

## Thrifting Theme – Trash to Treasure

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

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

#### Broken Spirits

- What is holding you back from serving the Lord? What do you need to fix?
- MENDING Fences
  - Getting along with others
  - Asking for forgiveness
  - Getting rid of bitterness toward others
- MENDING Your Ways
  - Finding what is broken in your spiritual life such as prayer life, Bible reading, etc.
  - Finding what is broken in your relationships
  - Fixing the problem areas
- MENDING Your Heart
  - Getting past the hurt
  - Moving forward and leaving the pain behind
  - Allowing room in your heart for other things besides bitterness and pain

#### A Welcome Change

- CHANGE your thoughts
  - The old ones are part of the flesh
  - Philippians 4:8
- CHANGE your heart
  - What is inside will come out
  - Luke 6:45
- CHANGE your outlook
  - 2 Corinthians 4:16

## Change is a Good Thing

- CHANGE your address
  - Salvation
  - Call Heaven your home
- CHANGE your mind
  - Have the mind of Christ
  - Romans 12:2
- CHANGE your pace
  - Maybe you need to slow down and rest in the Lord
  - Matthew 11:28-30
- CHANGE your tune
  - Improve your attitude
  - Sing to the Lord

## Where Has it Been?

- Ever wonder that that considering a thrift or yard sale find?
- God can use us no matter what we have done in the past.
- He forgives our sin.
- He can use us no matter what shape we were found in.
- He does all the cleaning up.
- He washes sin away.
- The Lord makes us fit for serving in the body of Christ.

## Workshop Topics

- *Details make a Difference* – What are the details that you put in your life?
- *Overhauled* – Organizing our lives. Changing for the better.
- *Renovating our Homes* – Renovating our spiritual lives.  
Demolition to get rid of the old man – the flesh.  
Accessorizing with the pretty stuff – fruit of the Spirit.

- *Restoration* – Renewing our spirit (Psalm 51:10)
- *Restore* – Study of Psalm 23 “He restoreth my soul...”
- *For the Love of Antiques* – Holding on to the old values. Loving God’s unchanging Word.
- *Treasure Seeking* – Where do you find your treasure? What is valuable to you in life?
- *The Cost of Investment* – Investing in the lives of others. Worth it!
- *Finding a Purpose* – Repurposing is all the rage, but what about our finding a purpose. Looking for ways to serve. Finding a use for our gifts and talents for the Lord. Do a study of spiritual gifts.
- *Broken Vessels and Mended Hearts* – God has a way of taking broken lives and mending them for a purpose.
- *Broken to Beautiful* – Allowing God to shape us into a godly woman.
- *Bruised Hearts* – Dealing with pain.
- *God’s Healing for a Broken World* – Only God can bring joy and peace to the hurting of this world. He is the “only way”.
- *Mending the Broken* – Offering love to those who need it. Extending a hand.
- *Beauty from Ashes* – *Isaiah 61:3*

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