

# Women of the Bible

## APPLICATION GUIDE



## A Word From Your Pastor

Anyone who has ever been a student of the Bible knows the important role that women play in the story of God. We created this class so that you might get to know these women better: to read their stories, honor their faithfulness, and learn how to be more like them in your own life.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have as you move through this material. Thank you for jumping in and studying the women of the Bible!

Grace and peace,  
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- **READ: GENESIS 3:1-7, GENESIS 16:13, EXODUS 15:20-21, JUDGES 4:4-9, JUDGES 11, JUDGES 19**
- **CONSIDER: WOMEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT OFTEN OVERCAME CHALLENGES AND EVEN OPPRESSION TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD.**
  - EVE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN, AND EVEN AFTER SINNING THE FIRST TIME, LIVED A FAITHFUL LIFE.
  - HAGAR FOUND AND NAMED GOD IN THE WILDERNESS.
  - MIRIAM HELPS LEAD THE PEOPLE OUT OF SLAVERY.
  - DEBORAH COMMANDS THE ARMY AND ACHIEVES PEACE.
- **ASK:**
  - WHICH OF THESE STORIES HAVE I HEARD BEFORE?
  - WHICH OF THESE STORIES HAVE I NOT HEARD BEFORE?
  - WHAT DO THESE STORIES TEACH ME ABOUT WHO GOD IS?
  - WHICH OF THESE WOMEN DO I IDENTIFY WITH THE MOST?
- **TRY: THINK OF THE WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE WHO HAVE BEEN LEADERS OR TEACHERS. PRAY FOR THEM, AND REACH OUT TO THEM TO SHARE WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE.**



## SESSION 2: WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT, PART 2

- **READ: RUTH 1:16-18, 1 SAMUEL 2:1-10, ESTHER 7:3**
- **CONSIDER: WOMEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT MADE BOLD DECISIONS IN ORDER TO BE FAITHFUL. THIS OFTEN CAME AT THE POTENTIAL EXPENSE OF THEIR COMFORT OR SAFETY.**
  - RUTH CHOSE TO STAY IN A FOREIGN LAND SO THAT HER MOTHER-IN-LAW WOULD NOT BE LEFT ALONE.
  - HANNAH PRAYED FOR YEARS FOR A CHILD, WHO SHE COMMITTED TO GOD.
  - QUEEN ESTHER MAKES A PLEA TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE FROM DESTRUCTION.
- **ASK:**
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  - WHICH OF THESE STORIES HAVE I NOT HEARD BEFORE?
  - WHAT DO THESE STORIES TEACH ME ABOUT WHO GOD IS?
  - WHICH OF THESE WOMEN DO I IDENTIFY WITH THE MOST?
- **TRY: READ PROVERBS 8-9, AND TRY TO IDENTIFY THE PLACES IN YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU SEE OR SENSE WOMAN WISDOM (OR PERHAPS AS YOU MIGHT CALL HER, THE HOLY SPIRIT.)**





## SESSION 3: WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

- **READ:** LUKE 1:38, LUKE 1:46-55, LUKE 10:38-42, JOHN 20:11-18, ACTS 1:14, ACTS 2:16-21, ACTS 16:11-15
- **CONSIDER:** WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WERE FRIENDS, APOSTLES, DISCIPLES, AND SUPPORTERS OF JESUS, AS WELL AS PREACHERS OF THE GOSPEL.
  - MARY'S YES GIVES THE WORLD SALVATION.
  - JESUS HAD MANY FEMALE FRIENDS.
  - MARY MAGDALENE PREACHED THE FIRST GOSPEL SERMON.
  - LYDIA, PRISCILLA, PHOEBE, JUNIA, AND MANY OTHERS ARE LEADERS, DEACONS, AND SUPPORTERS OF THE EARLY CHURCH.
- **ASK:**
  - WHICH OF THESE STORIES HAVE I HEARD BEFORE?
  - WHICH OF THESE STORIES HAVE I NOT HEARD BEFORE?
  - WHAT DO THESE STORIES TEACH ME ABOUT WHO GOD IS?
  - WHICH OF THESE WOMEN DO I IDENTIFY WITH THE MOST?
- **TRY:** THINK ABOUT WAYS YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO BETTER SUPPORT WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE. MAYBE YOUR SPOUSE, A FAMILY MEMBER, A CHILD, A COWORKER, A FRIEND. FIND WAYS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ENCOURAGE THE WORK OF GOD IN THEIR LIVES.

