

## Bee Theme – Buzzin' Along

### **DEVOTIONAL/LESSON STARTERS & WORKSHOP IDEAS**

*Add in your own points, illustrations, explanations, and relating Bible verses.*

#### Buzzin' for Jesus

- "Whatsoever ye do..."
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Colossians 3:17, 23
- Be busy for Jesus
  - Spread His Word
  - Show His Love
  - Do good deeds

#### BEE all you can BE (or BE all you can BEE)

- Fly to new heights in Jesus. Buzz!
- Study Philippians chapter 3
- "Zeal" Philippians 3:6
- "Reaching forth" Philippians 3:13
- "Press toward the mark" Philippians 3:14

#### Sweeter than Honey

- The "sweet" Word of God
- We should find ourselves...
  - Buzzing toward it. (Make it part of your day!)
  - Stopping for it. (Make time!)
  - Landing on it. (Stop!)
  - Soaking it up. (Don't rush through the Word!)
- Psalm 19:10
- Psalm 119:103

## Longing for that Sweet Honey

- Proverbs 24:13
  - Are you finding those things that are good for you?
  - "sweet to your taste"
- What do you find sweet?
- What entices you?
- What draws you in?
  - Things of the world
  - Word of God (Psalm 19:10; 2 Peter 2:2)
- Allow the Lord to satisfy you and not the world.
  - Psalm 81:16
  - Psalm 107:9

## A Bee's Role

- Have you ever considered the role of a bee?
  - Bees are important in pollination.
  - Bees are important in producing honey.
  - Bees are important ecologically.
  - Bees are important commercially.
    - If the pollen isn't spread, our fruits suffer and there are good crops.
  - Bees have an effect on the earth.
- Have you ever considered your role as a Christian?
  - Christians are to be spreading the Gospel of Christ.
  - Christians are to be sharing the love of Jesus.
  - What a Christian does or doesn't do has an effect on the earth.
  - We can be the important part that helps a soul see the need of salvation.
    - Mark 16:15

## Study the Beatitudes

- Matthew 5:1-12

## BEE-havior

- How do you act?
  - Sting?
    - Sting people with your words?
  - Busy?
    - Do what you can within the hive of the body of Christ?
    - Share in the responsibilities.
    - Work together with other Christians?
    - Get along with other Christians?
  - Dance?
    - Honeybees are said to have a “dance” behavior when they communicate that there is a food source.
    - Do we “dance” or praise the Lord and tell others of our blessings?
      - Share your blessings!
      - Spread the joy!

## Workshop Topics

- *A Taste of Honey* – Learning to desire the Word of God. Focus on learning to take our devotional and prayer time seriously.
- *Combatting the Busy as a Bee Syndrome* – Learning to let go of things that *swarm at us*. Simplifying our lives to what is important. Organizing and making clear goals.
- *Bees in our Bonnet* – Finding Scriptural ways to deal with the things that agitate us.
- *Catching More Flies with Honey* – (than with vinegar). Evaluating our words. How can we improve how we interact with other people? Proverbs 16:24

- *When you Don't Sit in the Land of Milk and Honey* – Learning to wait on God during the hard times. Numbers 16:13-14 (Israelites in the wilderness) and Genesis 29 (Jacob waiting for Rachel).
- *Claiming the Milk and Honey by Facing your Giants* – Study the story of the Israelites going into the Land of Canaan. (Numbers chapters 13, 14) What held them back from wanting to go in? What do we see as our “giants”? How can we deal with it? How do we get to that *milk and honey*? (Obedience, God’s strength, giving our “giants” over to the Lord).

**Devotional Starter Terms of Use:**

Feel free to add and expand upon this material to complete your own devotionals and lessons, but please do not share the material as is.

I ask for the sake of the women’s ministry leaders and pastor’s wives that gather ideas here, that you do not print your finished devotionals online. It will help keep a fresh take for the ladies that attend our women’s ministry events (banquets, conferences, retreats, etc.). We don’t want what you share in person to be something your guests have already read on Facebook or a blog somewhere or saw on Pinterest. Let’s keep it fresh!