

First Inola Women's Ministry

Making Room (mr. groups)

"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts." Acts 2:46

Purpose: To increase and deepen trust, unity & relationships among the women in our church body.

Diversity: Each group consists of **up to** six ladies of varying ages & stages. We do our best to create diverse groups that are out of our circle of "close friends." To maintain diversity, if you know or hear of someone who wants to join a group, contact Amy rather than adding them to your group.

Location: Your group decides. The location can alternate from house to house or stay at one home. It's up your group. It's also fun to go out every-once-in-a-while.

Time: Grab your calendars! Plan for **two hours**. Choose a time that works best for most ladies - hopefully all - in the group. It may be necessary to rotate times and/or days each month to work with ladies' schedules. Be flexible. *Tip: Before you leave, set the date and time for the next month.

Simplicity: Groups share a simple meal or even snacks. The meal can be made by an individual or the group. * The meal is not the focus; it's just a tasty addition!

Focus: After a little eating and catching up, it's time to focus! This is where we use a Bible verse, a few Christ-centered questions and prayer time. Some nights you may spend more time on these questions than others, but **always** allow plenty of time for discussion of these questions. - Although this is not a Bible study, it is a time to stimulate fellowship & Christ-centered conversation allowing us to get to know our sisters better.

*** Questions are on the women's ministry Facebook page under "Files" and on the newsfeed. If no one in your group has Facebook, please let me know.

Communication: Create a group text or even a GroupMe (free app), for easy & effective communication in your group. Pray for one another. Remind each other of the next mr. group.

Consistency: mr. groups meet once a month. Consistency is key! If half of your ladies can meet... go for it! As with much of what we do: We have to make time. Sometimes you might have to miss; but if you're constantly rescheduling, it will be hard for your group to see any of the beautiful benefits of this ministry.

A few important details...

- + Be trustworthy. It's important to know things go no further than your group.
- + Although we don't have everything in common, we are all Image Bearers (that's why Christ-centered questions are the focus of the Making Room fellowship).
- + Give everyone the opportunity to answer (but they don't have to), & listen without interrupting.
- + Questions don't have to be answered in order, but sometimes that's easier.
- + Everyone can't be away from home 3-4 hours. Running over time each month or never getting to the questions may be the reason a lady feels left out. Use the two hours with wisdom.
- + If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amy Gilmore

"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." 1 Thessalonians 2:8