

MENTOR PREPARATION GUIDE – FIRST MEETING

Before this session, you will need to:

- Pick your book for the next month and have a copy for each of your mentees. Your first topic will be Intimacy with God. You will notice that we made this a fixed selection under “Key Topics.”
- The first order of business is your book order. You will need to have the book selected and ordered a month prior to the session. This will be your first book assignment, so it is critical everyone leave your home the first night with the book in hand.
- Prepare the Titus2 Notebook for each woman and yourself. Please refer to the Preparing the Notebook document which will explain how to do this.
- Make copies (see below) for each woman and insert in the notebook.
 - Mentee Homework Assignment for next month’s session and any other documents that are referred to on the Homework Assignment sheet. If there are additional handouts for next session, you will want to mention these when you give out the materials, so they will be aware of any extra work for the month.
 - Calendar Session Dates & Times to use as you calendar your meeting dates.
 - Prayer Log sheets for each mentee (ex., for a group with 1 mentor and 5 mentees, each notebook will need 6 Prayer Log sheets.)
 - Notebook Cover Insert page. You can then slip this inside the front plastic cover of a three-ring notebook.
 - Peer Challenge sheet
 - Personal Ministry Plan
- Prepare your place where the group will gather.
- Make sure you will have a comfortable place. Whether around a dining room table or in a den, you want to make sure the environment allows for each woman to feel connected and able to be a part of the discussion. Remember to keep the drinks and refreshments simple.
- Plan your agenda and lay out your timeline and meeting guide (provided on website) for the session.

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- Calendar. Get with your husband and make sure you have the dates of all important events for the next 12 months (or 9 month schedule).
- One of the most “mission critical” activities you will do at your first session will be setting the calendar for the season or year. You must have your up-to-date calendar in hand before the first meeting.
- Prepare your faith story. This may be the most important thing you will do all year. (See handout: Telling Your Faith Story)
- You will “set the bar” for transparency in your new group. If you give a “Sunday School” version of your faith story, then do not be surprised if that is what you hear on your retreat when your ladies tell their faith stories. We strongly encourage you to go deep, share your whole story, and not leave anything out. God gets the glory for your transformation. Do not try to make it look like He did not have a lot of work to do! One of the most compelling motivations for women to be Titus2 mentors is the fulfillment that comes with knowing that because you shared your experiences, one or more of your mentees may avoid the mistakes you made. How beneficial for them and humbling for you!
- Prepare the Peer Challenge Assignment pairing for your group. There is a Peer Challenge Schedule you should print to use to keep up with each month’s pairings.
- Titus2 Mentoring creates meaningful relationships between the mentor and the mentees. But it also offers the opportunity for the younger women to connect with each other; to become life-long friends. One of the ways you will facilitate this is by connecting a woman with a different woman each month. They are responsible for getting together sometime between this meeting and the next one. You will keep up with these assignments on the Peer Challenge Schedule - mentor document, rotating the assignments until every woman has connected one-on-one with every other woman in the group. Each month, you want to connect women who have not yet spent time together on-on-one. Once all women have connected repeat the schedule. Their homework handout will guide them as to what they are to talk about.
- Pray for the session and each of your women.