



## *Marriage Preparation*

**Before this session, you'll need to...**

1. Pick your **book** for the NEXT session and make sure it's in your hands or the hands of your ladies. Print out copies for each woman of:
  - **Mentee Homework Assignment** for NEXT MONTH'S session and **any other documents** that are referred to on the *Homework Assignment* sheet.
  - **Marriage Exercise**
2. Prepare your **place** where the group will gather.
3. Plan your agenda and lay out your **timeline** for the session.

### **Your Story**

This is such a key month in the lives of the women as they seek to hear what God has to say about their marriage. What you've learned, how you've dealt with the hard times in your marriage, and your transparency in this area will be huge for the women as you share what God has done in your marriage through the years.

Often, younger women look at us who are farther down the road and they think once you get "a few years of marriage under your belt" that you're home free and you no longer need to work on your marriage. Of course, we know this is not true, and building a strong marriage is a "lifelong project." Show them that just as we never arrive at perfection in our personal lives, so our marriage is a journey . . . always needing to keep it a priority of our time and attention. Good marriages don't just happen!!

4. Prepare the Peer Challenge Assignment pairings for your group.
5. It's good to meet one-on-one with each woman every 2 to 3 months, if possible. The one-on-one time is very, very helpful in 1) building your relationship with each woman, 2) getting feedback on how the mentoring experience is going, and 3) providing an opportunity for her to share anything on a more personal level that she doesn't feel comfortable sharing in the group.

If it's time to do that, look at your calendar and come up with dates and times you're available. You may want to write these on a sheet of paper to pass around your group for the women to select one and write their name beside it.

6. Pray for the session and each of your women. Pray specifically that God will open each woman's heart to see, hear, and receive truth. A great way to pray for these women is to find a portion of scripture to pray. Colossians 3:12-17 are great verses to pray for marriages.