

Resources and Evaluation

What Resources Can Help Me

Throughout this course, there have been a lot of books referenced, and you can find a list of them in the course description. However, there are many other sources that we can use to help us in the ministry of women.

In the Church:

- The Pastors, Elders, Deacons – *biblical wisdom, leadership experience, clarity on the vision.*
- The Women of the Church – *gifts, talents, experience, creativity, compassion, resources*
- Prior Women's Ministry Leader – *insights, past experiences, shared passion*
- Upcoming Leaders – *energy, passion, new vision, new ideas, fresh approaches*

In the Bookstore:

- Books on Leadership – *communication, organizational structuring, fundraising, team building*
- Books on Hospitality – *event planning, food, decorations, crafts*
- Books on Christianity – *bible studies, character building, bible translations, ministries*
- Books on Women's Ministry – *how to structure, event types, purpose, ideas, retreats*

Many woman's ministry books are outdated, but recently we have seen new books (Running on Empty, Word-filled Women's Ministry) being released and more are to come.

In the Community:

- Other WM Leaders – *networking, sharing resources, learning from each other*
- Organizations in the Community – *pregnancy resource centers, addiction programs, etc*

These organizations can help us to understand the various crisis women are dealing with, and give us tools to assist them, or at least point them in the right direction for professional help.

The Internet:

- Blog Articles – *recent information, ideas from across the country, broader experience*
- Facebook Groups & Social Media – *connecting WM leaders globally with the ability to communicate back and forth.*
- Conferences – *larger conferences and organizations are putting on women's ministry trainings*
 1. *Lifeway: Woman's Forum, annual*
 2. *The Gospel Coalition: Women's Conference, every other year.*
 3. *You Lead Conference, multiple dates throughout the year.*
- Subscription Sites – *access to not just articles, but also printable forms, books and more up to date statistics and information.* (www.womensministry.net)

The Scriptures:

- Scripture on Women - *character, purpose, gifts, history, role in the church*
- Scripture on Structure and Leadership – *wisdom, knowledge, leadership, overcoming trials.*
- Ministry and the Great Commission – *why we do what we do*