

# Girls Only

## Women in Ministry

### Additional Project Ideas

**Bring in some guests.** Choose several women in your church to come and talk to your girls about the different career paths they've chosen. Choose a teacher, businesswoman, stay-at-home mom, doctor, lawyer, or other women who have interesting careers. Encourage the women to talk about how God uses them in their careers to minister to those around them. Talk to your girls about the variety of choices they have for their careers and how they can be used by God in those careers.

**Interview some experts.** Have each girl choose a field she is interested in going into. Have each girl interview an individual or several individuals who is/are already working in that field. Have the girls summarize their findings to the group.

**Make a list.** Have the girls prayerfully consider what they would like to be remembered for or what they would like to do in their lifetime. Let the girls make a list of several of these things. Encourage the girls to set smaller goals for achieving these things. Allow time for the girls to share their lists and plans with the group. Talk to the girls about the importance of sharing these goals with one another and avoiding negative peer pressure to achieve their goals.

**Make new friends.** Pair each girl with a trusted woman (post-high school or older) within the church. You can meet at church or at another location. The pair should conduct an activity together. Depending on each pair's individual interest and expertise, let them choose a project together (learn to do a craft together, cook or bake, organize a party, write a Bible study, etc.). Have the girls journal about what they learned from working with a mature Christian woman and how relationships can be ministry.

**Study someone else.** Have each girl choose a woman who showed outstanding commitment to Christ to study (e.g., Corrie ten Boom, Elizabeth Elliot, Kathryn Kuhlman, Etta Calhoun, Lillian Trasher or Aimee Semple McPherson). There are several biographies and other methods to study these women. The Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center is also a great resource (<http://ifphc.org/>). Allow time for the girls to share their reports with the group. If your girls are interested in theater, allow the girls to dress up as the individual they choose and share their story from a first-person perspective.

**Find out about it.** Have the girls research the process for ordination in the Assemblies of God (or denomination of your church). Encourage the girls to share their findings.

**Bring in a guest.** Invite a woman who is in full-time ministry to come and talk to your girls. Encourage the speaker to share about her "call to ministry," her educational background, and her experience being a woman in ministry. Allow time for questions.

## Resource Ideas

- *God Goes to College* available at [www.gospelpublishing.com](http://www.gospelpublishing.com).
- *A Young Woman After God's Own Heart: A Teen's Guide to Friends, Faith, Family, and the Future* by Elizabeth George, Harvest House, 2003.
- *Being a Girl Who Leads* by Shannon Kubiak Primicerio, available at [www.gospelpublishing.com](http://www.gospelpublishing.com).
- *Choose: Steer Wide of Total Stupidity* by Kevin Johnson, Youth Specialties, 2008.

## Additional Discussion Questions

### Discovery #1

- When God created women, what did he have in mind?
- What are some differences between men and women?
- Why did God create men and women to be so different?

### Discovery #2

- How did the fall affect women?
- Can women still be in ministry even though a woman was the first to sin?
- Can women have spiritual authority?

### Discovery #3

- How did God use women in the Old Testament?
- What can we learn from Miriam? From Huldah? From Deborah?
- Which of these women are you most like? How?

### Discovery #4

- What did Jesus think of women?
- What can we learn from the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years? From Mary and Martha? From the Samaritan woman? From the sinful woman who anointed Jesus?
- Which of these women are you most like? How?

### Discovery #5

- How did God use women in the New Testament?
- What can we learn from the women who had churches in their homes? From Phoebe? From Priscilla? From Junia?
- Which of these women are you most like? How?

### Discovery #6

- How should we respond to the verses that seem like they restrict women in ministry?
- What do you think about women in ministry? Should women be involved in ministry today? Why or why not?
- How should women be treated in the church?