to your heart.
- Guarding your heart from the things of the world that can cause it damage.
- What kind of things are you planting?
- What kind of weeds are you allowing to grow?
- How diligent are you about it? Proverbs 4:23

## *Finding Your Wings*

- Taking flight as a Christian.
- Ever watched the little baby birds learn how to fly?
- What does it take for us to spiritually learn how to fly?
- When our faith grows, we begin to find our wings and take flight.
- Tapping into God's power keeps us soaring.
- Isaiah 40:31

## *The Signs of Spring*

- What are the signs of Spring in your Christian life?
- We are "new" creatures.



- Grass greener? Are you growing spiritually?
- Flowers blooming? Are you blossoming into a beautiful Christian by how you live and act and by the fruit you bear?
- Are the birds singing? Do you have a song of praise in your heart?

### *Keeping the Garden Rows Straight*

- One direction – Setting boundaries and learning to say “no”.
- Working on relationships.
- Another direction - Living on the straight and narrow and living God’s way opposed to our own.
- Allowing God to direct our lives.
- It’s important for a garden to have straight rows. It makes it easier to maintain and sets some boundaries.
- Use the Bible as your guide.
- Everything else will line up when you use God’s Word to set the boundaries in your life.

### *Digging In to the Rich Soil*

- Digging into the Word of God.
- Going deep into the Word for nourishment.
- Getting more from the Word than just top soil (or quick one verse snacks)
- Go a little deeper. Read a little more. Study a little harder.

### *First Fruits from the Garden*

- Giving God the best we can offer.
- Putting God first.

### *After the Winter is Past*

- Adjusting to life after hurt and pain.
- Getting back into life after a setback.
- Allowing the joy of the Lord to seep in.

### *Finding Fresh Starts*

- Renewing your commitment to the Lord.
- Forgetting the past and looking to the future.

### *New Beginnings*

- Severing old relationships and ways of doing things that aren't helpful to us.
- Making new inroads into Christian living.

### *Singing in the Spring*

- Looking around for opportunities to praise the Lord.
- Looking at God's creation and His works in a new light.
- Being thankful for our blessings.

### *Pulling Weeds*

- What's in your life that doesn't give glory to God?
- What's choking Jesus out of your life?
- How do you treat weeds? Pull by breaking off the top? Or pulling them out by the root?

### *Getting Dirt Under Your Fingernails*

- Growing a spiritual garden requires sacrifice. (killing self)
- Growing a spiritual garden requires work.
- Growing a spiritual garden requires digging into the Word.
- Growing a spiritual garden requires getting on your knees in prayer.

### *Focusing on the Fragrant*

- Focusing on the good instead of the bad.
- Getting rid of bad attitudes.
- Choosing to be positive instead of negative in how we talk and act.
- Seeing the good in people and having a compassion for their souls.

### *Hearing God's Voice in the Garden*

- Spending time with the Lord in your prayer garden.
- Focusing in on listening to God's Word and to the Holy Spirit.
- Removing distractions that keep you from listening to the Lord and obeying what He has for you.

### *Looking to the Birds*

- Matthew 6:25-34
- Giving your worries and anxieties over the Lord.
- Allow yourself to sing and fly.

### *Spring into Motion*

- Are you spring ready?
- Need to lose the weight of the world? Leave it all behind.
- Need to put on your running shoes? Follow Christ.
- Need to get a clear path? Spring clean your heart.

### *Raincoats and Rubber Boots*

- Sometimes it pours! Be prepared.
- There will be downpours and puddles to wade through in life.
- Guard yourself spiritually.
- Focus on your prayer life.
- Build up your faith.
- Trust in the Lord.
- Find joy in splashing through the downpours and puddles of life.

### *Building our Nests*

- Building godly homes. (physical and spiritual)
- Birds use all sorts of things to hold their nests together.
- What have you used to hold your home together?
- Birds cushion their nests for their eggs.
- Is your home a safe place and a fitting in environment?

### *How to GROW Spiritually*

- G - Gaining wisdom. (through Bible lessons and biblical characters)
- R - Reading the Word (even when we don't always feel like it)
- O - Obeying the Lord. (by sensitive to the Holy Spirit)
- W - Witnessing to others. (by finding opportunities to share Christ)

### *Spring Growth*

- Spring is the time when the things that are dormant in nature come to life.
- How are we budding spiritually?
- GROW – How are you growing in these four areas?
- G – Grace (2 Peter 3:18)
- R – Righteousness (Philippians 1:11)
- O – Obedience (Luke 9:23)
- W – Worship (John 4:23,24)

### *Catching Spring Fever*

- Developing a fervor for Christ.
- Being enthusiastic for spiritual things.
- Sparking a desire to serve the Lord.

### *Spring Comes to Those Who Wait*

- Having patience.
- Plodding on through difficult circumstances.
- Learning to trust the Lord more completely.
- Knowing God holds the outcome in His hands.

### *Butterfly Wings*

- Transformation in the Making - Process of the life cycle of the butterfly---- process of growing as a Christian.
- Migrating in the Right Direction - Monarchs can't survive the cold, need to go where it's warmer----Need to migrate to God's love. Stay close to the Lord. Go in the right direction---keep paths straight.
- Symmetry of Butterfly Wings - Living your life in balance. Keeping Christ in the center keeps us balanced and allows us to fly.
- Change can be Remarkable - If not for change, there wouldn't be butterflies. Sometimes change in our lives can bring out the beauty. Sets us free.
- The Cocoon of Prayer - Really getting down to being alone with the Lord. Not allowing for distractions. Allowing our prayer life to blossom into blessings. Being in that prayer cocoon helps us to break out into more faith and fly.