



Soup

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A Soup Supper can be a great event for your ladies ministry, church-wide, or even for a neighborhood pot luck.

It's an easy event to prepare for and since soup is a comfort food, it makes us feel good too!

A great time to hold a soup supper is during the fall or winter.

Soup Party Theme Concept

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The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women's ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I* give you *lots* of info and ideas—*You* pick just a *few* to enhance your event. More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but *less is always more* for ministry events.

Theme Title Ideas

- A taste of Winter
- Good for the Soul
- Good Soup & Good Friends
- Hot Soup – Warm Souls
- In the Soup
- Let's Eat Soup
- Live the Hearty Life
- Soup Bar
- Mother Knows Best (Mother's event)
- Reaching for a Soup-er Year! (Kick Off Meeting)
- Seeing Soup-er Stars! (Team/Volunteer Appreciation)
- Soup and Slippers (Casual evening)
- Soup-pendous (Team/Volunteer Appreciation)
- Soup & Salad Supper
- Soup and Friends
- Soup for the Soul
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- Soup Luncheon
- Soup Night
- Soup on the Table
- Soup Tasting Party
- Soup Warms the Soul
- Soup, Sandwiches, & Sweets
- Soup's on the Menu
- Soup-er Bowl
- Soup-er Friends!
- Soup-er Together!
- Soup's On!

Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on tasing the Word of God to warm out hearts.
- Focus on holding a soup event for the community as an outreach.
- Focus on celebrating friendships over a hearty meal.

Theme Verse Suggestions

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. Psalm 34:8 (KJV)

Devotional Starter & Workshop Ideas

- Download the "Soup" Devotional Writing Starters
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/soup-devotional-writing-starters.pdf>
- Download the "Can" Devotional Writing Starters
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/starters-can-theme.pdf>
- Find all of my devotional collection books on Amazon.
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Simple Decorating

- Soup tureens
- Soup bowls
- Cans of soup
- Cutting boards
- Aprons
- Fresh vegetables such as tomatoes, corn, etc.
- Empty soup cans with floral arrangements
- Soup tureens with floral arrangements
- Simple Décor: Tray (or large cutting board) filled/topped with soup cans, soup bowls, soup spoon, a few fresh vegetables, etc.

Icebreakers

Use a Pass the Gift Game for a Soup bowl/mug Exchange.

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/gift-passing-games.pdf>

Alphabet Soup

Use magnetic letters on a large magnetic board for teams to complete as many words as they can. Use a timer.

Discussion Starters

- *What is your favorite kind of soup?*
- *What kind of soup did you eat the most when you were a kid?*
- *Do you used canned or make homemade soup at home?*

Table Discussion

Download the General Discussion Questions

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/1ST-QUESTION-LIST-general-get-to-know-you.pdf>

Music

- *Living for Jesus* (Chisholm)
- *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Favor Ideas

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| • Apron | • Pothead |
| • Dishtowel | • Small cutting board |
| • Goodies/candy in recycled soup can | • Soup bowl/mug |
| • Herbs/plants in recycled soup can | • Soup in a jar mix |
| | • Soup packet (with verse tag) |
| | • Soup spoon |
| • Snowman Soup: Marshmallows, hot chocolate mix, and a spoon or candy cane packaged as a gift | |

Door Prize Ideas

- Apron
- Book from the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series.
- Can crusher
- Can opener
- Cutting board
- Dishtowel set
- Hot temp Thermos
- Packaged dry soup gift set
- Potholder set
- Soup gift basket: cans of soup, packaged soup, soup ladle, soup spoon set, 2 soup mugs, etc.
- Prep bowl set
- Salad bowl set
- Salad Spinner
- Salad tongs
- Soup bowl set
- Soup ladle
- Soup mug/bowl
- Soup recipe book
- Soup spoon set
- Soup tureen

Just for Fun

Community Project

Serve soup to the homeless either at your location or have a group go serve at a local mission.

Soup Mug/Bowl Exchange

Have your guests bring a soup mug/bowl to exchange. Set a price limit if you wish.

Canned Soup Drive

Do a canned soup drive to bless those in your community, by either choosing specific people to receive from it, or give to a local food bank.

Soup Recipe Exchange

Have your guests contribute soup recipes ahead of time and type up a recipe booklet of soup recipes to give each family or give out blank recipe cards ahead of time and have everyone bring in their favorite soup recipe to exchange.

Recycled Soup Can Craft

Do a group craft using recycled soup cans. Turn them into plant holders, candle holders, pencil holders, etc.

Food & Serving

- Have a soup bar with all the fixin's.
- Serve soup and sandwiches.
- Serve soup and salad.
- Have a soup potluck.
- Have enough ladles/dippers for serving soup.
- Make labels on tent cards ahead of time for each type of soup that will be served.
- Make a sign-up sheet ahead of time for your guests to bring various soups.
- Extras: Don't forget the extras. Have lots of bread and crackers on hand. Use a variety of each. (Bread sticks, rolls, sliced breads and oyster
- For Salads: Don't forget the salad fixin's for green salad such as dressings and toppings (chopped tomatoes, olives, grated cheese, etc.). You could also have your green salad premixed with some Italian dressing if you didn't want to do toppings and salad fixin's.
- Serving Dish Idea: Have everyone bring their own soup bowl or mug and a spoon. Have them take them home after the even with any leftover soup. Keeps the dish washing light!

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