## History Theme – Women of HIS Story

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

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

# Do a study on biblical women.

- Focus on one or several women from the Bible.
- Examples
  - Esther
  - o Ruth
  - o Pricilla

# Leaving a Mark on History

- Highlight women who has served God in some way throughout history.
- Start with a few examples from the Bible.
- Finish with a few examples from the past and present.
- Examples
  - Women missionaries
  - Christian women who fought adversity such as Corrie Ten Boom
  - Christian hymn writers
  - Christian women who were wives of famous men. (good women behind good men)
  - A pastor's wife you admire, etc.
- Now, how are you going to leave your mark on history?

# Leaving a Legacy

- ...of good works Will you have left a touch of kindness on the world?
- ...of joy How will people remember your attitude after you are gone?

 ...of hope - Will you have inspired anyone to see their need for Christ?

## Been There - Done That!

- Leaving your past behind
- Everyone makes mistakes
- God forgives (as far as east is from the west)

## **Historical Histrionics**

## Are you...?

- Ancient History
  - o Done doing all you are ever going to do for Christ?
  - o Do you only glory in your past accomplishments?
- On the Wrong Side of History
  - Made some kind of big mistake that you can't get past? Give it over to Jesus. He will take your past mistakes. Get that mindset out of your head that just because you messed up in the past you can't do anything for Christ in the future. God uses broken people all the time!
- History Repeating Itself
  - o Are you making the same mistakes over and over?
  - o Getting into the same sin over and over?
  - o Change that today!
- Rewriting History Itself
  - o Have a different view of what has happened in the past?
  - Think you can blot out something or change something in the past?
  - o You can't! Don't try! Just move past it.
- History in the Making
  - o What are you doing in this very point of time?
  - o Working and serving the Lord?
  - o Spreading the Gospel of Christ?
  - o Make your life count!
  - The rest is history!

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