

Guidelines for Your Women's Study Sessions

- 1.** Pray for God to be glorified in your planning and for the Spirit's guidance in your studies.
- 2.** List the needs your new study will meet. Will you meet with women across generations or a particular interest group? (that is, moms, working women, etc.)
- 3.** Consider where you will meet, how often, and whether you will provide child care.
- 4.** Choose your materials wisely. If you have questions, check with your pastor. He will be happy to guide you in your choice of a book or study.
- 5.** It is helpful to put the above thoughts and plans in writing in order to inform your church leaders of the plans you have made. Ask for their prayers as you gather to study God's Word.
- 6.** As a leader, be sure to keep your group's focus on your purpose. Do not let your meetings become gossip or gripe sessions.
- 7.** Prepare well for each session. Begin each study session and class with prayer. Ask that the Holy Spirit open your hearts to God's wisdom and that all grow closer to Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- 8.** Should questions arise in a lesson, your pastor stands ready to guide you to the best of his ability. Share with him concerns and needs that have surfaced.
- 9.** Studying God's Word together as women is a tremendous blessing and responsibility. Know that your synod's Women's Ministry Committee is praying for you and here to help and support you. . Visit the WELS website at www.wels.net and look for the Women's Ministry link under the Adult Discipleship page or call 414-256-3278.